

GOVERNANCE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**for the Iowa Council on Homelessness/
Balance of State CoC**

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Governance

Best Practices and Vision

Framing Concepts

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- Complexity of ending Iowa homelessness requires expertise from broad array of stakeholders
- Governance (i.e., how we organize) Goals
 - ▣ Representative and inclusive, but not overly burdensome
 - ▣ Focus on performing key functions and achieving outcomes
 - ▣ “System” orientation
 - ▣ Accountability

Good Governance Features

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- Agreed-upon, transparent processes; designated body(ies); and organizational structure
 - ▣ Make decisions on behalf of the overall group
 - ▣ Participation from full range of members/stakeholders
 - ▣ May include a “board,” “steering committee,” sub-groups
- **LEADERSHIP**

Does NOT Mean “Everyone”

Good Governance

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Means

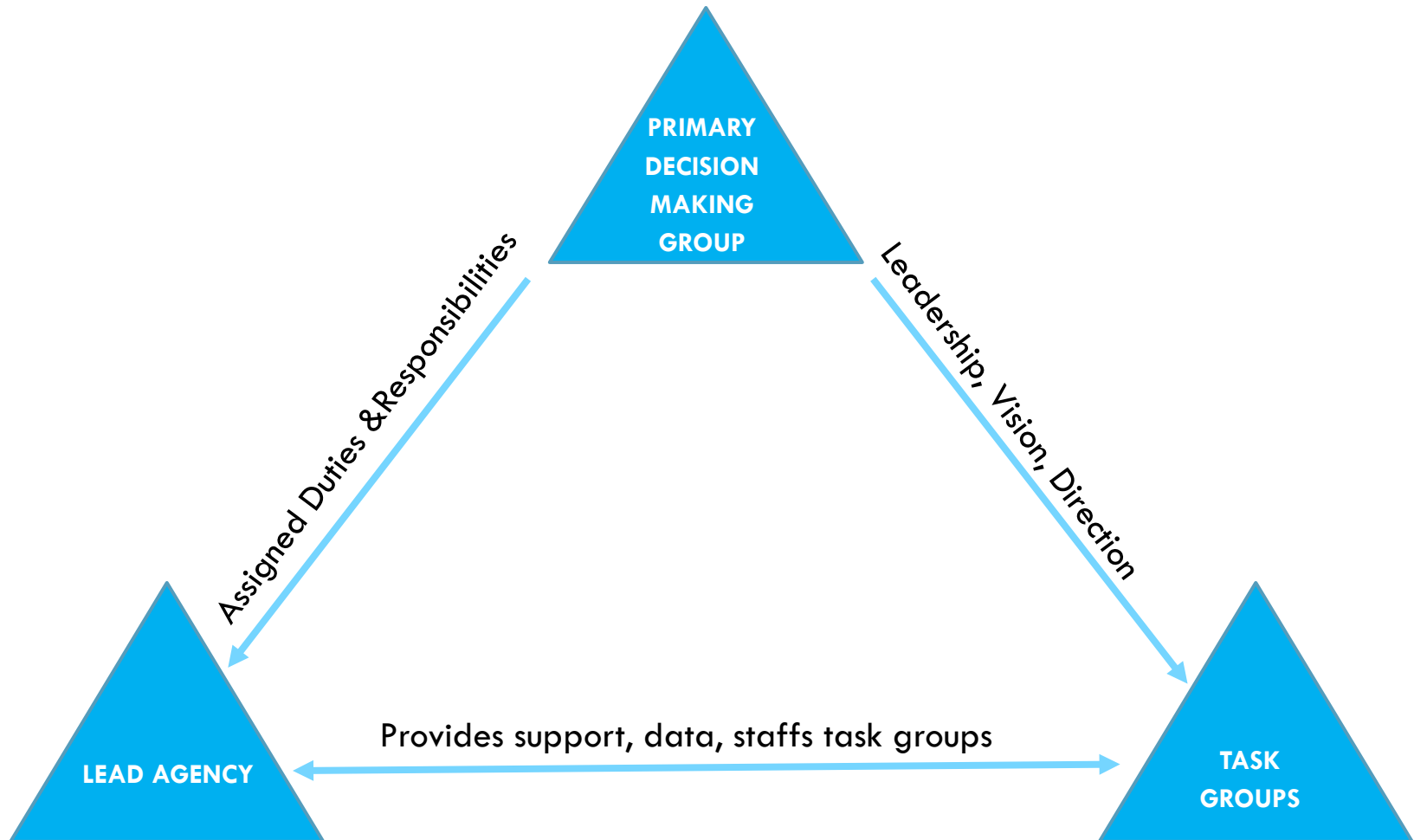
- Decisions get made
- Effective communication and member education
- Conflicts of interest are addressed
- System outcomes improve
- Resources are strategically invested

Does NOT Mean

- No conflict
- Everyone is involved in every decision
- Constituent groups, key stakeholders, and CoC members can be completely “iced out”

Governance Vision

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Ending Iowa Homelessness: *Current Governance*

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Iowa Council on Homelessness

- **Roles**
- State Advisory Body
- Continuum of Care (“CoC”): Iowa Balance of State

State Advisory Role: Guiding Practices from State Interagency Councils

State Council Purposes

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- Drives the state-wide response to homelessness
 - ▣ Assessing overall needs, coordinating resources, and promoting national best practices
 - ▣ Typically done through creating a state plan to prevent and end homelessness
- Recommends policy, regulatory, and resource changes needed to accomplish objectives outlined in the state plan

Major Council Tasks

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- Create State Plan to End Homelessness
- Promote State Plan and evaluate progress
- Monitor plan implementation
- Provide an annual progress report on the plan to the Governor and Legislature
- Disseminate information (e.g., data and best practices) to educate state officials and the public regarding issues related to homelessness
- Create a website that provides information on Council activities, copy of plan, membership and minutes
- Host an annual conference on homelessness

Continuum of Care (CoC) Role: **Iowa Balance of State CoC**

CoC Responsibilities

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Overall Responsibilities

- Operating the CoC
- CoC planning
- CoC oversight, performance evaluation and monitoring
- Applying for CoC Program Funding

Operational Duties

- CoC governance and management
- Homeless system and project-level performance
- Coordinated entry
- Written standards for CoC Program assistance

Current Governance Structure: Roles & Responsibilities Review

Iowa Council on Homelessness: Sub-Groups

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Questions to Consider*

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- **Are there duties/responsibilities we've met (but may not be reflected in our posted meeting minutes/handouts)?**
- **In what areas are we performing our duties/responsibilities well?**
- **In what areas are we having trouble meeting our outlined duties?**
 - **Why?**
- **What are our priority areas to address?**

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