

Regional Housing Council (RHC) Proposed Interim Governance Structure

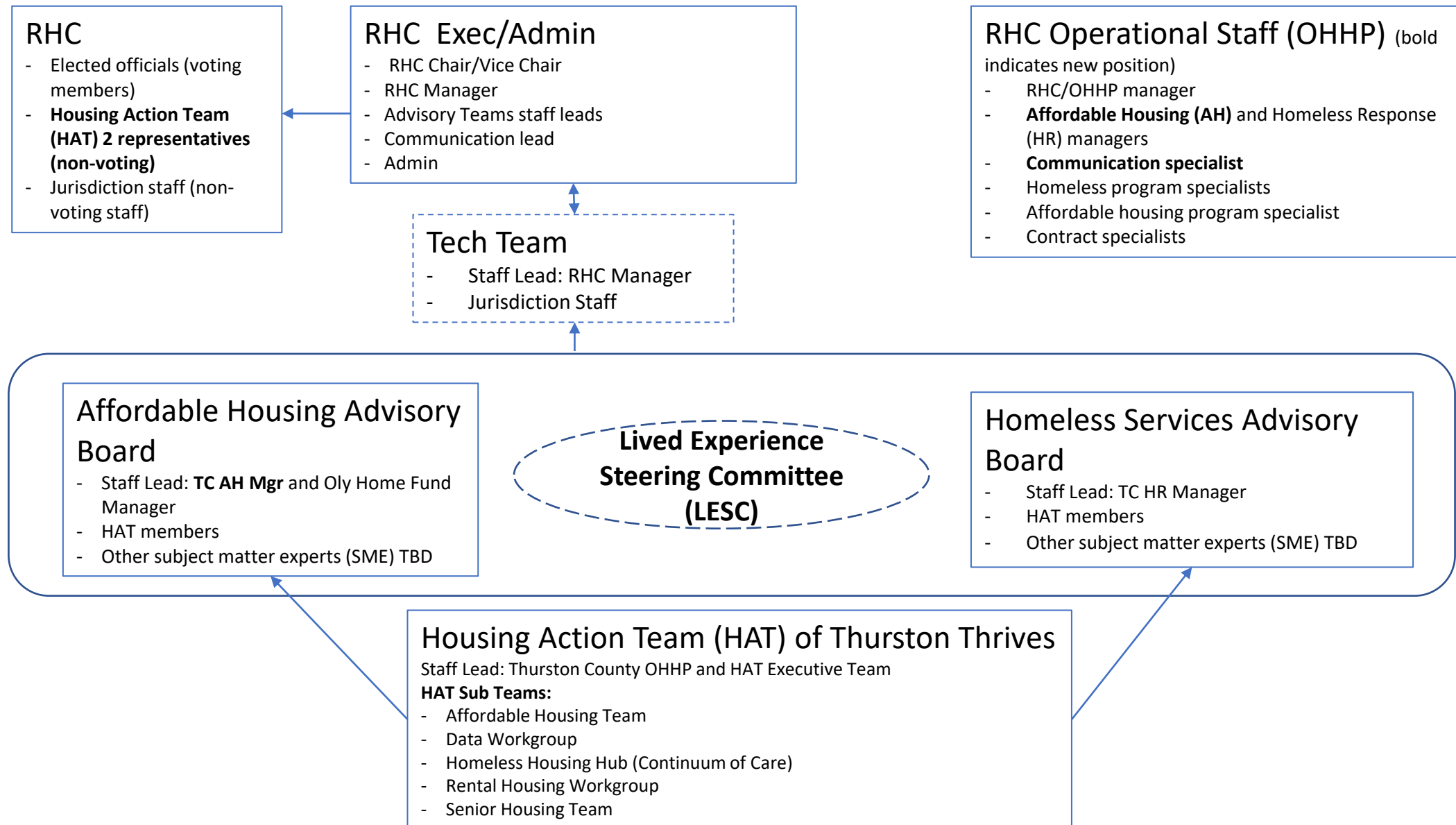
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RHC Governance Structure – Goals/Objectives

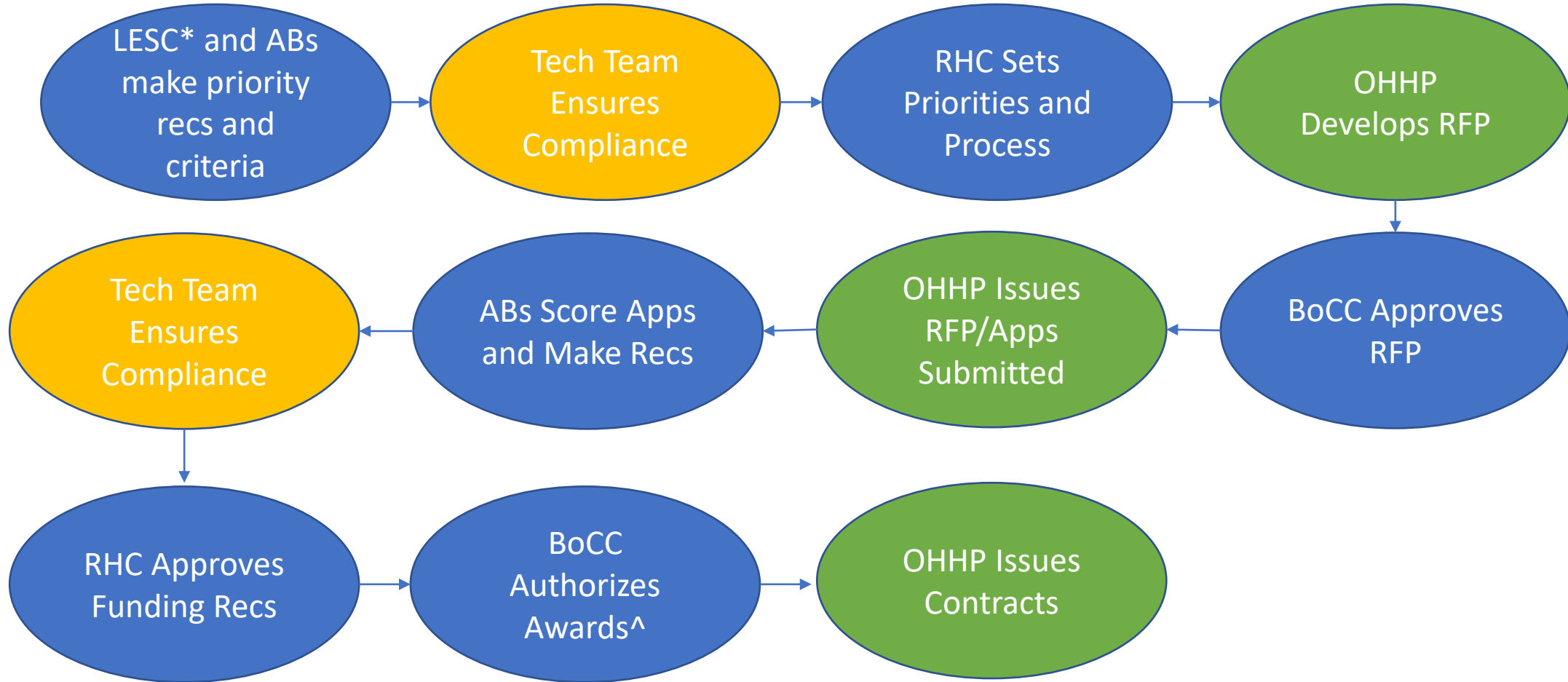
- Goal: Create a short-term governance structure for RHC that can be implemented in a short-time frame while a long-term governance structure of a more independent agency is under consideration.
- Guiding Principles:
 - Honor the work of the RHC-HAT retreat to continue to build trust
 - Support meaningful engagement with HAT/SME in RHC process
 - Incorporate Lived Experience Steering Committee into RHC
 - Incorporate requirement of a Home Fund Advisory Board
 - Provide greater clarity and transparency for funding decisions
 - Provide a structure/justification for staff support
 - Inform amendments to the RHC Interlocal Agreement

Regional Housing Council – Proposed Governance Structure - 2022

(Interim Structure until Independent RHC Created)



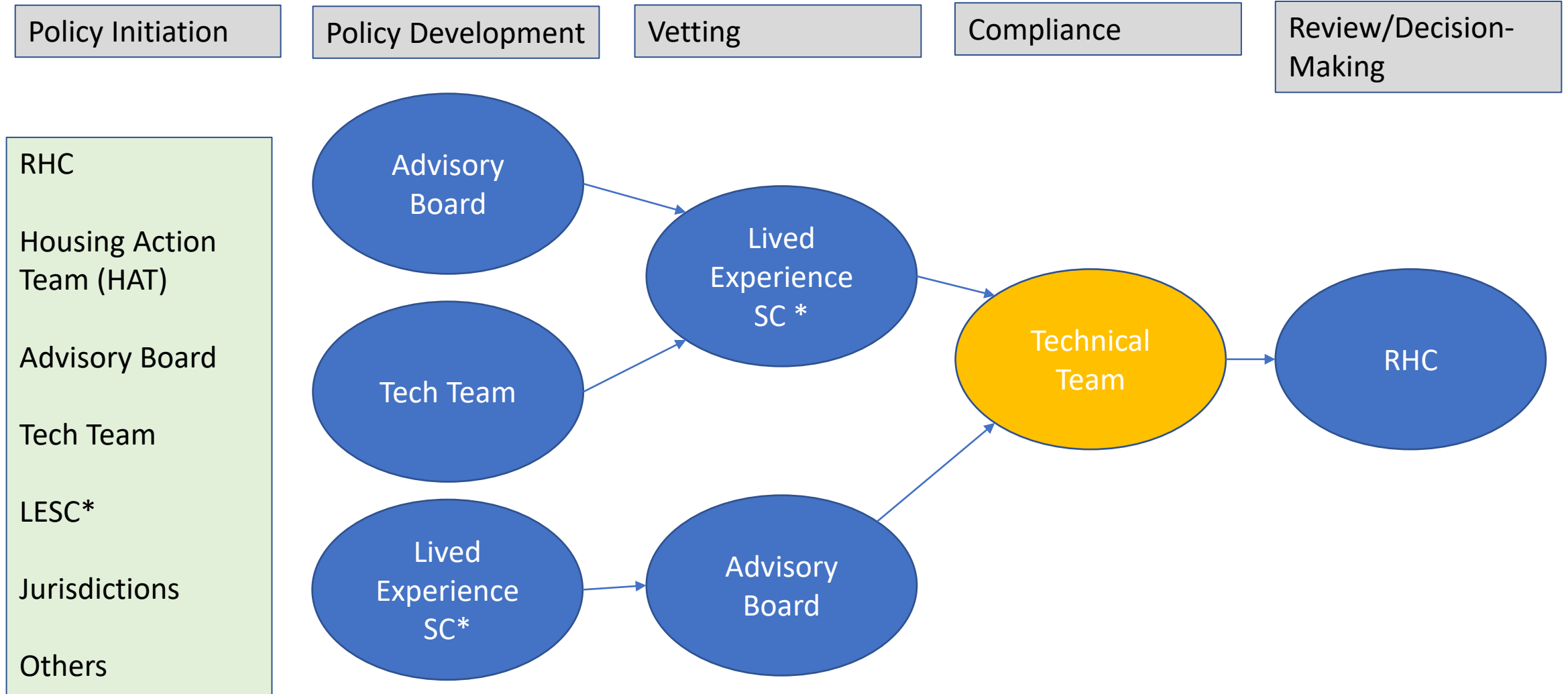
Proposed RHC Funding Cycle



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^If BoCC sends a funding rec back to RHC, RHC will determine how to address BoCC concern and whether to send it back to AB for further consideration

Proposed RHC Policy Process



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Roles and Responsibilities

- RHC
 - Set funding priorities
 - Make funding recommendations to BoCC
 - Make policy recommendations to jurisdictions
- RHC Exec/Admin
 - Set RHC meeting agendas
- RHC Operational Staff (Office of Housing and Homeless Prevention (OHHP))
 - Staff Advisory Boards
 - Implement procurement processes
 - Contract and performance management and compliance
 - Admin support

Roles and Responsibilities: Continued

- Affordable Housing and Homeless Services Advisory Board
 - Recommend funding priorities to RHC thru Tech Team
 - Review funding applications and make funding recommendations to RHC thru Tech Team
 - May develop non-funding policy recommendations or vet policy recommendations
 - Home Fund AB: Oversees HOME, County and Oly Home fund, 2060, 1406
 - Homeless Services AB: Oversees CHG/HEN, 2163, 1277, HSF
 - OHHP/Jurisdictions: COVID-related funds, ROW, misc
- Tech Team
 - Coordinate recommendations from Advisory Boards to ensure compliance and coordination.
 - Review non-funding policy recommendations for compliance and consistency
 - Coordination between jurisdictional staff on matters before RHC
- Lived Experience Steering Committee
 - May review funding priorities and provide input/recommendations to ensure priorities address racial disparities
 - May develop and/or review policy recommendations to ensure racial disparities are considered
 - May participate in Advisory Boards and RHC meetings
 - Specific roles and responsibilities of the LESC will be determined by LESC members and is under development

Lived Experience Steering Committee (LESC)

- In 2021, the RHC set aside \$150,000 for addressing racial disparities in the Homeless Crisis Response System (HCRS).
- In fall of 2021, an RFP was issued seeking a consultant to develop a model, recruit and facilitate a Steering Committee comprised of people with lived experience, specifically individuals with racial and ethnic identities over represented in the population of people experiencing homelessness and under-represented in decision making bodies.
- Confluence Consulting Northwest (CCN) was chosen as the agency to fulfill this work.
- CCN has successfully recruited up to 10 individuals with lived experience and will begin facilitating meetings with the LESG in October 2022.
- **The LESG was intentionally conceived to self-determine its membership, participation, and level of engagement with the HCRS, and will organically determine its level of participation in RHC advisory boards and other activities.**