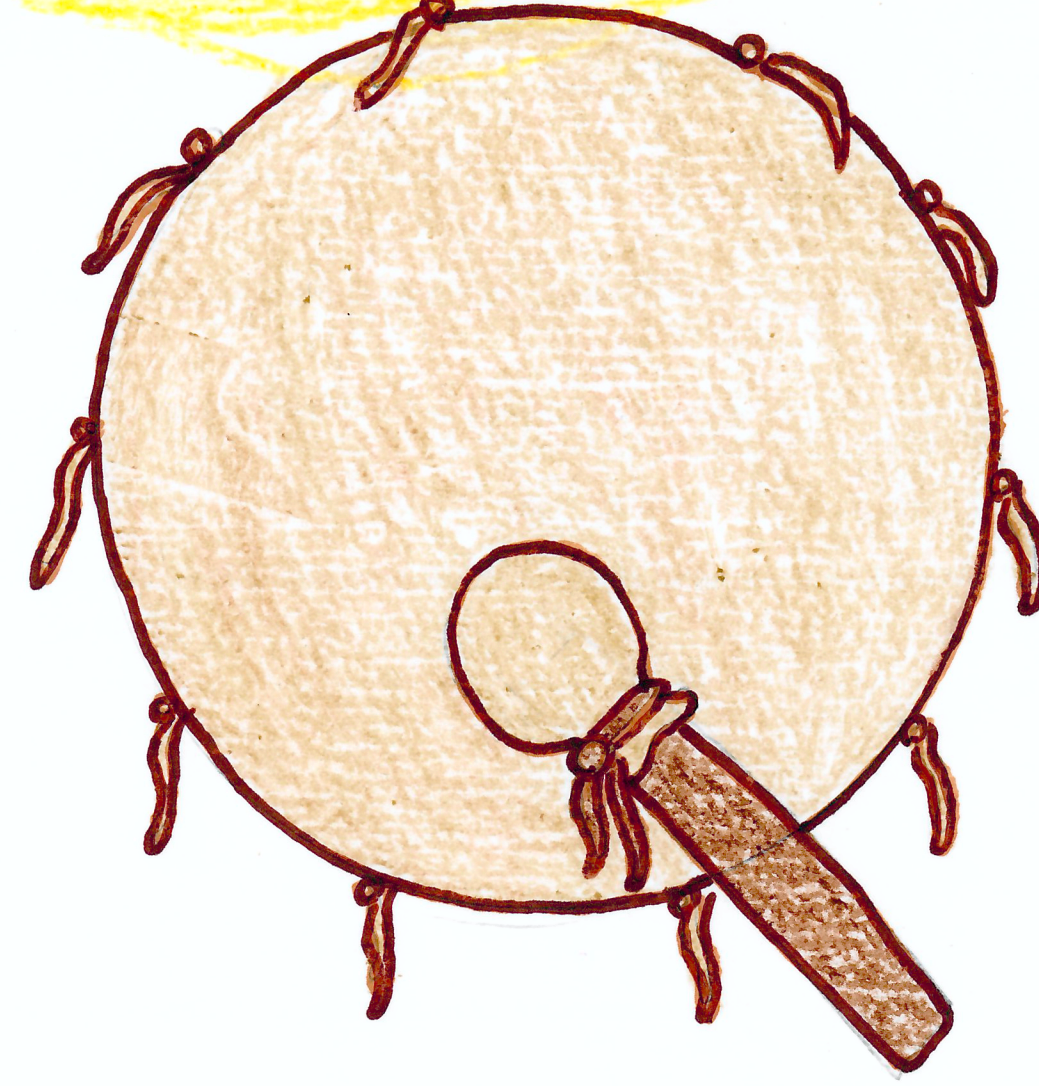


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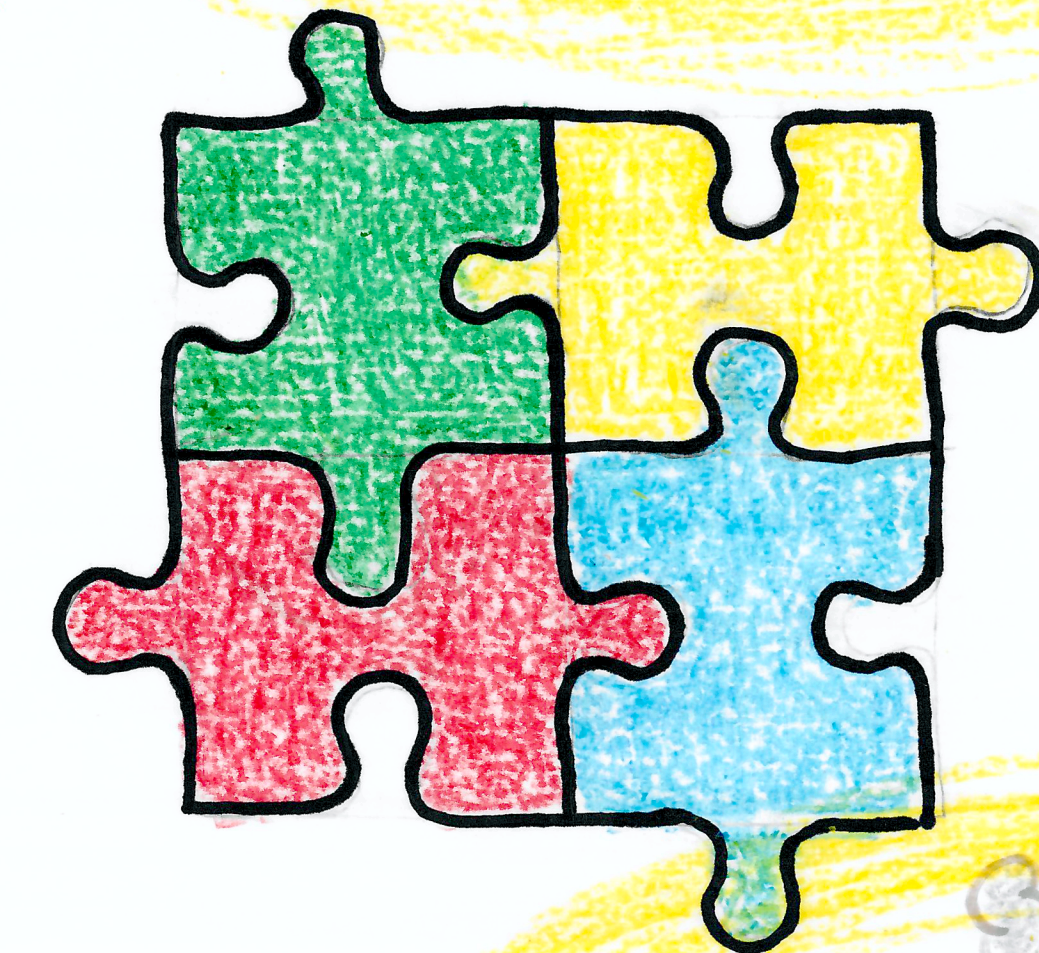


WELCOME, OPENING BLESSING,  
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:  
ELDER ROBERT GEORGE.

WHAT IS THE FIRST THING  
THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN  
YOU THINK OF HOMELESSNESS??

IMAGINE YOU GET A  
TEXT TONIGHT FROM SOMEBODY  
ASKING FOR A PLACE TO STAY,  
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

KINDNESS, COMPASSION,  
LOVE, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT  
ARE THEY KINDS OF VALUES  
THAT WILL HELP US  
ACHIEVE OUR GOALS

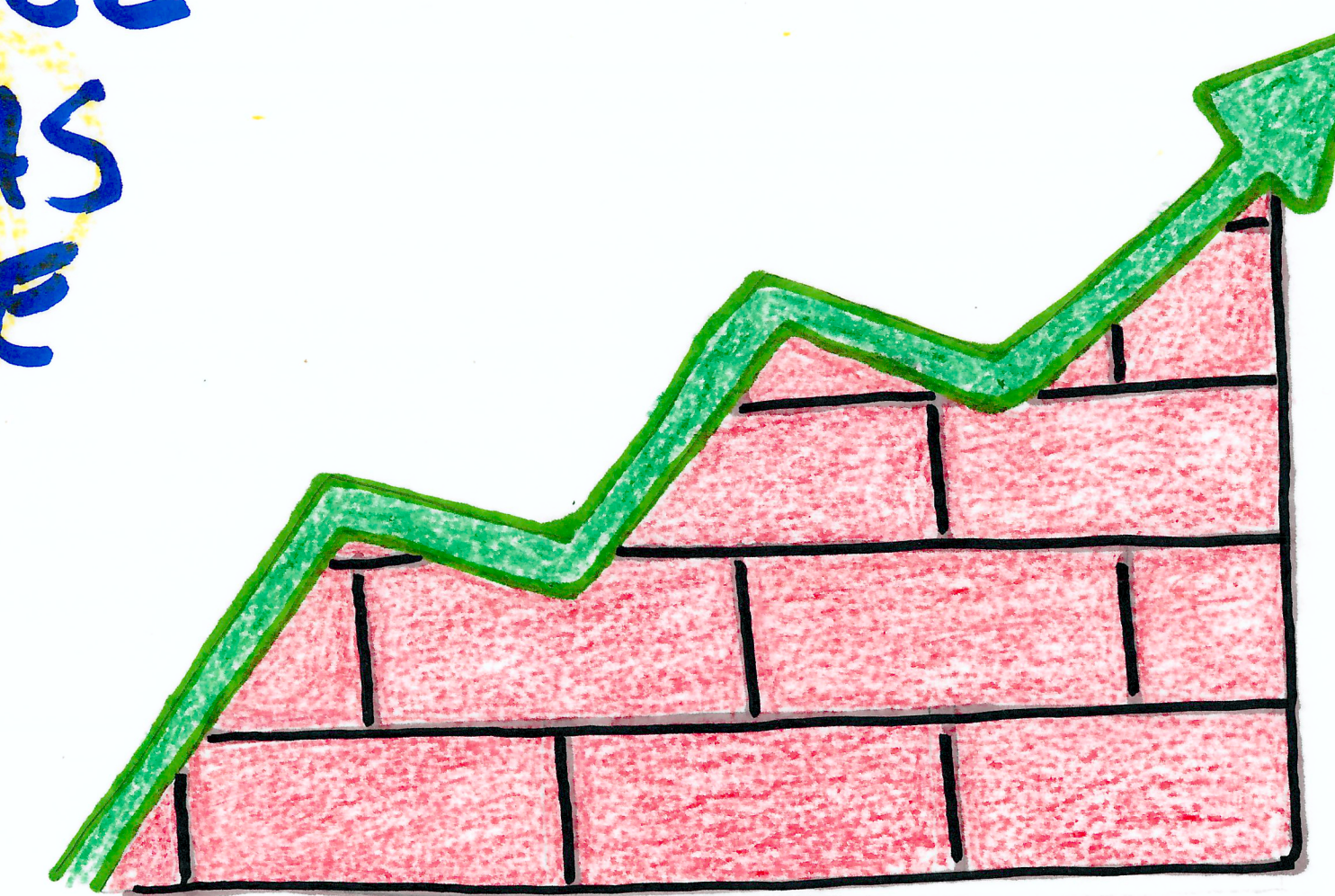


WORKING TOGETHER.  
WE CAN ACCOMPLISH  
ANYTHING!

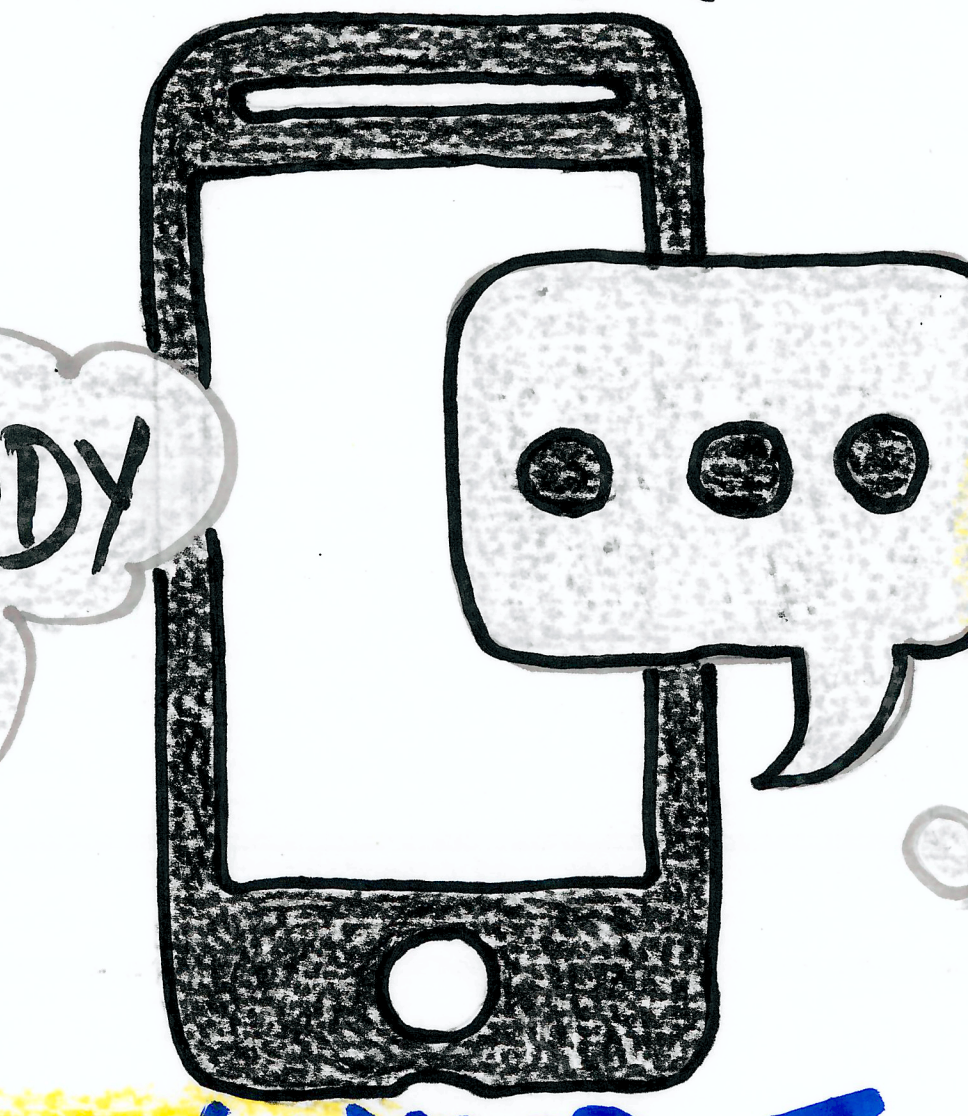
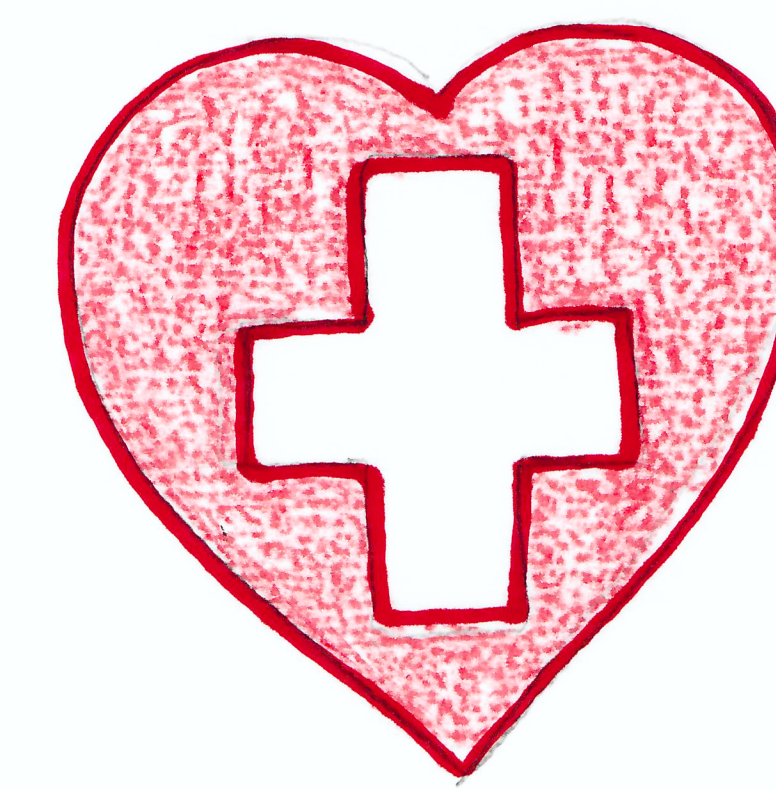
THE GOAL IS TO  
HONOUR ALL THE HARD  
WORK THAT HAS ALREADY  
BEEN DONE, AND HOW TO  
MOVE FORWARD



IT IS THE HIGH LEVEL  
GOVERNMENT THAT HAS  
THE POWER TO MAKE  
CHANGE.



GOAL STATEMENT:  
THE GOAL OF THIS SESSION IS  
TO CREATE A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN  
ACTION PLAN TO HELP IMPROVE  
THE SYSTEM OF HOUSING AND  
HEALTH SERVICES IN COWICHAN.



YOUTH AGING  
OUT IS A PRIORITY

HOUSING SUBSIDIES  
IS A TANGIBLE ACTION

WE REALLY NEED TO  
BUILD OFF OF WHAT WE  
ALREADY KNOW IN ORDER  
TO BE EFFICIENT WITH  
THE LIMITED RESOURCES  
WE HAVE

COMMUNITY SUPPORT  
SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS  
IS A TANGIBLE ACTION

FORGET HOUSING, FIRST  
WE ARE JUST FIGHTING TO  
KEEP OUR YOUTH ALIVE.

MENTAL HEALTH  
IS A PRIORITY!!!

PROVIDING SUPPORT  
TO YOUTH AT A MUCH  
EARLIER AGE IS A  
TANGIBLE ACTION.

MINIMIZING THE #  
OF PEOPLE AT RISK  
IS A PRIORITY.

EDUCATING PEOPLE  
ON REAL LIFE STORIES  
OF HOMELESSNESS IS  
A PRIORITY

PODCASTS, SOCIAL MEDIA,  
AND MARKETING CAMPAIGNS  
ARE ALL TANGIBLE ACTIONS

"WELCOME TO MY  
LIVING ROOM"  
ACKNOWLEDGE  
HOMELESS PEOPLE'S  
EXISTENCE IS A  
PRIORITY

INCREASING THE  
AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING IS A TANGIBLE  
ACTION

1-1 SUPPORT  
FOR ALL IS A  
TANGIBLE ACTION

HONOURING THE HISTORICAL  
CONTEXT OF WHAT LED TO  
INDIGENOUS HOMELESSNESS  
IS A PRIORITY.

PRIORITIES IN COMMUNICATION  
AND EDUCATION TO END  
STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION.



CREATING SAFE SPACES  
FOR CONVERSATION TO OCCUR  
IS A TANGIBLE ACTION

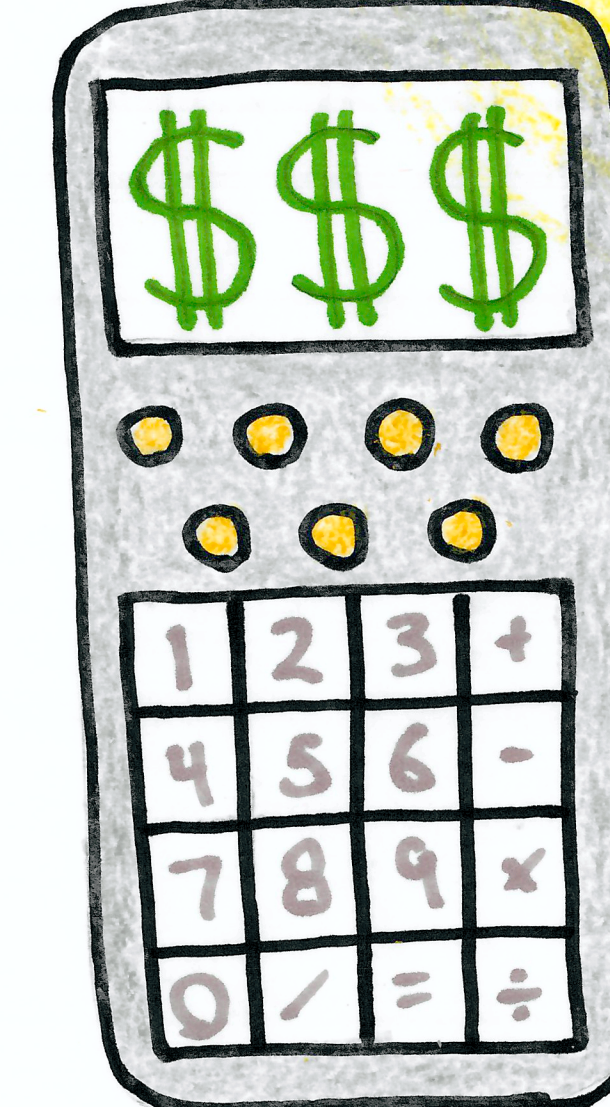
IDENTIFYING THE  
GAPS IN WHO IS AN WHO  
ISN'T COVERED UNDER THE  
EXISTING SUPPORT SYSTEMS  
IS A PRIORITY

DETERMINE CAPACITY NEEDS  
TO INFORM FUNDING REQUIREMENTS  
IS A TANGIBLE ACTION

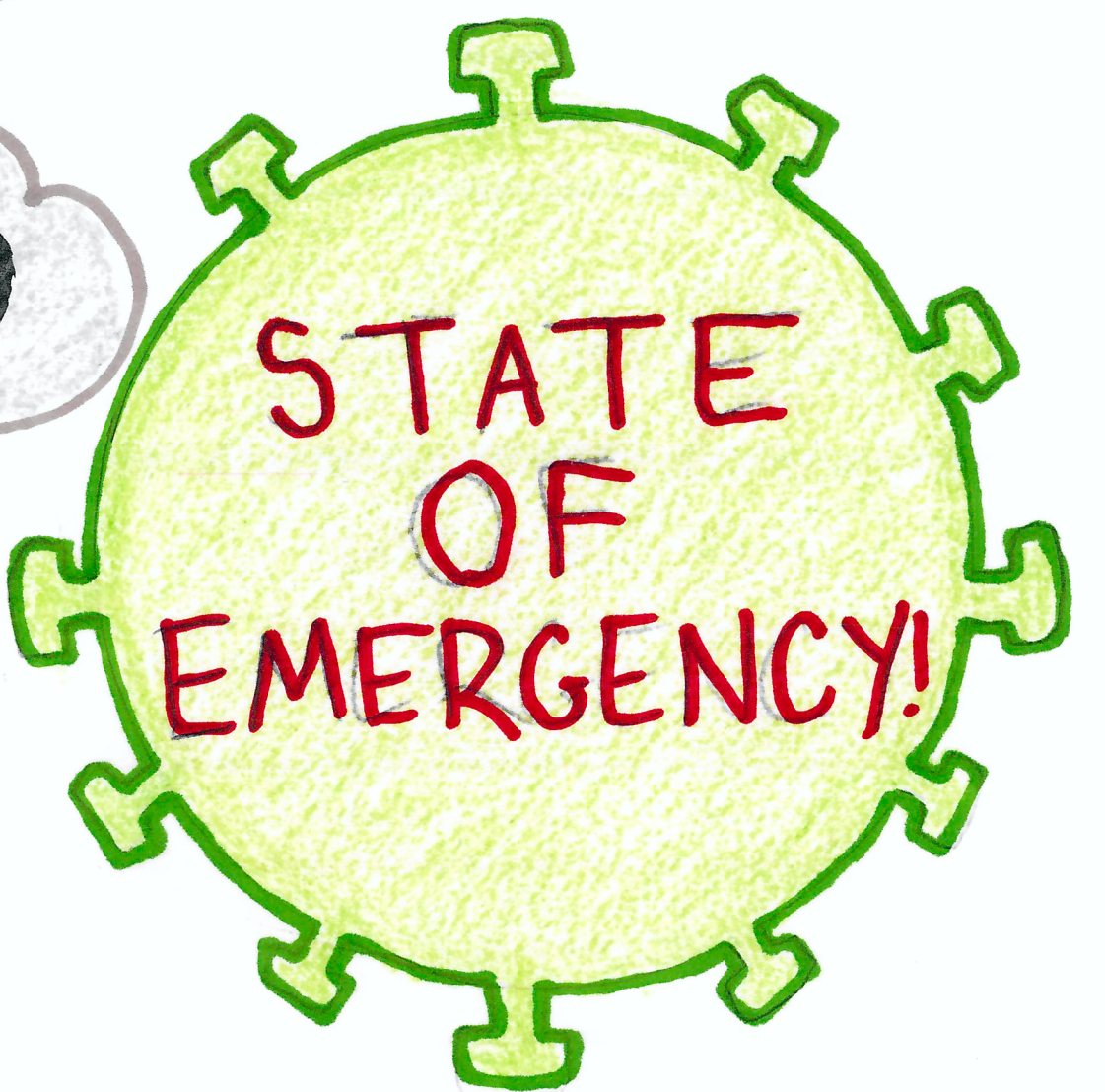
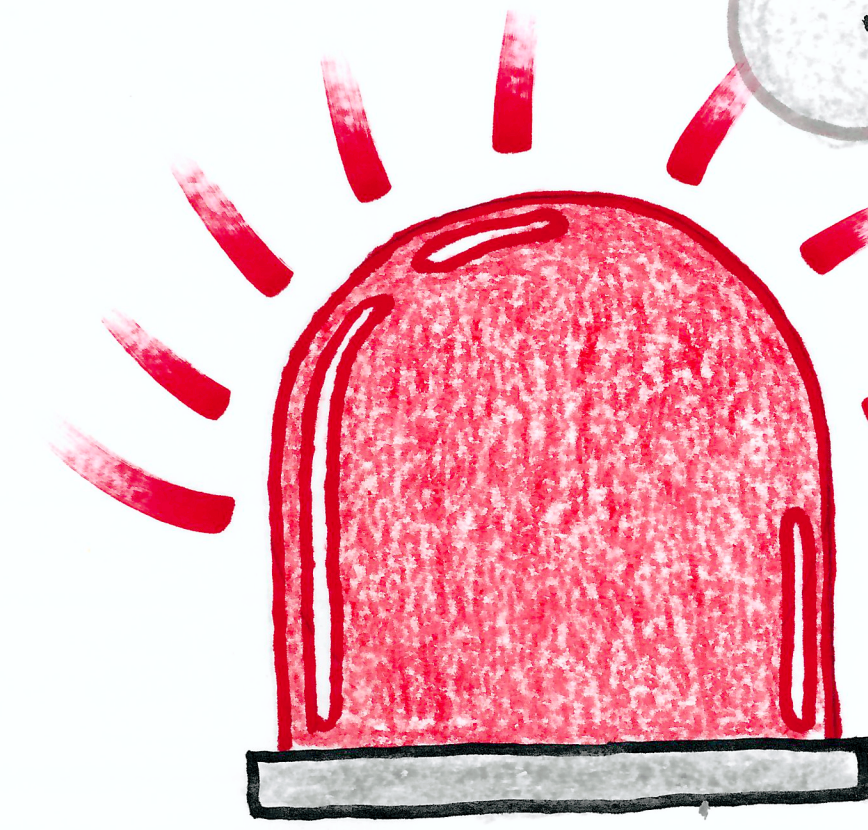
PRIORITIES IN COLLABORATION  
AND LEADERSHIP.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE HOUSING AND  
HOMELESSNESS COALITION  
IS A PRIORITY

FUNDING MANAGEMENT  
IS A PRIORITY.



DECLARING HOMELESSNESS  
A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IS A  
TANGIBLE ACTION. WE HAVE  
SEEN WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED  
THROUGH CRISIS RESPONSE.  
(COVID-19)



NEXT STEPS AND  
CLOSING COMMENTS

IF WE CAN REALLY ACCESS  
THE RESOURCES FROM HIGH-LEVEL  
GOVERNMENT, THERE IS A LOT  
OF VERY KNOWLEDGABLE PEOPLE  
IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE  
CAPABLE OF MAKING MEANINGFUL  
CHANGE.

WE KNOW WHAT  
NEEDS TO BE DONE,  
WE NEED TO CONVINCE  
PEOPLE THAT ITS WORTH  
THEIR INVESTMENT.