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Sorry about the poor grammar etc but I had limited time and wanted to offer some additional feedback.

Re the Needs/Gaps/Recs chart:

I would want to see some language around prioritizing evidence-based practices that demonstrate results that are at least on par with model systems nationally. (i.e. we should fund SUD treatment programs that can demonstrate outcomes that are as high as possible within our funding limitations).

While my heart certainly supports prioritizing folks coming out of jail for mental health services, I am wondering if that is supported by evidence. Is it a better investment to prioritize those coming out of jail vs those trying to stay out of jail? I want us to respect the investment of our community by ensuring that we use evidence-based decision-making and services. I would happily vote to support both populations but if we are prioritizing, I want to be sure that it is based on evidence.

Re the Housing Services

I wonder about short-term housing for people who only need a few months to get back on their feet. For example, people who are suddenly homeless due to restraining orders and protection orders. Also, folks who lost housing while in jail but will get back to work and be able to establish housing once they have first/last/deposit. Youth who age-out of systems but need a brief transition. Etc.

Numbers:

We need numbers. Needs shift. Economies shift. Evidence shifts. It seems that largely we agree that if funding was limitless we would do it all. Since that isn't the case, we need to determine our priorities. To set priorities, we need to know numbers. For example, for every dollar we spend on SUD treatment, how much less of a dollar do we need to spend on holding people in jail? If we can loosely quantify the numbers, I hope we can assess the priorities of the community and spend limited funds based on well-researched options.

Thanks again for all of the work y'all are putting into this process,

David Goldman