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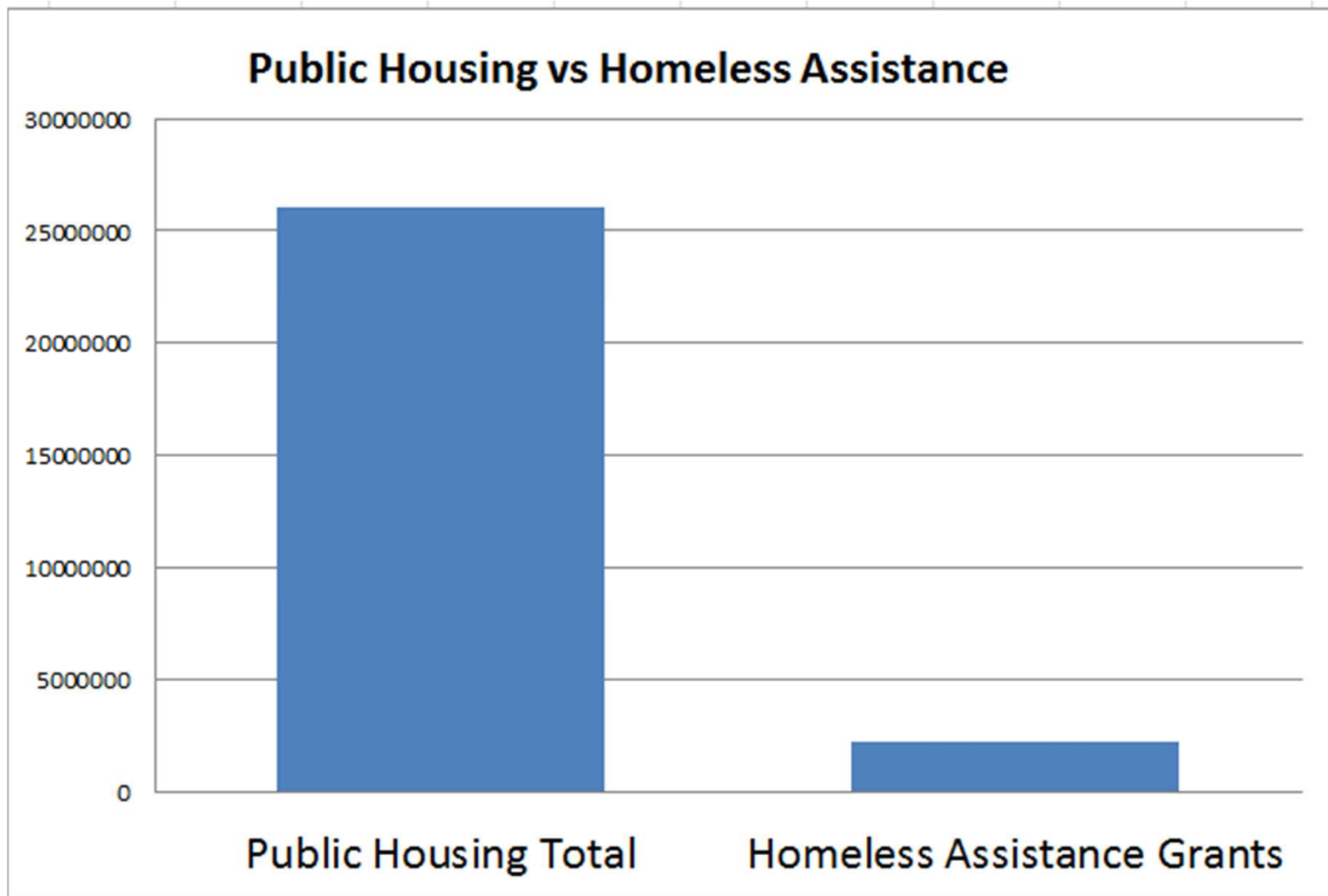


**The Business Case for Partnering with Public Housing Agencies to Serve People Who Are Homeless**

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# PHA FUNDING IS A SIGNIFICANT RESOURCE





# LEARN TO SPEAK PHA



# UNDERSTAND PHA RESOURCES

**Request for Tenancy Approval  
Housing Choice Voucher Program**

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

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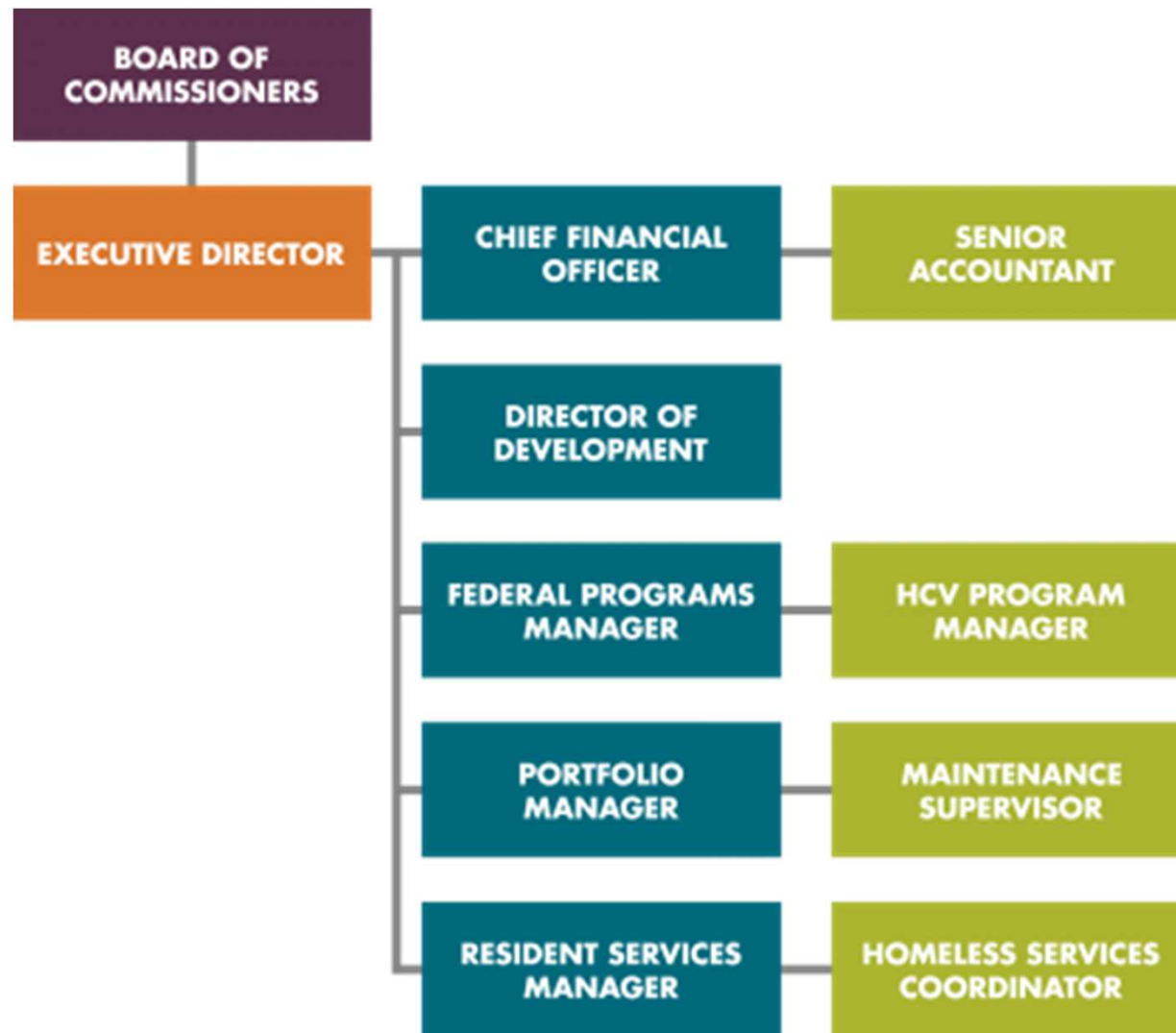
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe Other Subsidy, Including Any State or Local Subsidy) _____					
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Indicate whether owner shall provide or pay for the utilities and appliances indicated below by an "O". The tenant shall provide or pay for the utilities and appliances indicated below by an "X".					



# VOUCHERS

# PUBLIC HOUSING STOCK

# FIGURE OUT THEIR STRUCTURE



# ESTABLISH KEY AND CONSISTENT CONTACTS

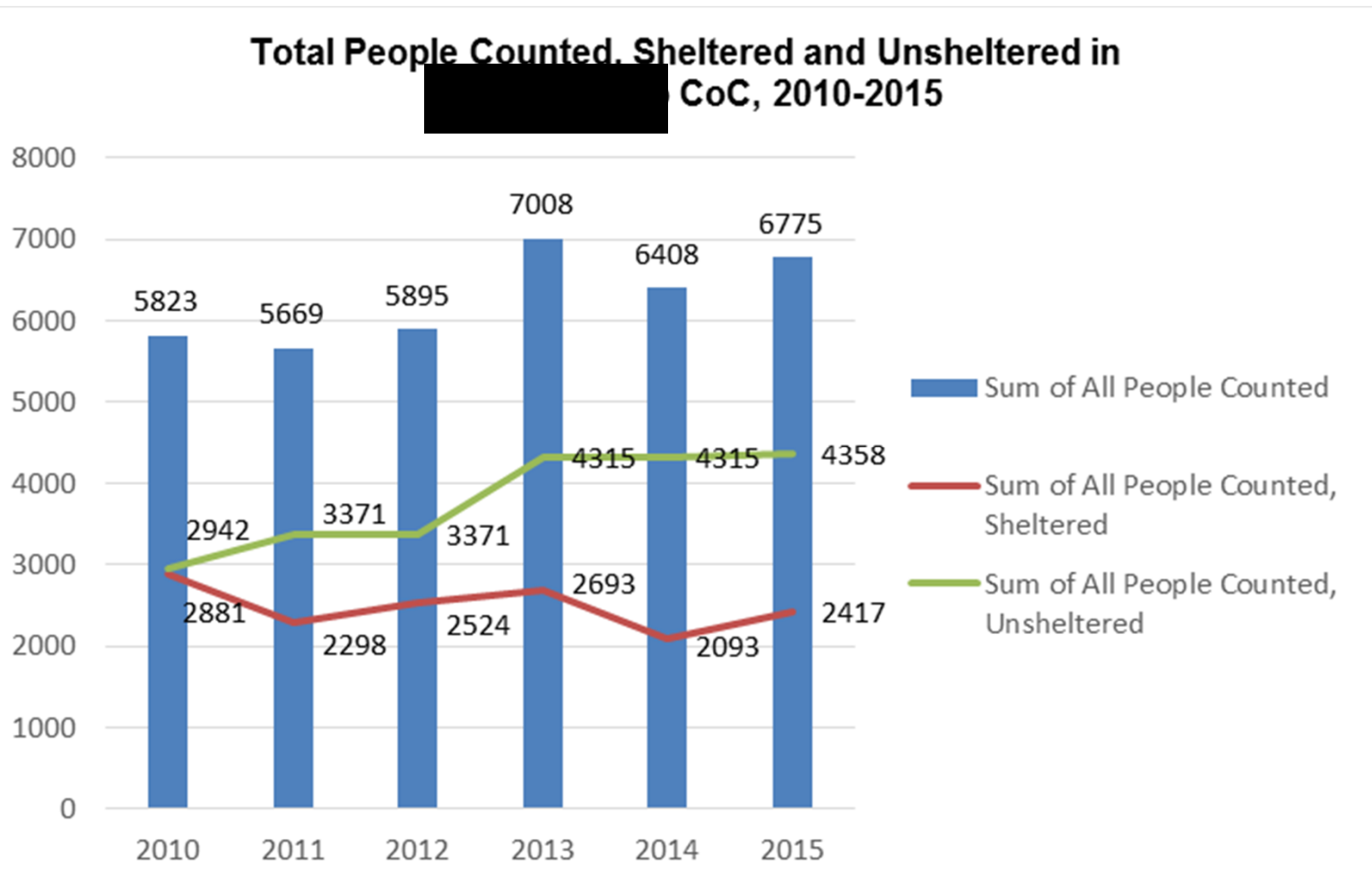




**HAVE A GOAL**



# CONNECTING THE DOTS ON NEED/DATA

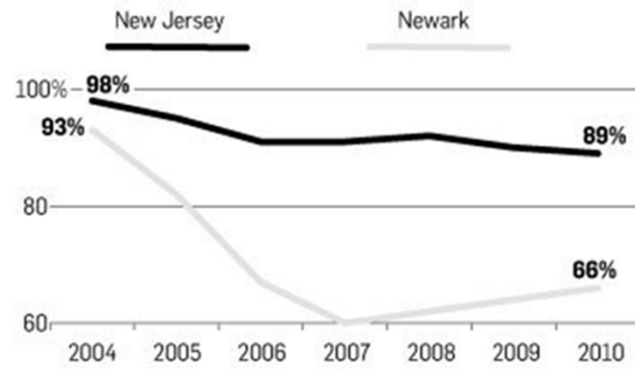


# WHAT CoCs HAVE TO OFFER



## Unused money

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# SIMPLIFYING THE WAIT LIST PROCESS



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# TENANTS READY TO GO

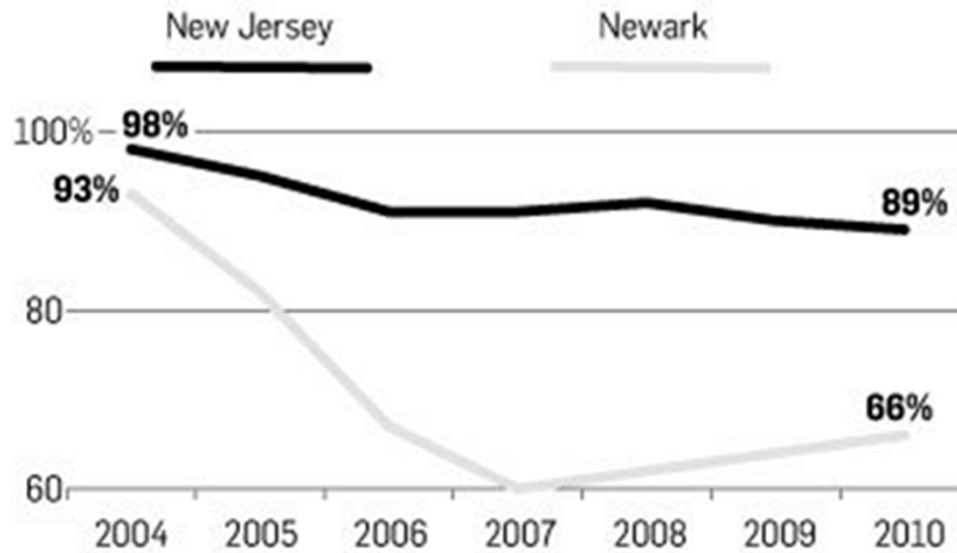
## Applications and Briefings



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# QUICK AND ACCURATE INSPECTIONS



# TENANT SUPPORT







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DISTRICT ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOUSING

# Public Housing Authorities: Partnering With Your PHA to End Homelessness

District Alliance for Safe Housing  
(DASH)

Presented by:  
LaToya Young



# DASH Mission

- DASH is an innovator in providing access to safe housing and services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families as they rebuild their lives on their own terms.
- No matter what the situation, we meet survivors where they are and strive to eliminate all barriers that prevent them from accessing safe housing. We work to ensure that all survivors have the tools and skills they need to be exactly who they choose to be and to create and maintain safe homes.
- We support partner agencies in the national capital region and throughout the United States in increasing their capacity to assist survivors in accessing safe housing. DASH educates policy makers and service providers nationwide on the principles and best practices of successfully assisting survivors of domestic violence in recognizing that they are empowered and whole.





# Presentation Objectives

- Explore innovative approaches to engage with PHAs;
- Gain tools to foster a relationship with your PHA; and
- Identify advocacy strategies to build partnerships.



# Creating a Partnership

- Examine the Issues
- Identify Allies
- Start the Conversation



# Examine the Issues

- Determine Needs
  - Focus groups
  - Listen to community response
- Policy
  - Identify barriers for our population
  - Offer suggestions, training and resources
- Funding
  - Identify sources



# Strategy: Identify Internal Allies

- Assist with Safety Transfers
  - HCVP staff
  - Public Housing Property Managers
  - Director Assistants
- Meet with Senior Staff
  - General Counsel
  - Directors/Management
- Engage with Community





# **Strategy: Identify External Allies**

## **Domestic Violence and Housing Taskforce**

### **TASKFORCE HISTORY:**

In April 2009, DASH convened a group of nonprofit organizations and government agency representatives, local and national, to identify and address the systemic barriers facing domestic violence survivors in the District of Columbia.

### **TASKFORCE GOALS:**

- Enhance Access and Safety for Domestic Violence Survivors in Federal and District Funded Housing and Shelter Programs;
- Enhance access and improve services for domestic violence survivors with a multitude of needs; and
- Increase public awareness around the unique set of housing barriers domestic violence survivors face and implement strategies for addressing them.



# Start the Conversation

## Communication with DCHA

- Find out the most effective mode of communication
- Attend meetings
  - Residents, Landlords, Advocacy groups

## Leadership

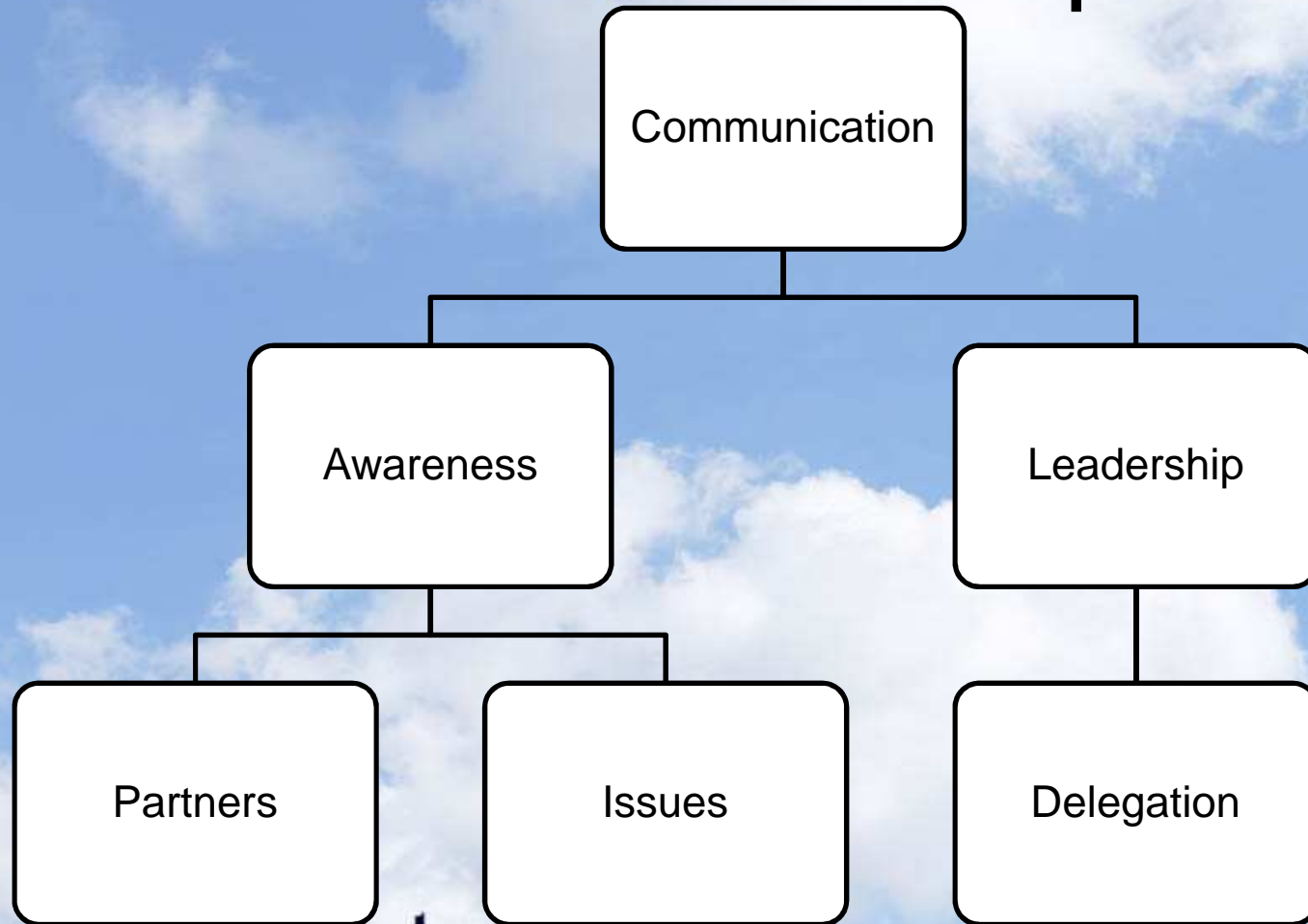
- Determine “Who’s Who”
- Delegate appropriate staff to reach out

## Awareness

- Listserv(s)
- Thank you letter(s)



# Solid Partnership





# Benefits to Partnering

Providers	PHA
• Create solutions	• Create solutions
• Change in local policy	• Resources
• SAFER and affordable housing	• Technical Assistance
• National recognition to encourage more collaboration	• National recognition to encourage more collaboration
	• Education/awareness





# Challenges to Partnering

Provider	PHA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussing the issues</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discussing the issues</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning the systems</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training</li></ul>
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# Partnership Successes

In 2010, HUD issued a domestic violence housing report to highlight “Best Practices” for PHAs and highlighted DC for the following:

- DCHA holds monthly meetings with community advocates
- DASH assists in facilitation of safety transfers in public housing/HCVF
- DCHA approved a resolution authorizing the referral of and acceptance of victims
- DCHA to set-up MOUs with other jurisdictions to relocate victims
- DCHA accepts DASH’s proposed changes to regulations
- DASH hosts “internal” community clinics at DCHA
- DCHA sees DASH as (DV) expert



# Take Aways

- Always indicate how your organization can assist the PHA in your area
- Offer to provide Technical Assistance as needed
- Assert yourself in the PHA arena to establish working relationships and partnerships
- Keep your WORD- Maintain credibility



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# THANK YOU!

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# ***Housing Authority of Chester County (HACC)***

***Partnering With The Community***

***To Prevent and End Homelessness***





# HOUSING



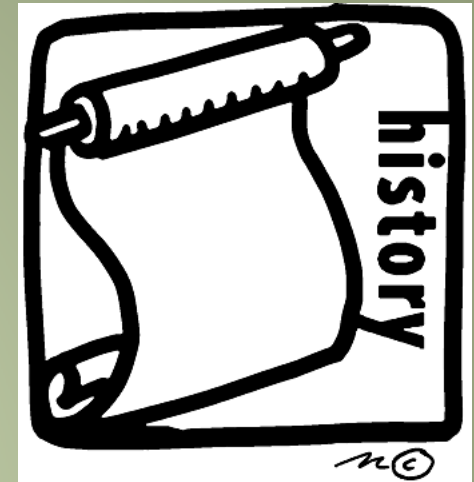
***Who Are We?***

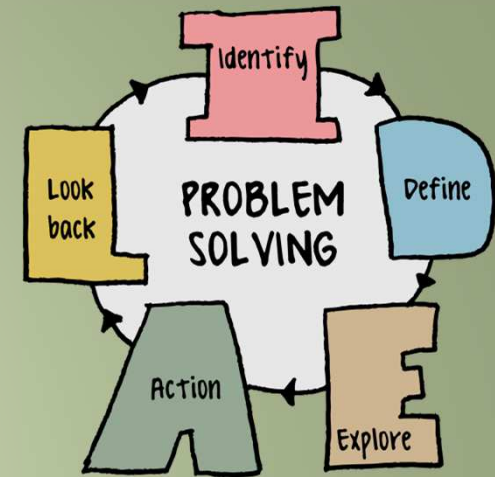
***What Do We Do?***

***Why We Joined The Fight to End Homelessness?***

# ***History of COC in Chester County***

***Then and Now***





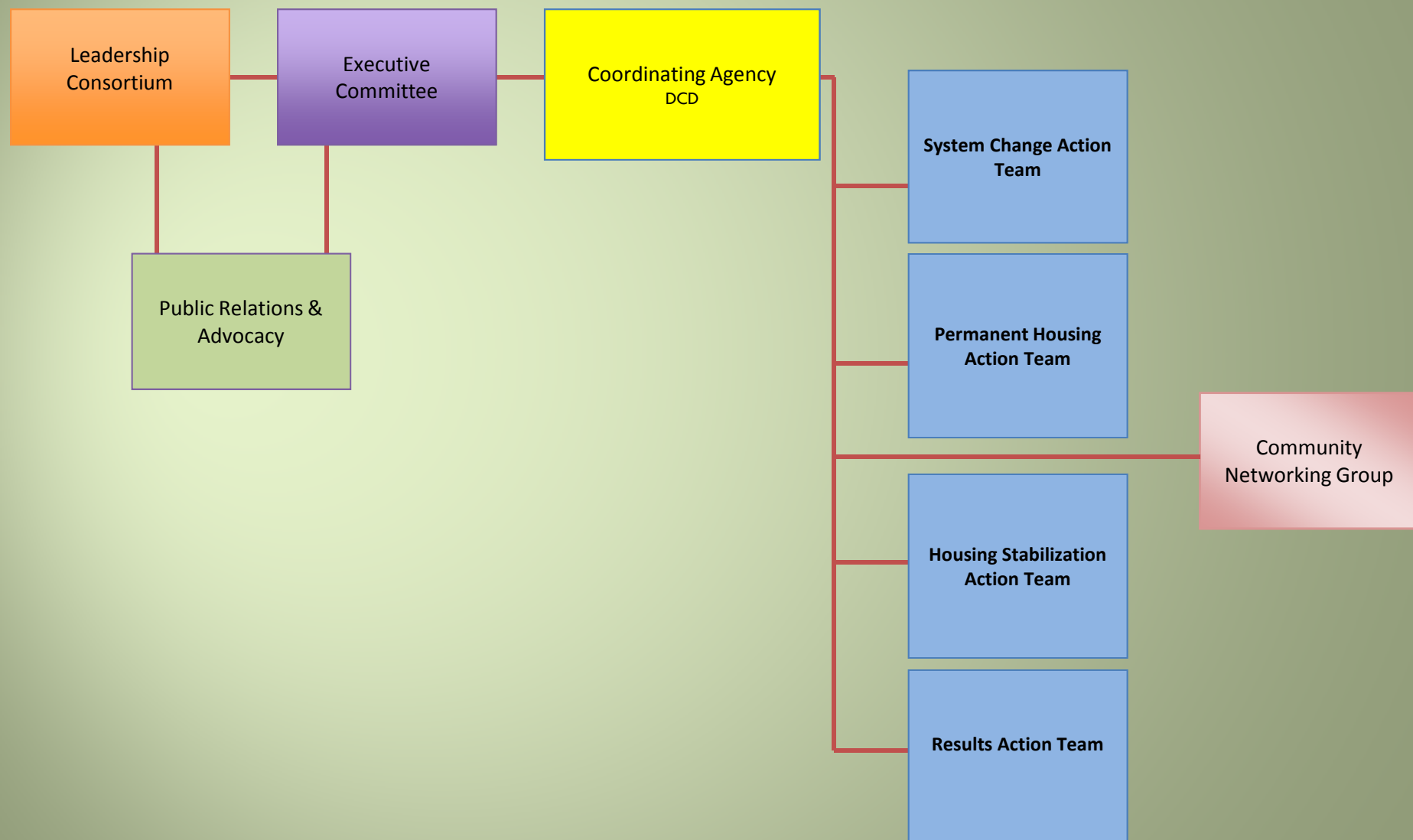
## ***Problems With Our COC Structure***

## ***Solutions***





# Decade to Doorways Partnership Structure



Assumptions  
& Context

Strategies

Results

## **STRATEGIES**

***Strategy 1 – Creation of An Agency Referral System***

***Strategy 2 – Designing and Implementing The Position***

***Of Housing Locater***

***Strategy 3 – Utilization Case Management***



## ***STRATEGIES-continued***

***Strategy 4 – An Action Plan Was Created to  
Increase Landlord Involvement***



***Strategy 5 – Training for Our COC Partners***

***Strategy 6 – Use of Project Based Housing***



***Vouchers***

***Strategy 7 – Begin A Search for Ways to Flexible  
Funding***

## ***A Few of our Results in 30 Months:***

- ***Almost 200 Homeless Families Received Vouchers***

- ***Case Management is the Key – Not Even 1 Family***

***Evicted***



- ***Shelter Stays Have Been Cut in Half***

- ***A “Go To” Landlord Base Was Created and Is***

***Successful***

- ***Developers Are Creating Set Aside PBV Units for***

***Homeless Referrals***

# THANK YOU!

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