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ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN ST. JOHN'S

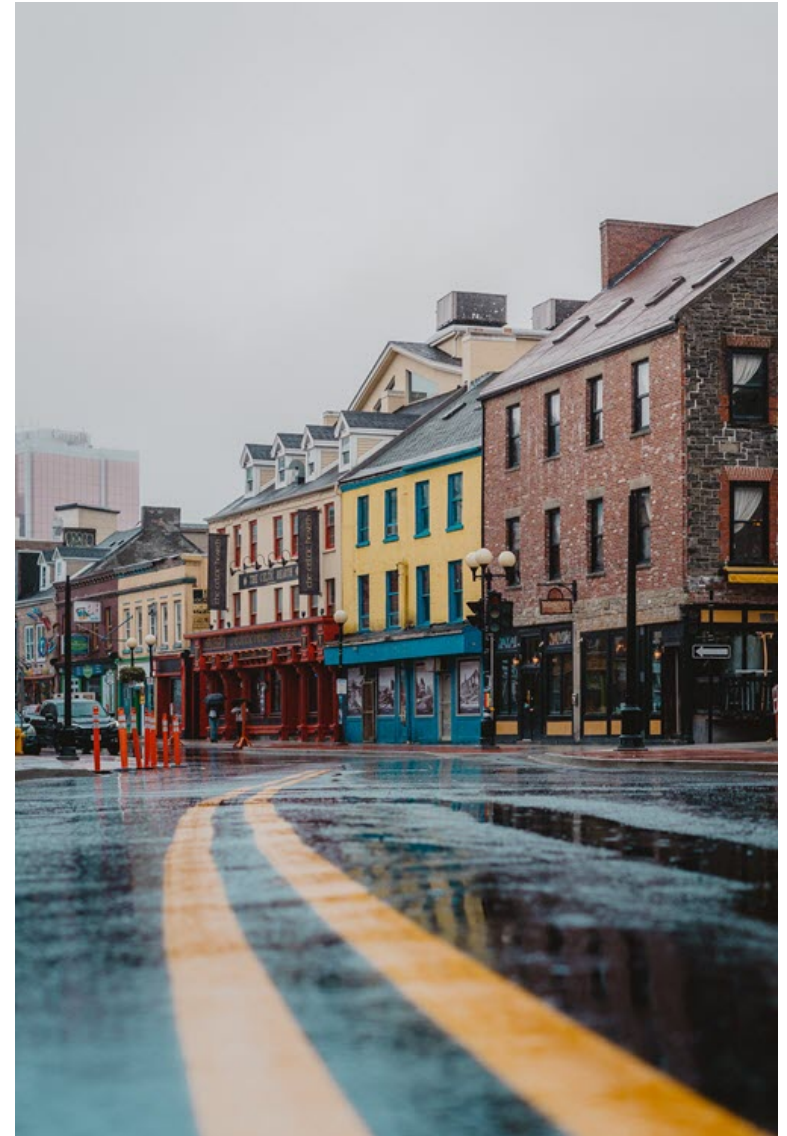
ASSESSMENT OF A 5-YEAR COMMUNITY PLAN

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Context

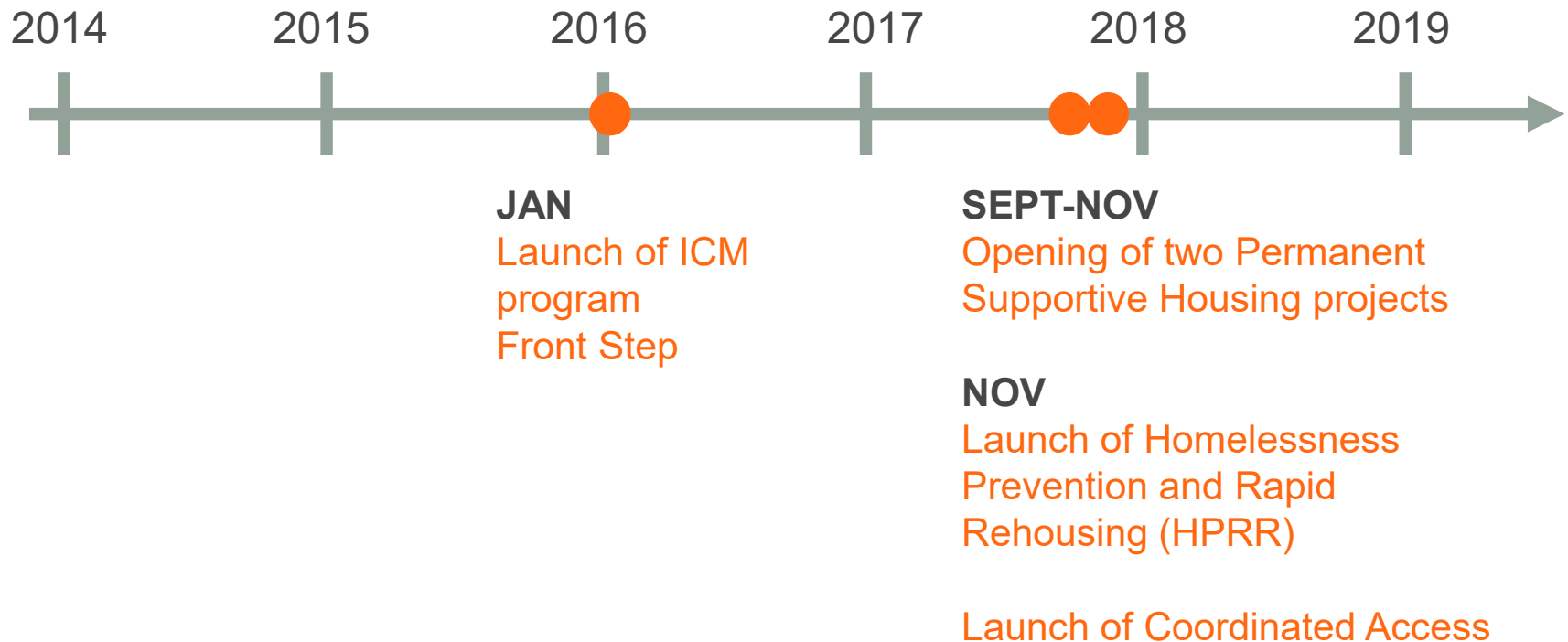
- EHSJ is the system planning organization for St. John's, NL
- Assessment of the 2014-2019 St. John's Community Plan to End Homelessness
- Development of the 2019-2024 Plan





10 THINGS TO KNOW...

1. The 2014-2019 Plan laid the groundwork for a range of housing and supports



2. Exciting governance changes are afoot in St. John's



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Based out of City of St. John's

Independent nonprofit

Unclear org structure

Led by Executive Director

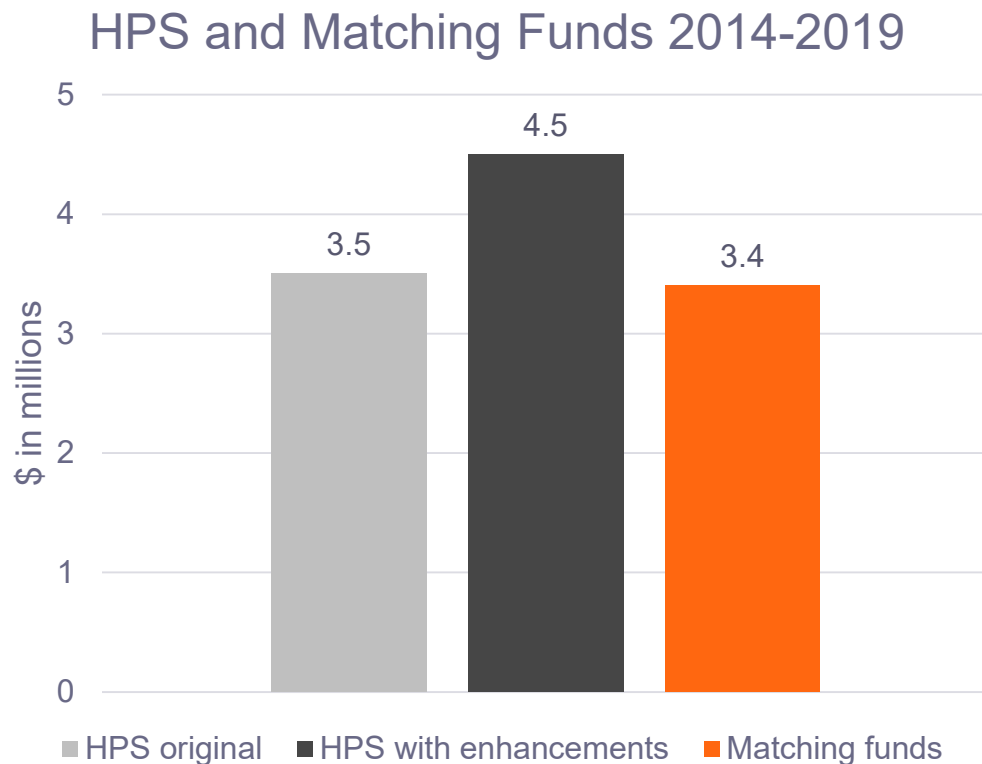
Unclear governance structure

Independent Board of Directors

Unclear advisory structure

Advised by Community Advisory Board (CAB)

3. Federal funding is critical to the St. John's homeless-serving sector



- Total funding \$7.9m
- Enhancements of \$1m in last 3 years (30%)
- **CAUTION**
Sustainability planning is key!

4. City of St. John's and EHSJ enjoy positive working relationship

- “Incubation” of EHSJ through administrative and operational support
- Annual contribution \$100,000 cash, \$250,000 in-kind
- Support in new governance structure



10-Year Affordable Housing Strategy launched in 2018

5. Challenges in information management and real-time data

- Many community agencies using HIFIS 3.8
- Reduction in support for HIFIS 3.8 to focus on HIFIS 4
- Unclear timeline for full HIFIS 4 deployment



**NL HMIS Catalyst Initiative for
provincial HIFIS 4 implementation
launched in 2018-2019**

6. St. John's needs more low-barrier shelter capacity

- Some people barred from all emergency shelters
- Common for shelters to be full
- Lack of staffing and supports at for-profit shelters

Shelter capacity in St. John's



7. Strong desire to strengthen Coordinated Access

- Concerns re available capacity through CA
- Desire for more efficient process
- Overall desire for continuation and improvement

Days to Consent to Program Match
(2018-2019)



8. Public system discharge into homelessness is still an issue

- One of the 6 outcomes in the 2014-2019 Plan
- Discharge planning not consistent across sectors
- Need an address to qualify for income support



**CHILD
WELFARE**



**HEALTH
CARE**

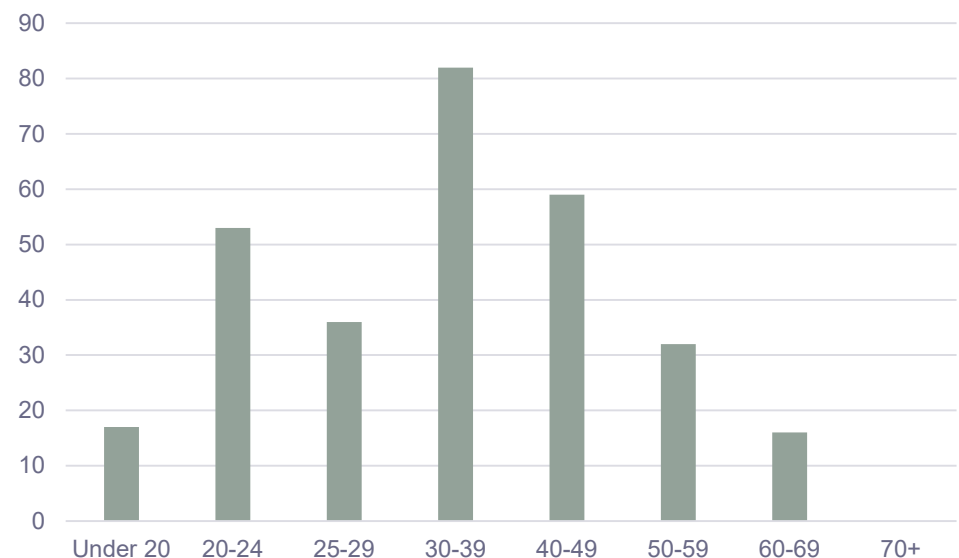


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SAFETY**

9. Youth vulnerable upon leaving the child welfare system

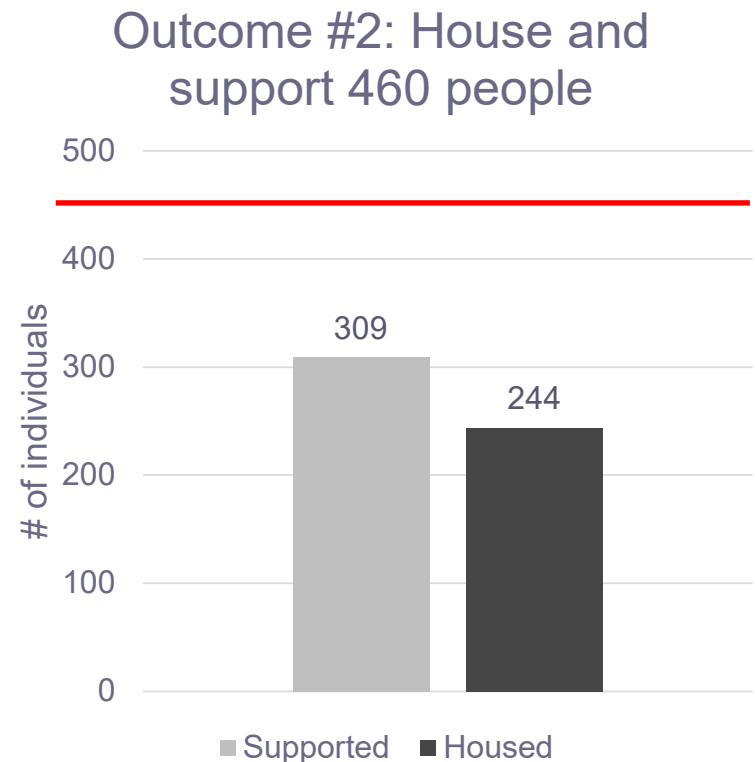
- Over 1/3 of CA participants under 30
- Housing options available for youth
- Aging out in provincial child welfare system
- Changes welcome by community

Age of Coordinated Access participants



10. The best objectives and outcomes are SMART

- 2014-2019 Plan had 6 desired outcomes
- Only 2 had measurables
- Others not clearly articulated
- Area of improvement for 2019-2024 Plan



Concluding Points & Next Steps

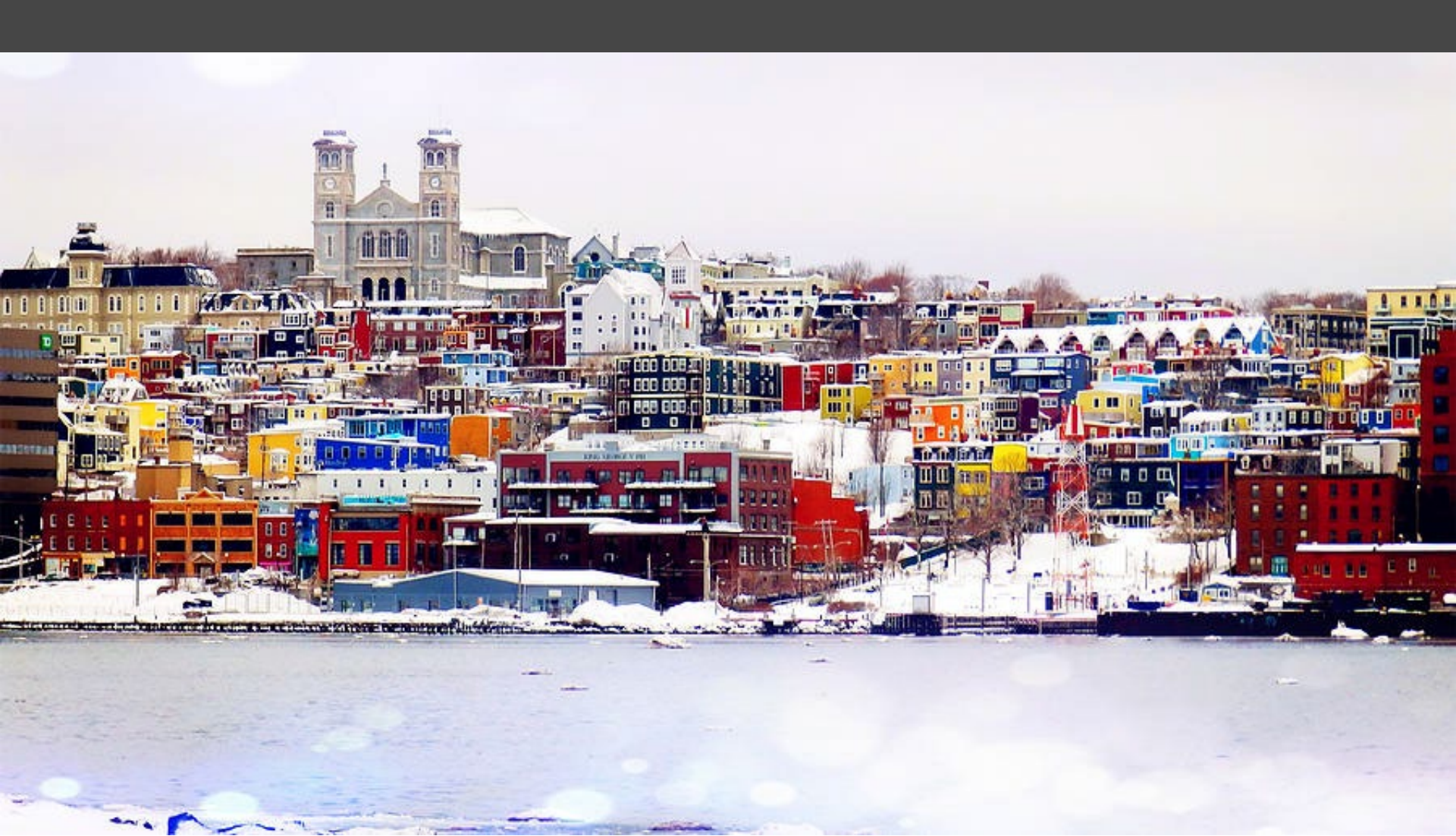
- Good vibes re EHSJ's evolving role
- Stay tuned for 2019-2204 Plan
- Visit EHSJ's new website at wecanendit.com

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End Homelessness St. John's exists to prevent and end homelessness in St. John's. Working collaboratively with community stakeholders, EHSJ is leading the implementation of the St. John's Community Plan to End Homelessness. Through the continuation of coordinated system-wide planning and EHSJ's leadership, St. John's will become the next community in Canada to end homelessness.



Thank You