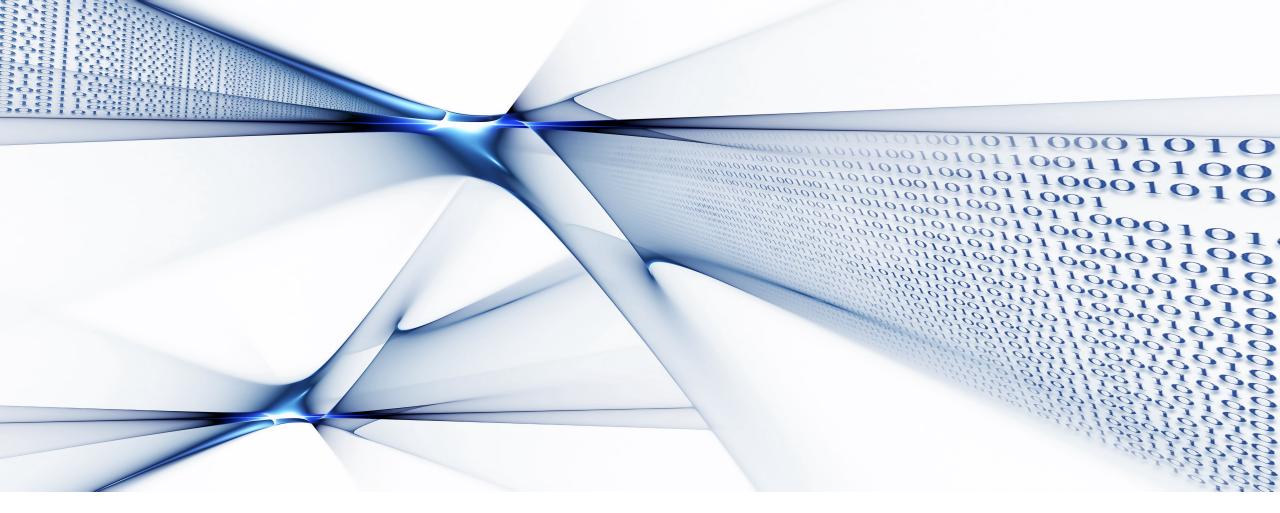
# Calculating Change: The Continuing Conversation on Data Reform

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## BACKGROUND



### Ideas Percolating from Various Directions:

- How Data is Collected
- How Data is Reported

#### Held Conversations About Different Ideas:

- Partnering Organizations
- Forum at the Alliance's National Conference
- Alliance Workgroups
- Zoom-Based Open Forums

#### List of Ideas

- Goals:
  - + Informs improvements to service delivery
  - + Sheds light on resource gaps
- Ongoing Conversations

## DEMOCRATIZING ACCESS TO DATA

# Idea: Make more information publicly available

- Foster collaboration and enhancing research
- Stella P public-facing
- Encourage and support community-specific dashboards

#### Idea: Ease client access to their own case files

- Build trust, correct inaccuracies, share information, . . .
- Some communities implementing use of phone apps



# IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES

## Idea: Transfer Client-level or Person-level Data

- Greatly expand research possibilities
- Ease ability to examine demographic data, including related to intersectional identities
- Committee of stakeholders to evaluate feasibility and how to implement while addressing concerns about misuse of data and client privacy

## Idea: More than Once a Year Data Posting and Analysis

- Quarterly, monthly, . . .
- Examine and address barriers

## **WORKFORCE DATA**

- Should be a factor in evaluating system capacity to serve people experiencing homelessness
- Idea: Regularly and publicly report such data, which could include:
  - Staffing ratios
  - Average tenure
  - Average salaries
  - Employee demographics
  - Other?



## GROUP-SPECIFIC DATA IDEAS

### Older Adults

- National-level reporting that is periodic and ad-hoc
- Intersectional data—for example, present information on Latino older adults
- Information on service needs—one possibility is incorporating Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) into service models.

## People of Color

- National-level reporting that is periodic and ad-hoc
- Intersectional data—for example,
  Black men
- Regional and geographic-based data
- More contextual information related to group-specific experiences of homelessness

## OTHER IDEAS

- Qualitative data—pool and share information, develop recommended best practices
- Find expanded ways of highlighting systems capacity to serve people
- 3) Federal-level for sharing information across data systems
- 4) Expand supports for improving data quality
- 5) Funding



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