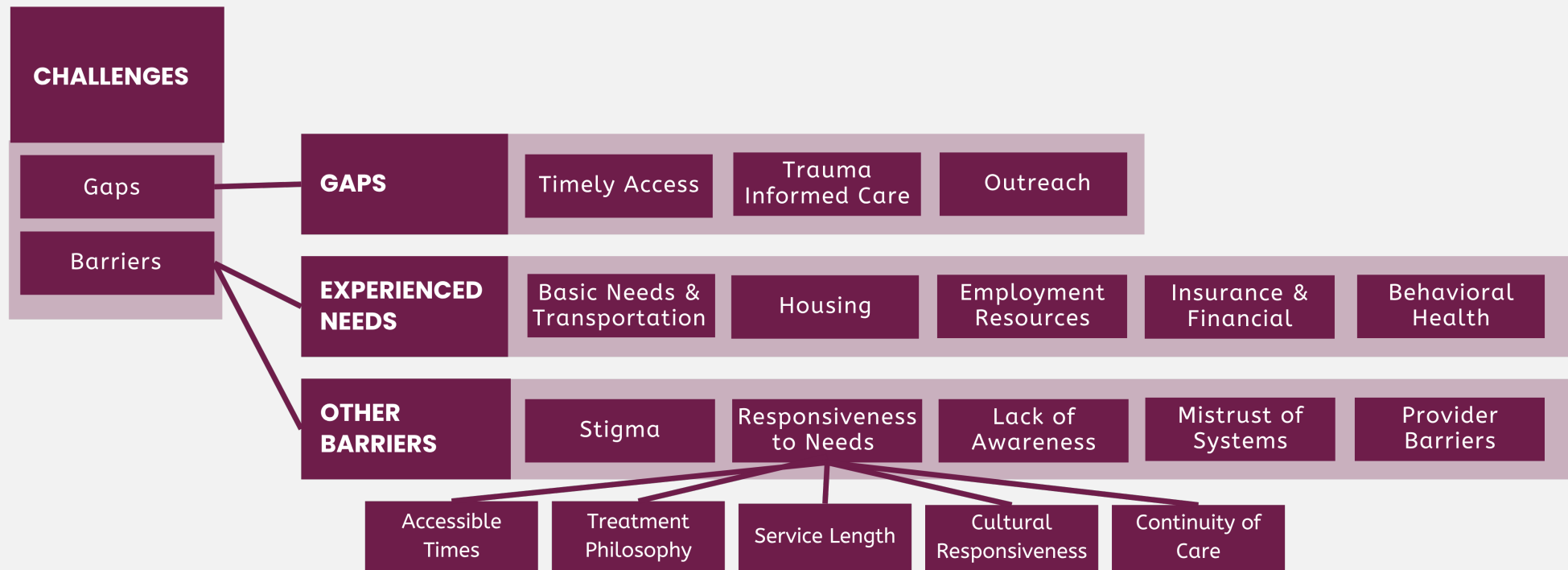
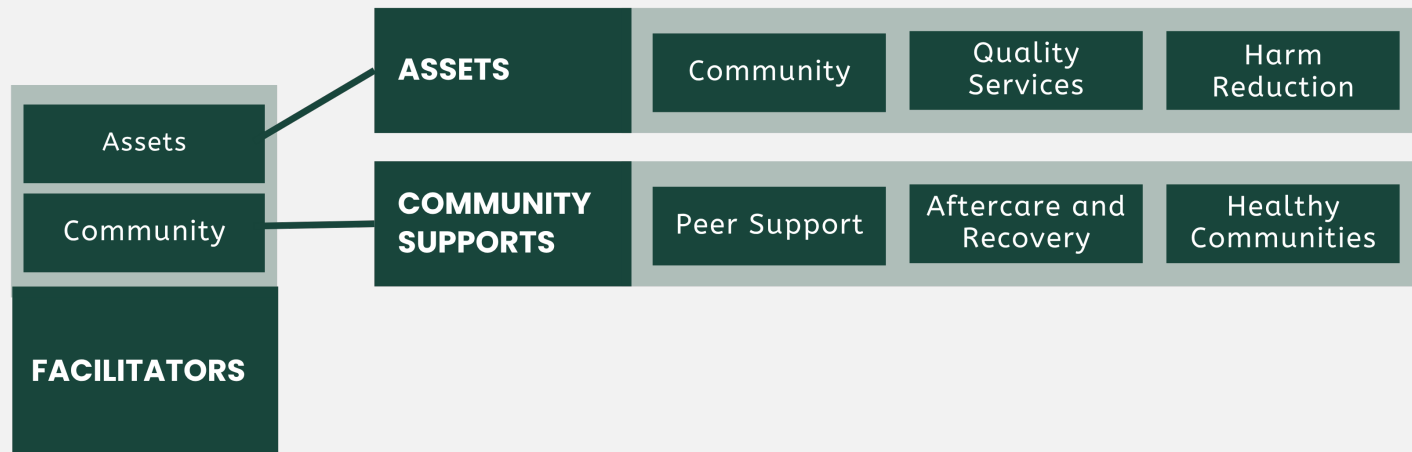




GENESEE COUNTY
OPIOID USE DISORDER
COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS



RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW

Support	community facilitators
Address	gaps
Address	experienced needs that prevent well-being and recovery
Address	stigma and lack of awareness
Increase	system responsiveness to individual needs
Address	provider barriers



SUPPORT COMMUNITY FACILITATORS



Build Community Supports



Build upon Existing Assets

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY SUPPORTS: RECOVERY SERVICES, HEALTHY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, AND PEER SERVICES

Recommendation: Support the expansion of Genesee County recovery community activities and services offered

Example Identified Actions:

- Create and expand recovery services that support the transition back into the community when exiting inpatient and recovery housing services
- Promote the expansion of recovery-safe spaces throughout the community

BUILD UPON ASSETS: GENESEE COUNTY HARM REDUCTION

Recommendation: Support the expansion of existing Genesee County harm reduction activities and support the expansion of harm reduction as wellness hubs

Example Identified Actions:

- Work with local community organizations to increase the number of harm reduction sites beyond the single Flint location that provide safer use, treatment referrals, and peer support
- Expand current harm reduction to include safe use spaces. This would create “one-stop” harm reduction centers that provide safe use supplies, safe use spaces, peer supports, testing services, and recovery referrals
 - Include drop-in mental health services and basic care resources like showers, clothing, and food in the centralized care center
- Support community co-design of hub programming to ensure accessibility and trust



ADDRESS GAPS



Increase timely access to care



Promote trauma-informed care



Expand Outreach and Engagement

INCREASE
TIMELY ACCESS
TO CARE



ADDRESS GAPS: INCREASE TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE

Recommendation: Expand clinic hours, flexible programming, and rapid response

Example Identified Actions:

- Fund extended hours at SUD clinics that include evenings and weekends
- Pilot virtual group programming for individuals balancing work and recovery
- Explore hiring additional intake staff or peer navigators to speed up enrollment and triage
- Support short-term “bridge” programs for individuals waiting for longer-term placement

PROMOTE
TRAUMA
INFORMED
CARE



ADDRESS GAPS: PROMOTE TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Recommendation: Expand trauma-informed programming

Example Identified Actions:

- Ensure all providers attend training for trauma-informed intake approaches
- Establish or expand additional trauma-specific recovery and treatment groups, and ensure gender-based and youth safe spaces
- Improve trauma responsiveness in correctional settings through training and environmental redesign

EXPAND OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT



ADDRESS GAPS: EXPAND OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Recommendation: Support culturally responsive outreach and education for adults and youth

Example Identified Actions:

- Fund Black-led community-based outreach teams focused on SUD education and engagement for youth and adults
- Partner with trusted messengers to reduce stigma and increase awareness
- Create multilingual and culturally relevant harm reduction and recovery campaign materials
- Expand culturally competent outreach efforts in Black and underserved communities

ADDRESS GAPS: EXPAND OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Recommendation: Support mobile and street-based engagement

Example Identified Actions:

- Fund peer recovery coaches or community health workers to conduct neighborhood-level canvassing (street outreach)
- Support pop-up engagement events in high-need areas (e.g., park outreach, food pantry drop-ins)
- Provide more engagement services in the community, including transportation, group activities, and education sessions



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ADDRESS EXPERIENCED NEEDS
THAT PREVENT WELL-BEING
AND RECOVERY



Support access to basic needs & transportation



Support access to housing



Support access to behavioral health services



Support access employment and financial resources

INCREASE ACCESS
TO BASIC NEEDS &
TRANSPORTATION



ADDRESS EXPERIENCED NEEDS: SUPPORT ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS & TRANSPORTATION

Recommendation: Develop strategies to increase access to basic needs across the county

Example Identified Actions:

- Expand resources that provide food, clothing, employment, and ID recovery for residents with SUD
- Expand transportation voucher and ride coordination programs for residents to access SUD services
- Increase flexible funding to address emergent individual needs during early recovery

INCREASE ACCESS TO HOUSING



ADDRESS EXPERIENCED NEEDS: INCREASE ACCESS TO HOUSING

Recommendation: Develop strategies to increase safe, affordable and supportive housing for residents with SUD

Example Identified Actions:

- Explore expanding access to low-barrier shelters for individuals in recovery throughout the county that also provide connections to SUD services
- Increase recovery housing options for families and individuals with children
- Prioritize access to recovery housing for justice-involved individuals and those exiting treatment
- Explore expanding long-term housing opportunities focused on recovery-safe spaces that connect individuals to supportive services

INCREASE ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



ADDRESS EXPERIENCED NEEDS: INCREASE ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Recommendation: Explore options to integrate mental health and substance use treatment

Example Identified Actions:

- Develop strategies to strengthen the capacity of substance use service providers in the county to assess, diagnose, and treat co-occurring SUD and psychiatric disorders

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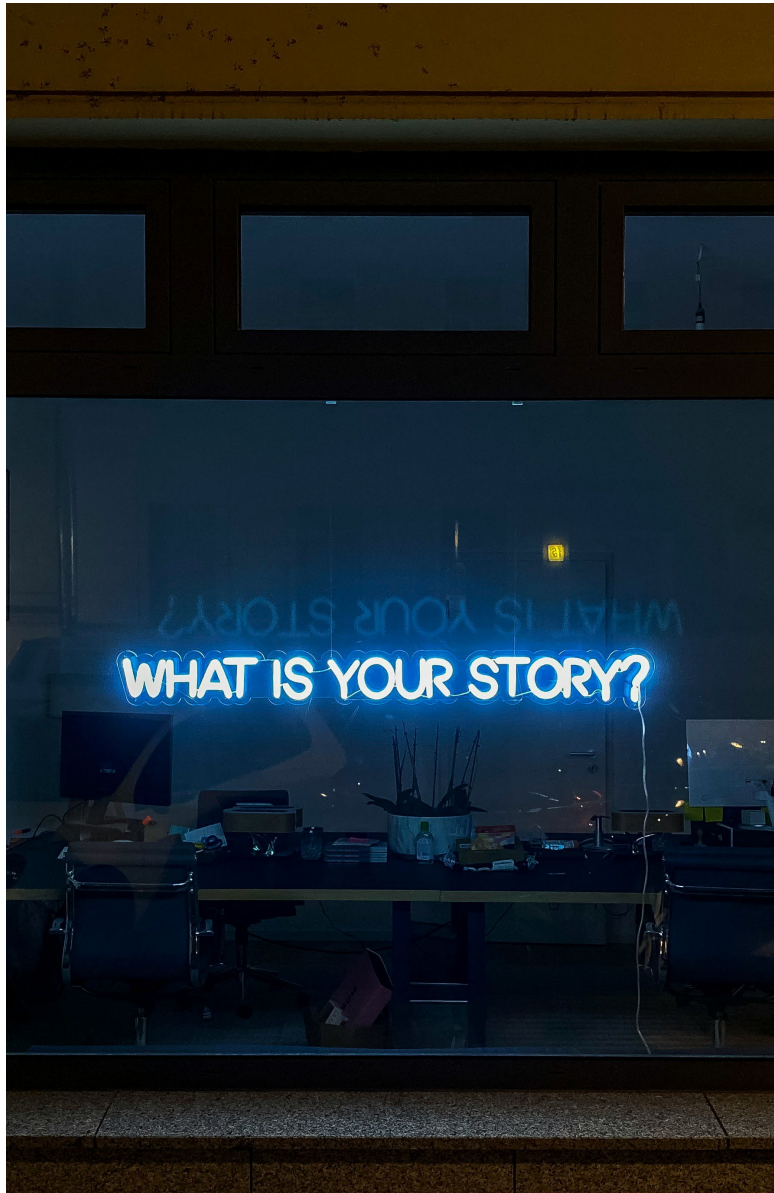
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ADDRESS EXPERIENCED NEEDS: INCREASE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Recommendation: Educate employers and support recovery-friendly workplaces

Example Identified Actions:

- Develop recovery-friendly workplace practices and work-placement programs that can be implemented throughout the county



ADDRESS STIGMA AND LACK OF AWARENESS



Promote Community Education about SUD



Train Helping Professionals

ADDRESS STIGMA AND LACK OF AWARENESS: PROMOTE COMMUNITY EDUCATION ABOUT SUD

Recommendation: Develop strategies and trainings to educate the general community and staff about SUD and to normalize recovery

Example Identified Actions:

- Develop multi-media campaigns to highlight recovery stories that:
 - Reflect diverse recovery paths
 - Highlight the importance of harm reduction
 - Affirm the use of nonjudgmental person-first language
 - Frame relapse as a time for compassion and re-engagement



INCREASE SYSTEM
RESPONSIVENESS TO
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

INCREASE SYSTEM RESPONSIVENESS TO INDIVIDUALS' NEEDS

Recommendation: Support cross-organization collaboration to build the capacity to flexibly meet the needs of all residents with SUD

Example Identified Actions:

- Build the capacity for existing providers to ensure services are offered at accessible times and in accessible locations
- Support existing providers to ensure services are evidence-based and reflect the diversity of residents in Genesee County
- Explore funding models that provide extended-length services, especially for residential services and recovery housing services
- Provide organization and staff training to increase culturally-responsive care
- Strengthen the capacity of organizations to provide continuity of care across systems and organizations



ADDRESS PROVIDER BARRIERS

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Recommendation: Build the capacity of organizations to support provider well-being

Example Identified Actions:

- Examine funding models that support appropriate provider pay-rates to reduce employee turnover



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS