NOTES from 1/10/22 SS4A meeting

From Laurie: I like this order, it looks good to me! I am interested in doing something like ‘paths to homelessness’ because there are so many….and it may help people relate. For example, medical bills, divorce, eviction, justice system involvement, family rejection or dysfunction, substance abuse, mental health, lack of education, lack of job training, aging out of the foster system, etc., etc. – exactly how all these things (or a lucky combination of them) may be a direct path to having no place to live – anyway, just a thought. I like the idea of re-ordering what we have and going from there.

From Catherine:

* "there are very few homeless women" -the unique challenges homeless women face and how DV and things like that can lead to homelessness for women
* "if you give money to a homeless person panhandling then they will just spend it on drugs"

From Stacy: are these materials helpful for parents to talk about homelessness & housing insecurity with kids? or can you adapt some of the materials?

From Cindy: Great public library program

From Maureen:

* Match the pathways to the systems listed in the Prevention section of the Comp Plan
* Did you see yesterday’s Seattle Times? - list of systems that failed one woman
* I’ve got a SAMI student who wants to be involved…

From Rob: It may not be the most effective way to talk about homelessness, but I have been known to say that there are nearly as many paths to become homeless as there are people who are currently homeless. But there are some common threads, most notably that housing has become unaffordable for a wide segment of our community. Wages have not kept up with rising housing costs.

# UNSHELTERED: Critical Issues

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MYTHBUSTERS: Homelessness

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