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Our Path Home
A STRATEGIC SHIFT

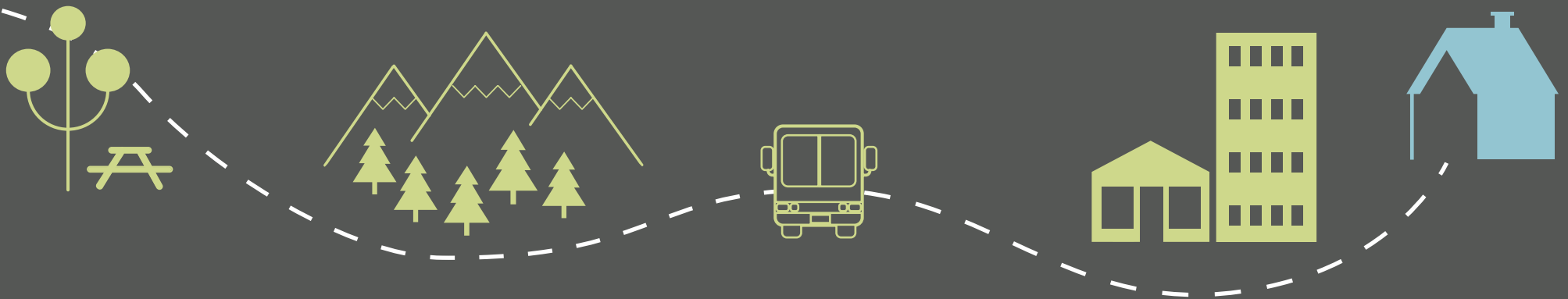
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THE MISSION

The Pikes Peak Continuum of Care exists to end homelessness in the Pikes Peak Region.

As a network of stakeholder groups, the PPCoC is committed to identifying and meeting community needs to end homelessness. By ending homelessness, we mean doing things differently, rather than simply managing the problem. Ending homelessness means eliminating a broad social problem that traps people in an ongoing state of homelessness. Ending homelessness in the Pikes Peak region means that our community has what it needs to help people in crisis get the emergency shelter or temporary housing they need, and that we have sufficient supportive and affordable housing for citizens in the region.

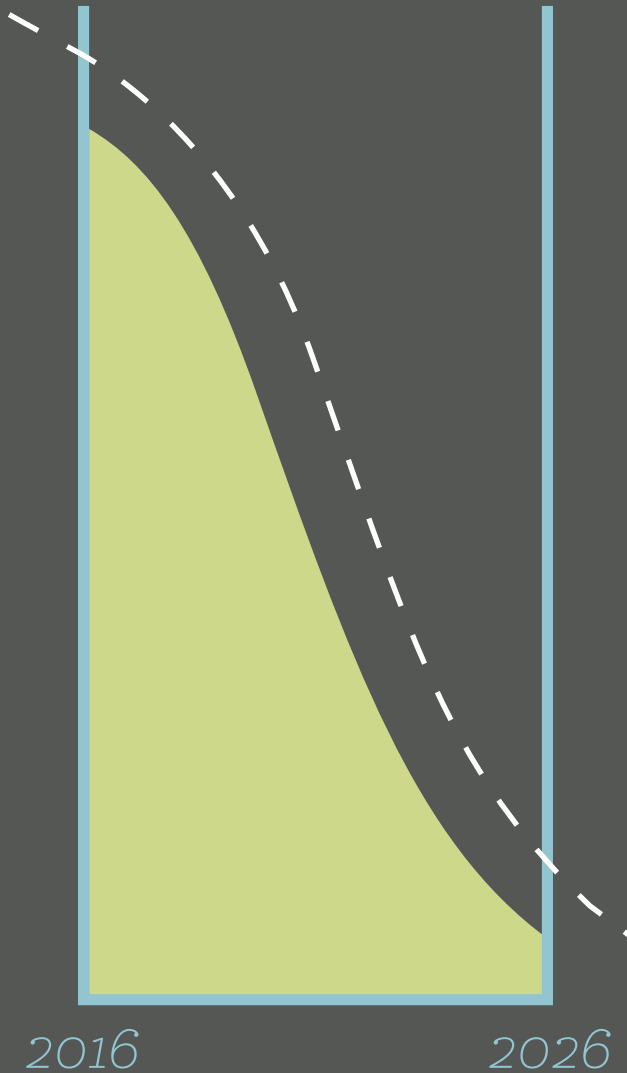


THE VISION

for the Future

In ten years, our community will have a durable system of places and programs to ensure that all people facing homelessness have access to housing and the supportive services to sustain their quality of life.

By 2026, our community will be one where homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring. Our nimble service network prevents homelessness. No one in our community is forced to live on the streets. We know who needs help and have the resources so everyone in need has a fair and equitable opportunity for affordable and safe housing. Our priorities are so compelling that funding is readily available and people are investing in solutions. Our performance is of a quality that builds confidence among stakeholders, funders, and citizens. Our reputation as a community is enhanced because of our work, and we are known for practical innovations that help people and organizations.



WHAT WE DO

at PPCoC

Create the **CONDITIONS** to ensure housing projects are built and essential services are offered to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Find and invest in local **SOLUTIONS**. We believe that what works best locally, is best done locally as we also strive to satisfy the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s definition of the Continuum of Care (CoC).

Give **VOICE** to homeless issues in the region, rallying and engaging stakeholders, inclusive of people who are or have been homeless, to help move us toward our common vision.

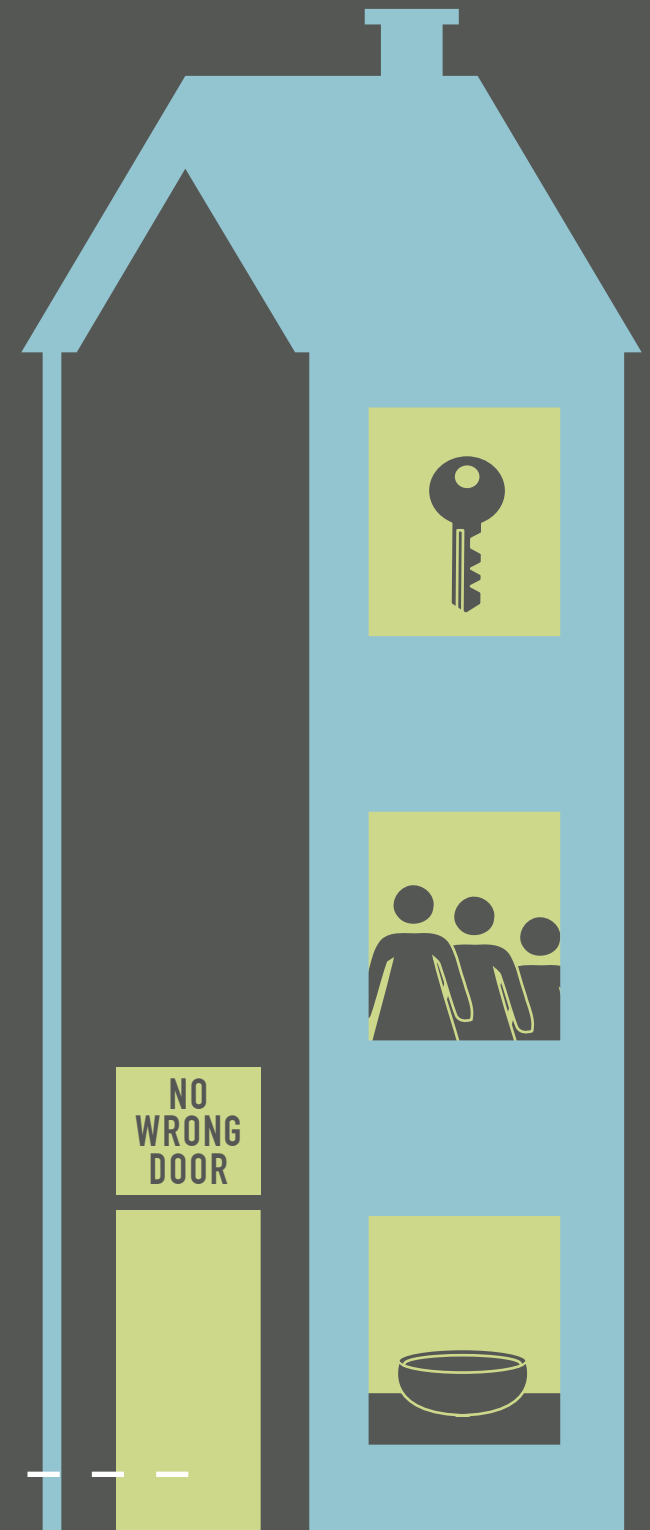
COORDINATE planning in support of the community's common vision.

CONVENE a robust forum of government entities, community-based organizations, and citizens to address key needs.

ENSURE quality and accountability.

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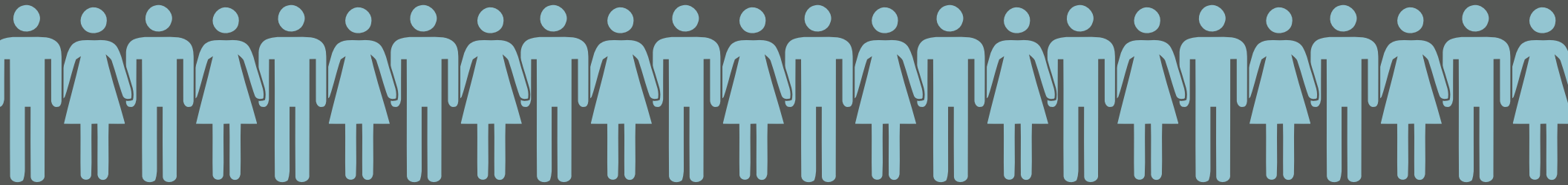
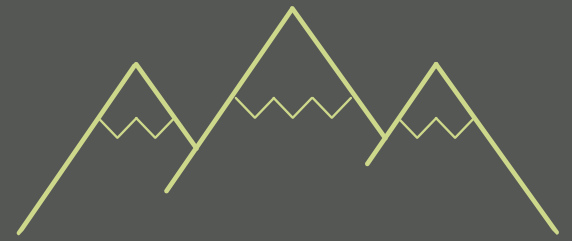


THE STRATEGY

to Realize our Vision & Mission

Helping PEOPLE is at the core of our strategy. People transitioning out of homelessness need many things: food, shelter, clothing, employment, etc. They also need healthy, positive, supportive relationships. Formerly homeless people without a community of support often can't sustain themselves in their housing.

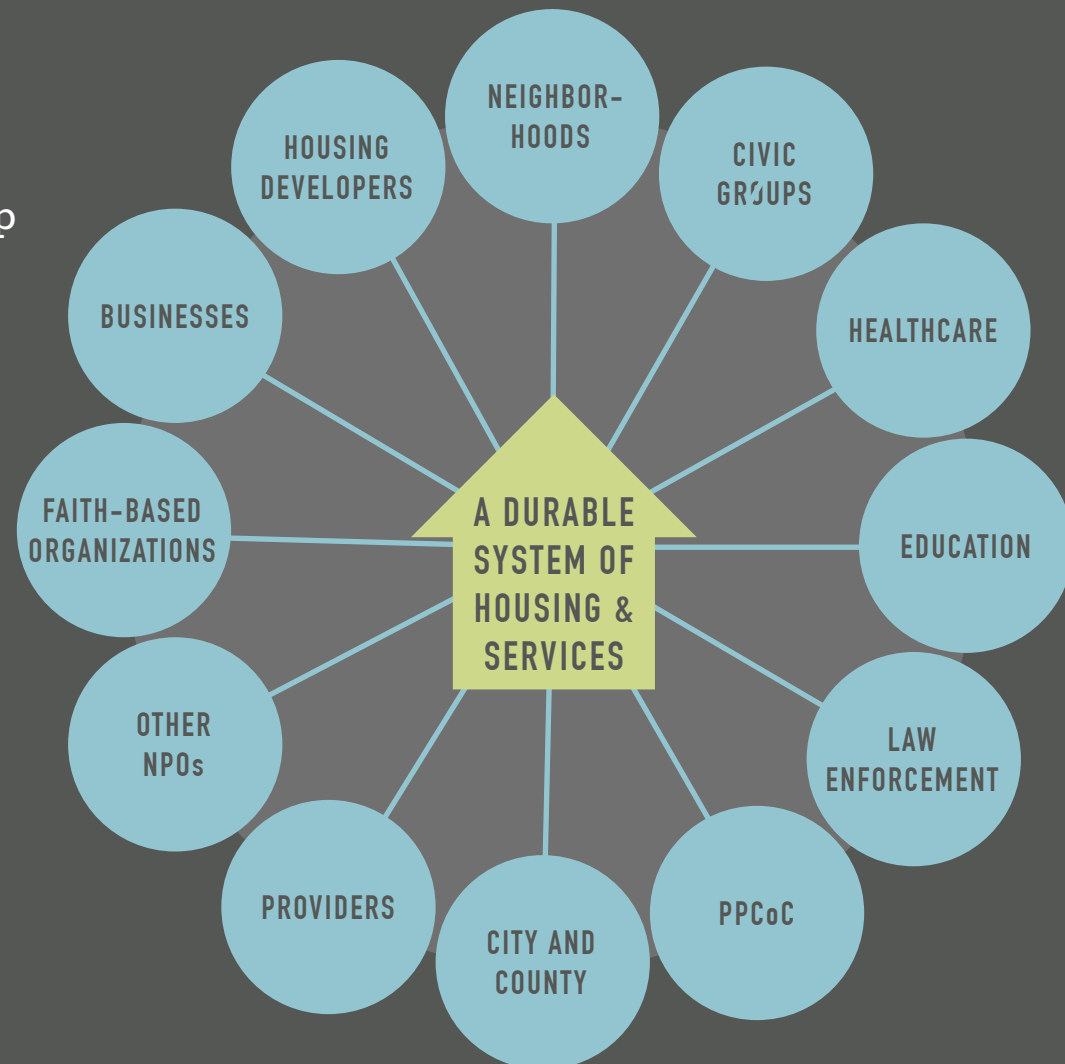
Our people-centered focus shifts the approach from agency-specific evaluation of a person's eligibility for the programs/services offered by the particular organization to a common, consistent assessment that identifies appropriate services across the Continuum of Care, and assists people to access help.



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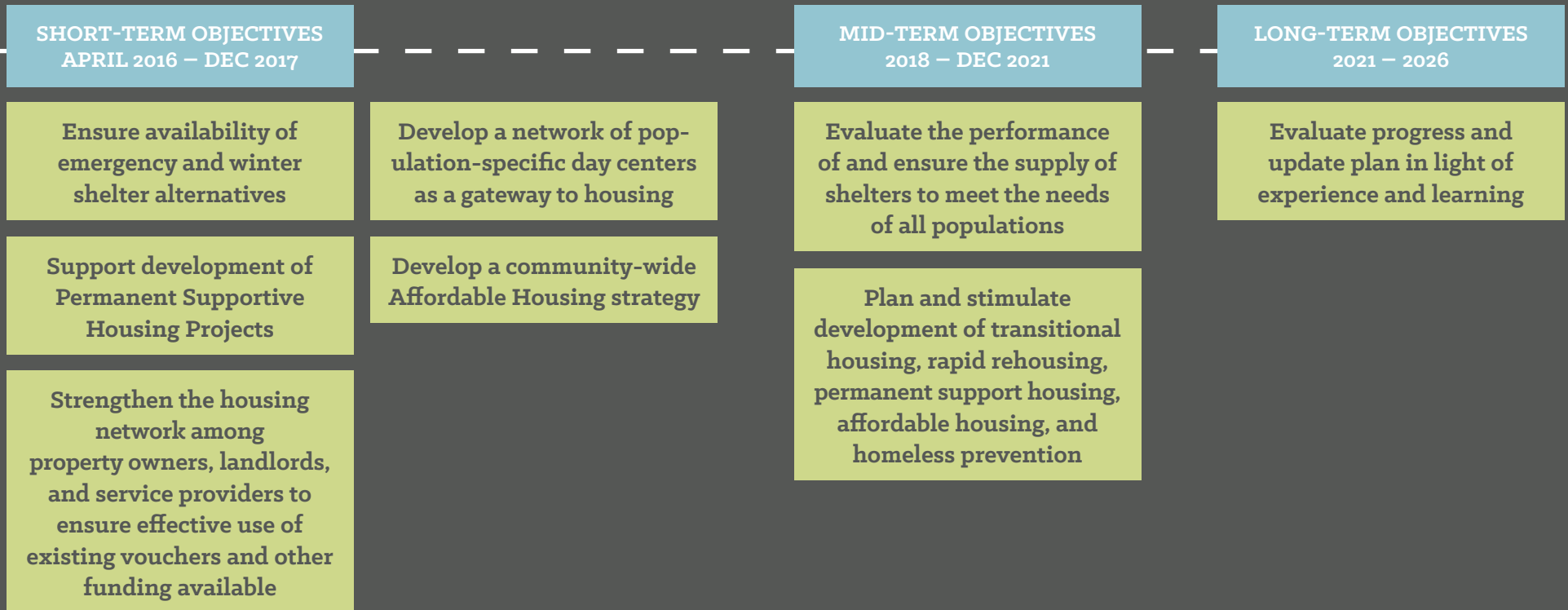
The web of collaboration among our community of providers, businesses, agencies, governments, schools, and churches is focused toward preventing and ending homelessness. Groups bring relevant resources and expertise to develop solutions in a dynamic and emergent way to best meet community needs. In this way, we will pursue objectives that help our community ensure it has the ability and capacity to provide a housing opportunity for everyone in need. This includes the range from emergency shelter to permanent housing, and is combined with the right mix of supportive services to help people remain housed.



Key Goal #1

PLACES:

Places: Stimulate sufficient supportive, affordable, and attainable housing for people inclusive of emergency and temporary housing for those in transition



Key Goal #2

PROGRAMS:

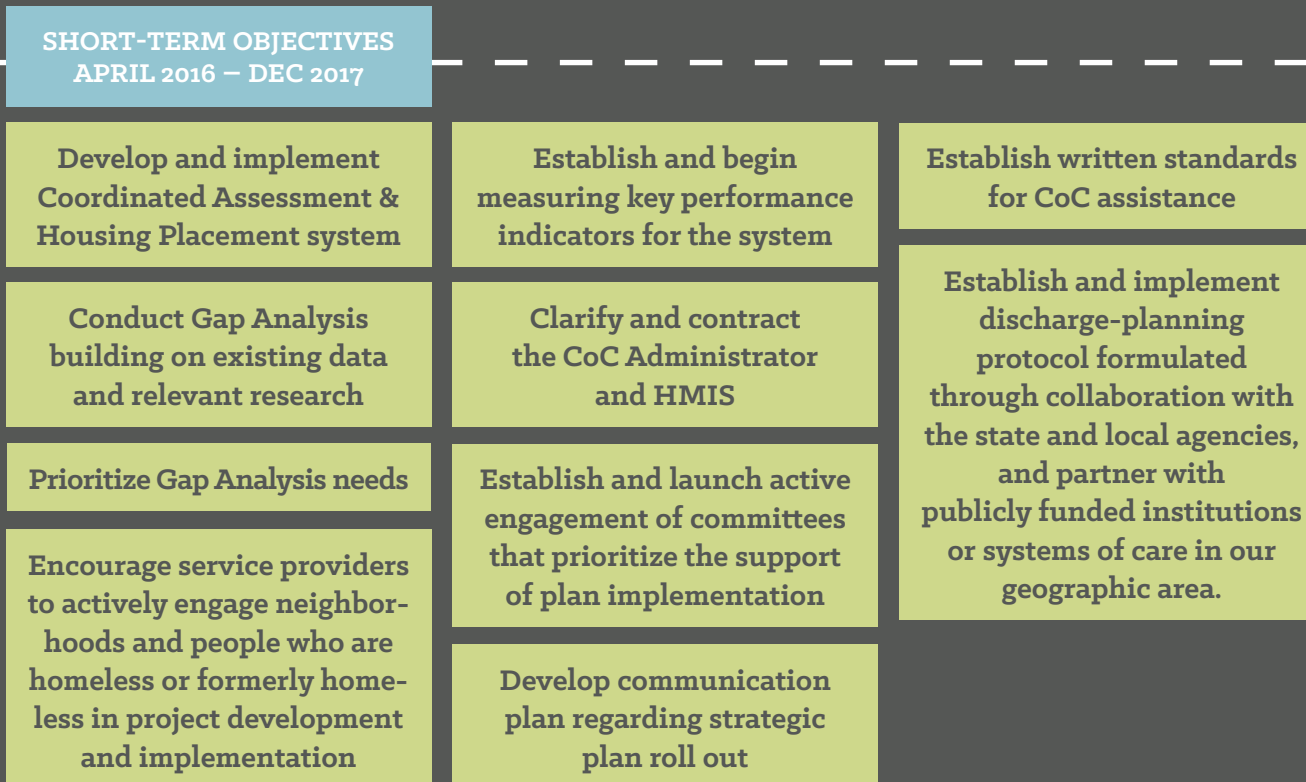
Trigger the development of programs and services that are accessible, sufficient and effective in helping people move toward maximum independence



Key Goal #3 (SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES)

PROCESSES:

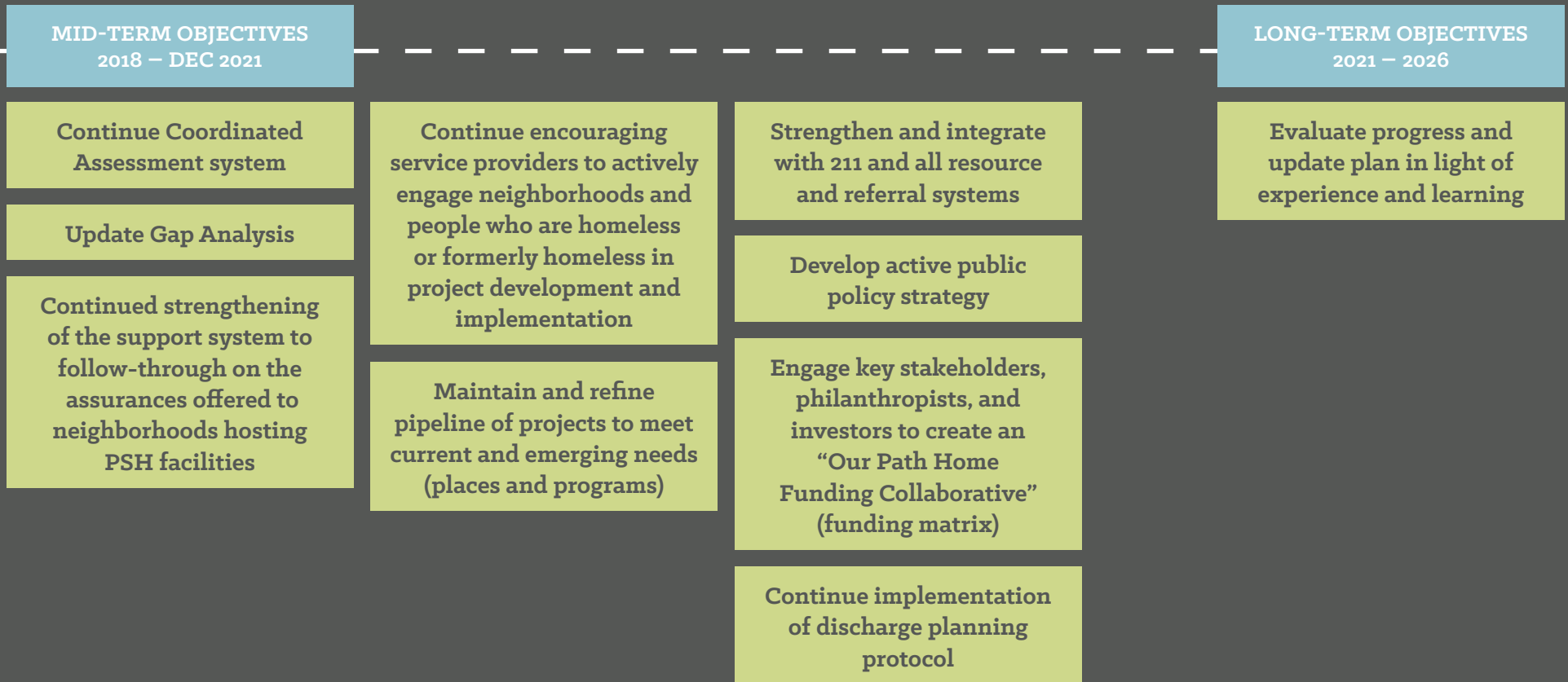
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Key Goal #3 (MID-TERM & LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES)

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