

# Metro Denver Homeless Initiative

Introduction to MDHI & Efforts for Local  
Planning on Homelessness Coordinated at a  
Regional Level



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# What is MDHI?

- Mission: Leading and advancing collaboration to end homelessness in our region
- Metro Denver Continuum of Care (CoC) - a regional system that coordinates services and housing for people experiencing homelessness
- Region Includes: Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson
- Coordinates the Point-in-Time (PIT), Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), OneHome (Coordinated Entry System), The State of Homelessness Report, Annual NOFA



Coordination years in the making – *local planning coordinated at a regional level*

HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), Coordinated Entry, local planning & progress

Public and elected will to coordinate regionally on local solutions

Expanded resources for homelessness

Context for  
Regional  
Coordination –  
Why Now?

# The Rollout



There will be three phases



Different set of stakeholders involved, centered on regional coordination with Built for Zero framework



Phases occur at the overall regional level & the local level to meaningfully include the right individuals & communities

# Phase 1 – Convening of Elected Officials

## Who

Mayors, County Commissioners, City Council Members, and City Managers in seven county region, select State/Federal partners

## Why

The critical role that must be played at a regional level

Foundation that has been built over the past three years at the local, regional, and statewide levels

Actions that can be taken by leaders to help clear the path for reductions grounded in equity

## When

March 18, 2021 8:30-11:30 via Zoom for invitees, livestream Facebook

## Outcomes

Pledge to coordination of local planning at regional level with MDHI using Built for Zero framework



MDHI PRESENTS

# REGIONAL CONVENING ON HOMELESSNESS

March 18th, 2021 8:30 am - 11:30 am

# Built for Zero Framework

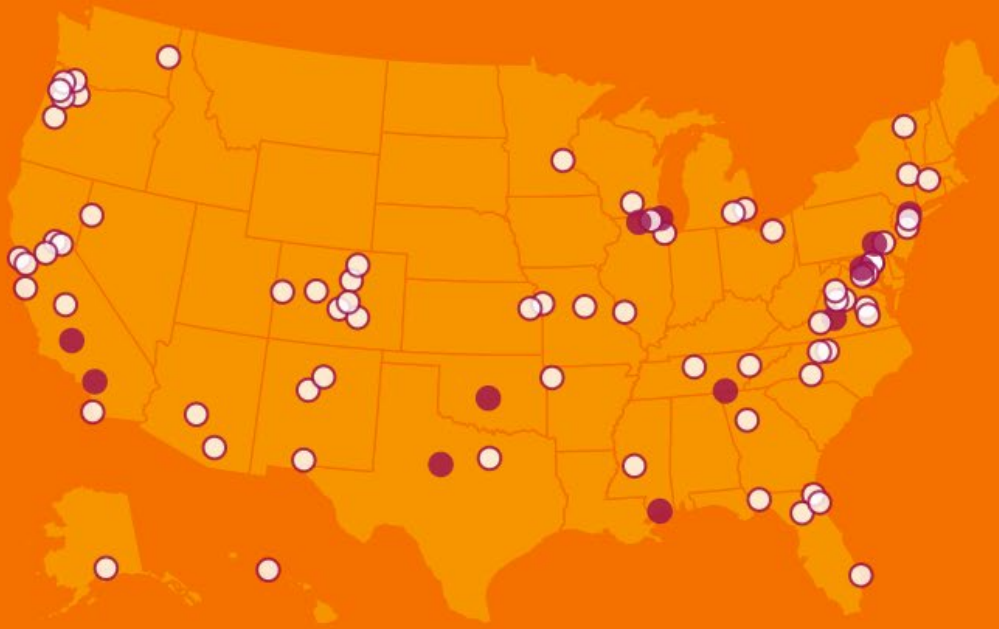
Movement of more than 80 communities, proving it is possible to measurably end homelessness, one population at a time

**Built For Zero.**  
Metro Denver CoC



# REAL RESULTS.

A data-driven movement is redefining what is possible in ending homelessness.



**84** communities are **participating** in Built for Zero

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**14**

communities have **ended** veteran or chronic homelessness

**129,602**

individuals housed by Built for Zero communities since 2015

**49**

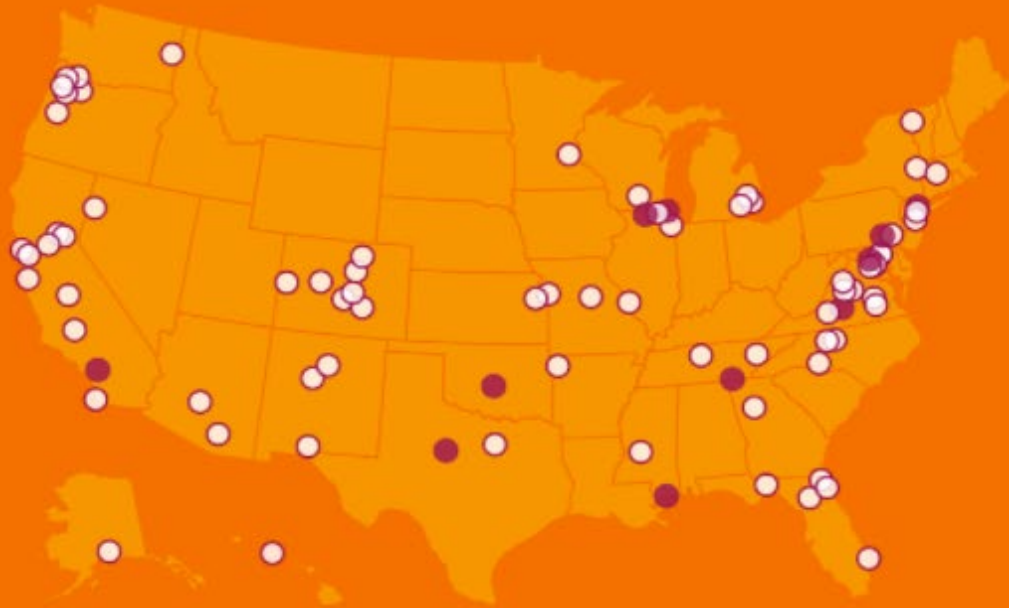
communities have achieved a **measurable reduction**

**83**

communities have achieved **quality real-time data**

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★ *Communities that have ended chronic and/or veteran homelessness*

- Albuquerque, NM
- Anchorage, AK
- Arlington County, VA ★**
- Atlanta, GA
- Bakersfield/Kern County, CA
- Baltimore City, MD
- Baltimore County, MD
- Bergen County, NJ ★**
- Burlington/Chittenden County, VT
- Central Virginia, VA ★**
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC
- Charlottesville, VA
- Chattanooga/Southeast Tennessee, TN ★**
- Chester County, PA
- Clackamas County, OR
- Clark County, WA
- Colorado BoS Fremont County, CO
- Colorado BoS Mesa County, CO
- Colorado BoS Pueblo, CO
- Colorado BoS Roaring Fork, CO
- Columbia-Boone County/Missouri Balance of State, MO
- Cook County, IL
- Detroit, MI
- District of Columbia, DC
- El Paso City and County, TX
- Eugene, Springfield/Lane County, OR
- Fairfax County, VA
- Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas, AR
- Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County, TX
- Fresno/Madera County, CA
- Greater Kansas City Coalition to End Homelessness, MO
- Guilford County, NC
- Gulfport/Gulf Coast, MS ★**
- Honolulu, HI
- Jackson/Rankin, Madison Counties, MS
- Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties, FL
- Kansas BoS Douglas County, KS
- Lake County/North Chicago, IL ★**
- Lancaster City & County, PA ★**
- Madison/Dane County, WI
- Marin County, CA
- McHenry County, IL
- Metro Denver, CO
- Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance, OR
- Middlesex County/Coming Home, NJ
- Minneapolis/Hennepin County, MN
- Montgomery County, MD ★**
- Nashville/Davidson County, TN
- Nassau, Suffolk Counties, NY
- Nevada County, CA
- Newark/Essex County, NJ
- Norman/Cleveland County, OK ★**
- North Central Florida, FL
- Northern Colorado, CO
- Phoenix/Mesa/Maricopa County, AZ
- Pikes Peak, CO
- Placer County, CA
- Pontiac/Royal Oak/Oakland County, MI
- Richmond/Contra Costa County, CA
- Richmond/Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover Counties, VA
- Riverside City & County, CA ★**
- Roanoke City & County/Salem, VA
- Rockford/Winnebago, Boone Counties, IL ★**
- Sacramento City & County, CA
- Saint Johns County, FL
- San Diego City & County, CA
- Santa Fe City, NM
- Spokane City and County, WA
- Springfield, MA
- St. Louis City/St. Louis County, MO
- Tallahassee/Leon County, FL
- Tennessee Valley, TN
- Texas Balance of State - Abilene, TX ★**
- Tucson/Pima County, AZ
- Virginia Balance of State - Petersburg, VA
- Virginia Balance of State - Valley Homeless Connection, VA
- Washington County, OR
- Washoe County, NV
- Washtenaw County, MI
- Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County, CA
- West Palm Beach/Palm Beach County, FL
- Western Virginia, VA
- Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, NC
- Yamhill County, OR



## Phase 2 – Local Briefing & Planning

### What

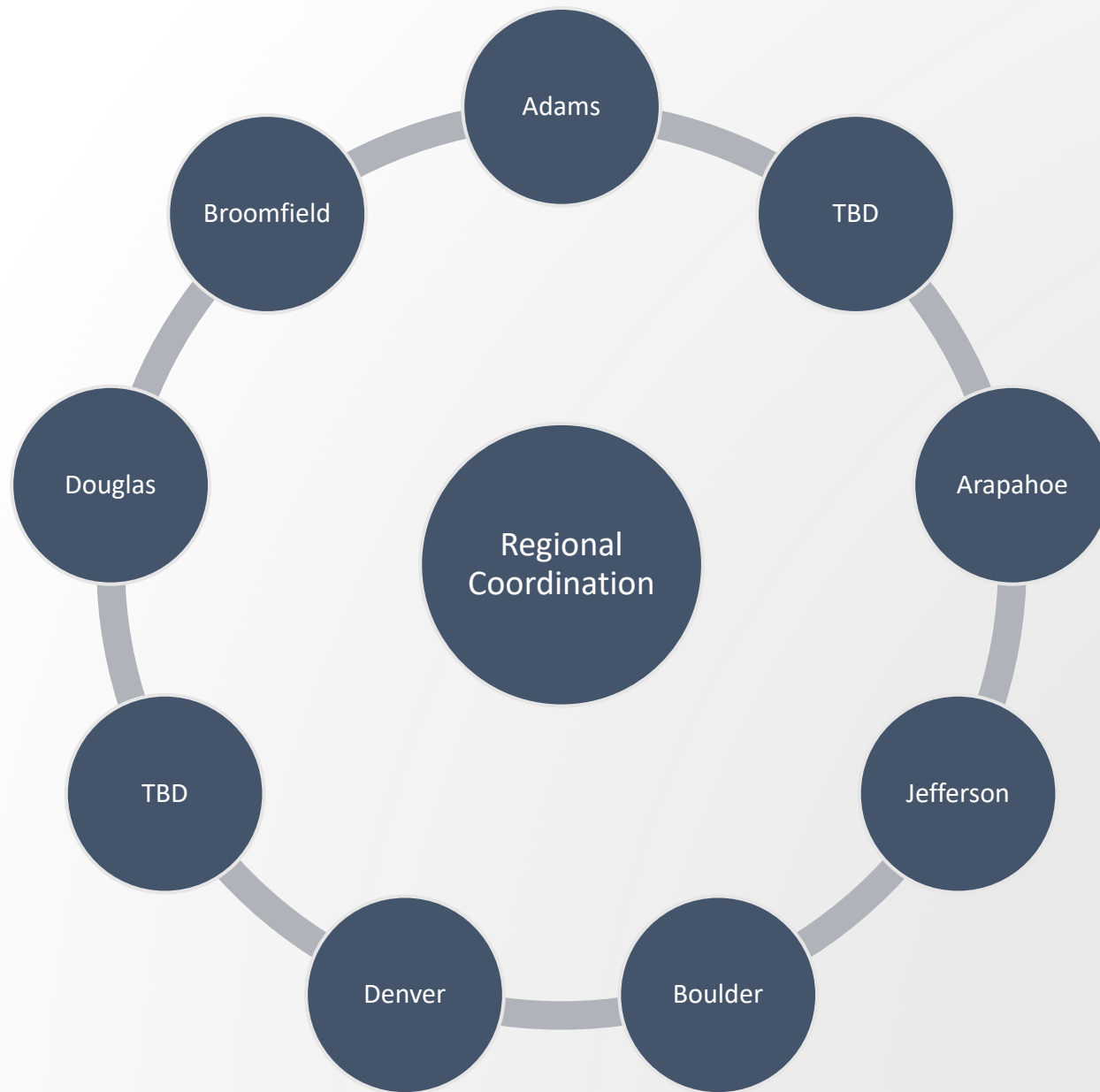
- Convening at community levels for local planning

### Who

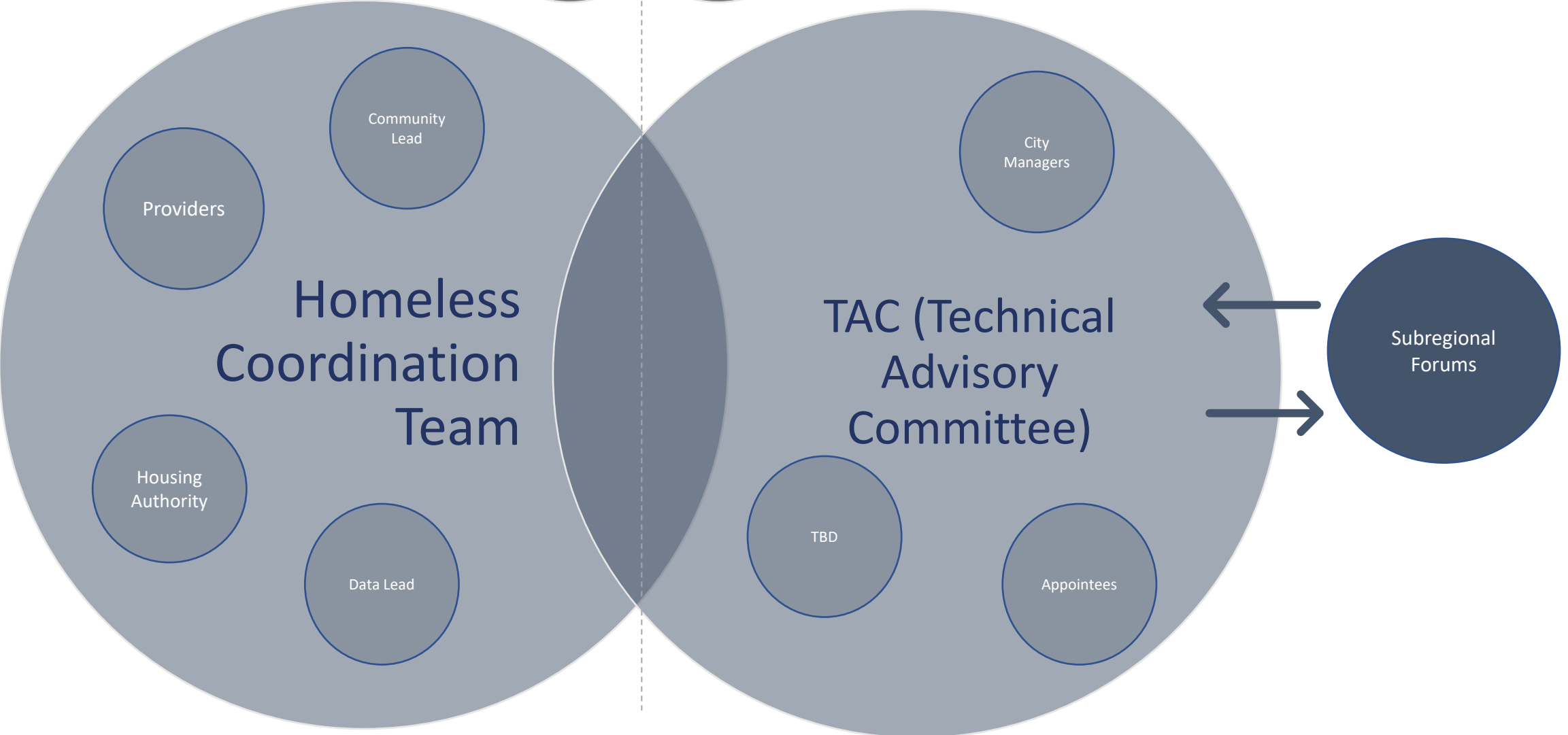
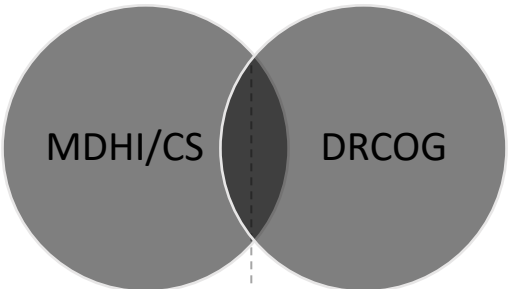
- Community Coordination Teams (mostly established): Providers, MDHI, Community Solutions, etc.
- Community Briefing Groups: Parallel group of elected officials and designees with coordination assistance from DRCOG

### Outcomes

- Move communities towards progress on Built for Zero benchmarks in coordination with local planning efforts
- Create ongoing cadence of briefings and back and forth communication between two groups to create opportunity for path clearing



# A Familiar Framework for Regional Coordination



## What

- Convening at regional level to orient other key partners

## Why

- Orient the non-participating providers and partners in regional coordination
- Gain initial buy in to coordination

## Who

- Non-HMIS providers, community groups, new partners, housing authorities, especially organizations serving BIPOC communities

## When

- Early summer 2021

## Outcomes

- Create tangible action steps for these stakeholders to engage in regional and local efforts

# Phase 3 – Non-Participating Providers and Partners

Questions?



# Resources

- [MDHI State of Homelessness Report](#)
- [DOLA Playbook](#)
- [Point in Time Interactive Dashboard](#)
- [Built for Zero and Community Solutions](#)
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