

Crystal Coyazo, Project Manager

- Chicana/Apache
- Expertise lies in:
 - Health Equity
 - Culturally responsive services
- Manages projects supporting the local Native Community



BOS MOTION

IDENTIFY, SUPPORT, AND SERVE AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE (AIAN) POPULATION AT RISK OR EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

- 1) Assessment of AIAN homelessness
- 2) AIAN baseline counts and demographic characteristics from county departments
- 3) Recommendations to better capture AIAN homelessness data
- 4) Strategy to improve AIAN services
- 5) Assessment of culturally inclusive housing options



AIAN WORKGROUP Collaborators

Convened by
CEO – HI
(Lead)

Los Angeles City/County Native American Commission
(LANAIC)

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family
Services

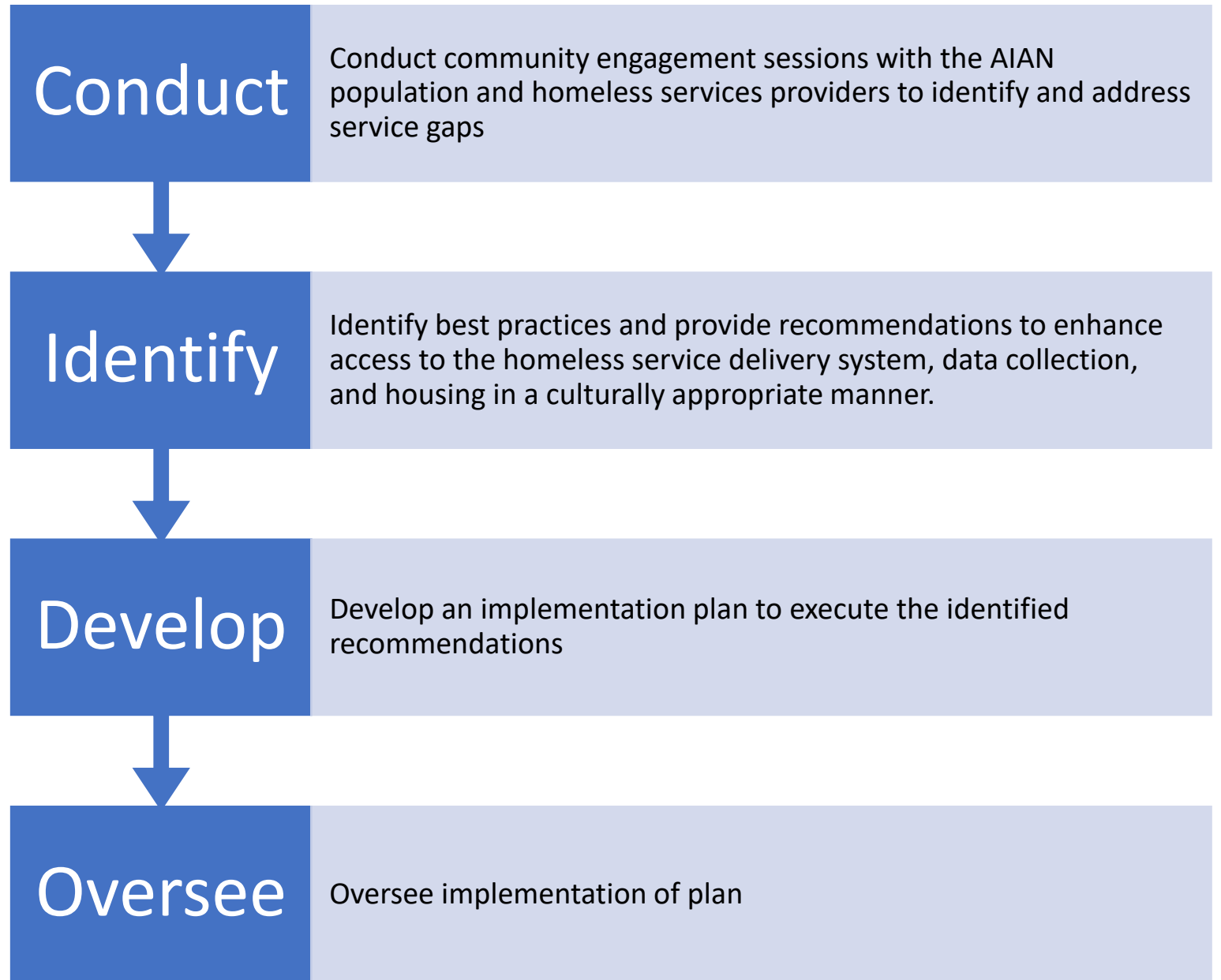
Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Los Angeles County Department of Probation

City of Los Angeles

Building on the existing work of the LANAIC, CEO-HI, Watson Consulting Group is charged with:



WHO IS AT THE TABLE?

United American Indian Involvement

- 501c3 Founded in 1974 in skid row
- Formed by two American Indian women
- Provides:
 - Health services
 - Substance and mental health services
 - Workforce development and training
 - Youth and Senior programming



WHO IS AT THE TABLE?

Pukúu Cultural Supportive Services

- 501c3 founded in 1971
- Formed by the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
- Has a variety of cultural programs for individuals' family and youth
- Provides emergency services
 - Food
 - Rental assistance



Who is at the Table?

Torres Martinez Tribal TANF

- Social services agency
- Formed by Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
- Funded primarily by federal government
- Provides
 - Temporary financial assistance
 - Education



Homekey2 Community Engagement Event

Partnership between LA County and the State of California that supports state, regional and local public entities in converting properties to Permanent or Interim Housing.

LA County BOS approved a motion to set aside funds to support Tribal entities in Los Angeles County pursuing Homekey Round2 funding from the state.

State and County eligibility criteria **includes non-federally recognized Tribes.**

Best Practice

Native American Connections

- Native American operated 501c3 founded 1972
- Has developed, owns, and manages 850 units of supportive and affordable housing across 21 buildings
- Serves as a specialized or “closed entry point” serving primarily AIAN people experiencing homelessness
- Offers a continuum of affordable housing
 - Permanent supportive housing
 - Transitional & emergency youth housing



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