

I'm right here beside you:

Peer Support's Centrality in Housing First



PACIFICA HOUSING

Affordable homes. Better lives.



greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness

hope has found a home

About Us



Our Vision

A Region Without Homelessness

Our Mission

To ensure appropriate solutions are in place to serve those individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in the capital region.

To ensure all people facing homelessness in the capital region have access to safe, affordable, appropriate, long-term housing



Pacifica Housing's vision is to build better lives through affordable homes and community connections

They offer distributed and congregate supportive, supported and affordable housing from Victoria to Central Vancouver Island

Outreach services including Streets to Homes, an innovative Housing First outreach service

The Inspiration

Communities throughout the region are **safe, healthy, vibrant, welcoming** and **supporting** of people from **all walks of life** and **at all stages** in their life journey.

Impact

What we do

in collaboration with housing, health and support service providers; law enforcement; faith communities; funders; people with lived experience of homelessness; interested individuals; business and government entities.

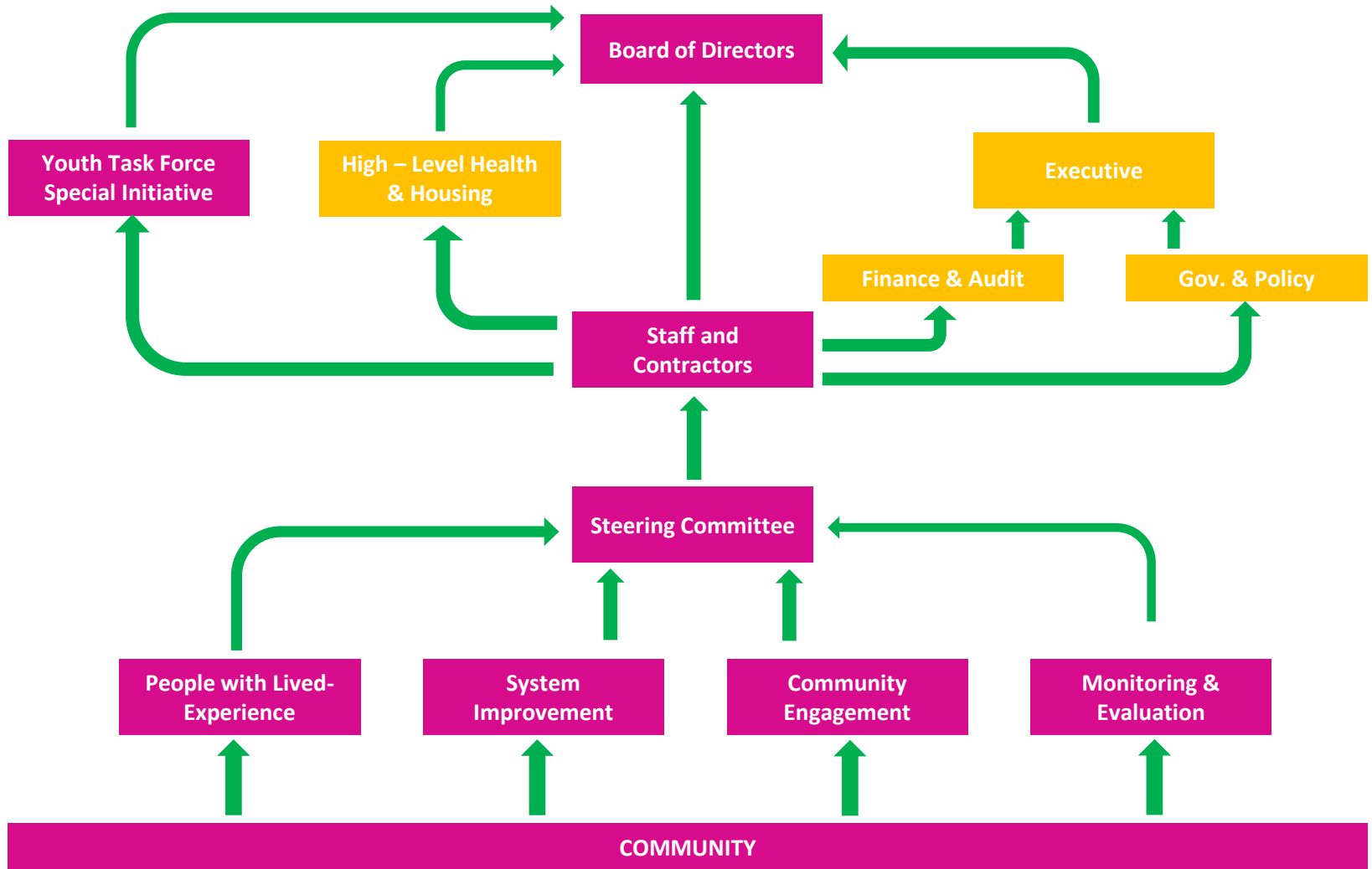
Who we are



Inclusion

COMMUNITY GOAL

Include **at least 2** people with a lived experience of homelessness at **every** community table related to homelessness.



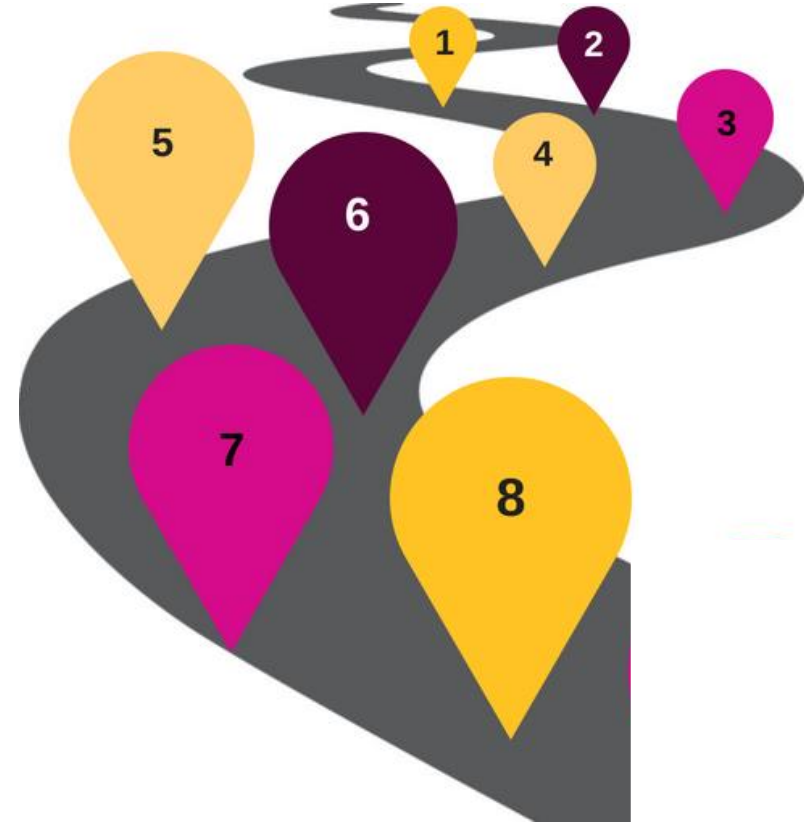


greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home

The PHSP Story



Current Peer Support Team and
Peer Housing Support Program Advisory Committee





Peer Support and Housing First



Rapid Housing with Supports

Housing readiness is not a requirement



Tenants have Rights & Responsibilities

Clients contribute to rent and have rights consistent with tenant acts and regulations



Offer Clients Choice

Clients are offered choice both in housing and in supports



Separate Housing from Services

Acceptance of services is not required for housing



Integrate Housing in the Community

Scattered-site housing reduces stigma and increases social inclusion, though clients may prefer congregate housing



Strengths-based & Promoting Self-Sufficiency

Focus on building strengths for self-determined goals that help lead to self-sufficiency



greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home

Relationships and Communication





greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home

Lisa's Story



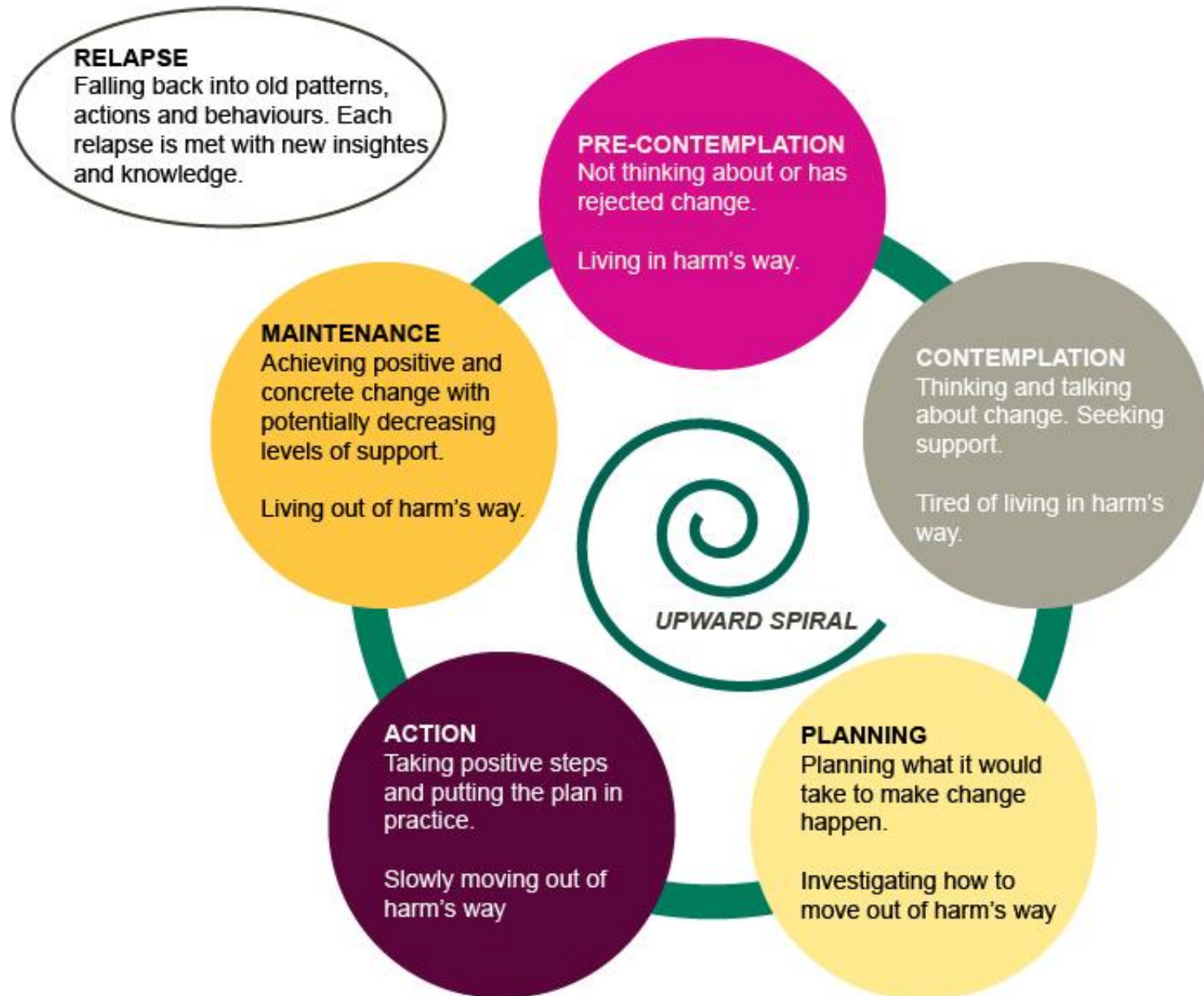
Lisa Crossman

Indigenous Peer Supporter and
People with Lived Experience
Co-chair



greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home

Stages of Change Model





greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home

DIVERSITY OPTIONS EMPOWERMENT



Peer and Peer Supporter Agreement Form

Peer and Peer Supporter Agreement

PEER: _____

PEER SUPPORTER: _____

Activities we may choose to work on and participate in together towards maintaining safe housing will be: (ex.: housekeeping, coffee meetings, recreational activities, grocery and household supplies, shopping, etc.)

Services and programs that are currently helpful as supports are:

Services and programs that may be helpful to enhance supports are:

Days, Hours, and Times we will be meeting each week will be:

The places that are convenient for both of us to meet are:

We both agree to work together with behaviours and spoken words which will create an environment of respect, compassion, understanding, shared responsibility, personal boundaries, and confidentiality.

Signed by:

PEER: _____

Date: _____

PEER SUPPORTER: _____

Date: _____



greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home

Peer Support is . . .





PACIFICA HOUSING

Affordable homes. Better lives.

Key Terms

Empowerment

Disruption

Peer

Connection

Power

Relationship

Support



PACIFICA HOUSING

Affordable homes. Better lives.

Program Strengths

**Creating alliances
Building synergy
Interrupting isolation**





PACIFICA HOUSING

Affordable homes. Better lives.

Benefits



Expected



Unexpected



PACIFICA HOUSING

Affordable homes. Better lives.

Support in the Housing First Context



Residential Facilities

Tertiary Care
& Mental Health
Facilities

Emergency Shelters &
Transitional Housing

Supportive Housing

Supported Housing

Social and
Non-Profit Housing

Private Market
Non-Subsidized
Non-Profit Housing



PACIFICA HOUSING

Affordable homes. Better lives

Creating through Disruption

Challenging the status quo
Disrupting power imbalances
Flattening roles
Demonstrating the value of lived experience





greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness
hope has found a home



PACIFICA HOUSING

Affordable homes. Better lives.

Learn more at victoriahomelessness.ca

STREET SURVIVAL GUIDE MEALS + FOOD

Need Help? Get Involved Homelessness 101 Our Products

greater victoria
coalition to end
homelessness

**hope
has
found
a home**

READ MORE