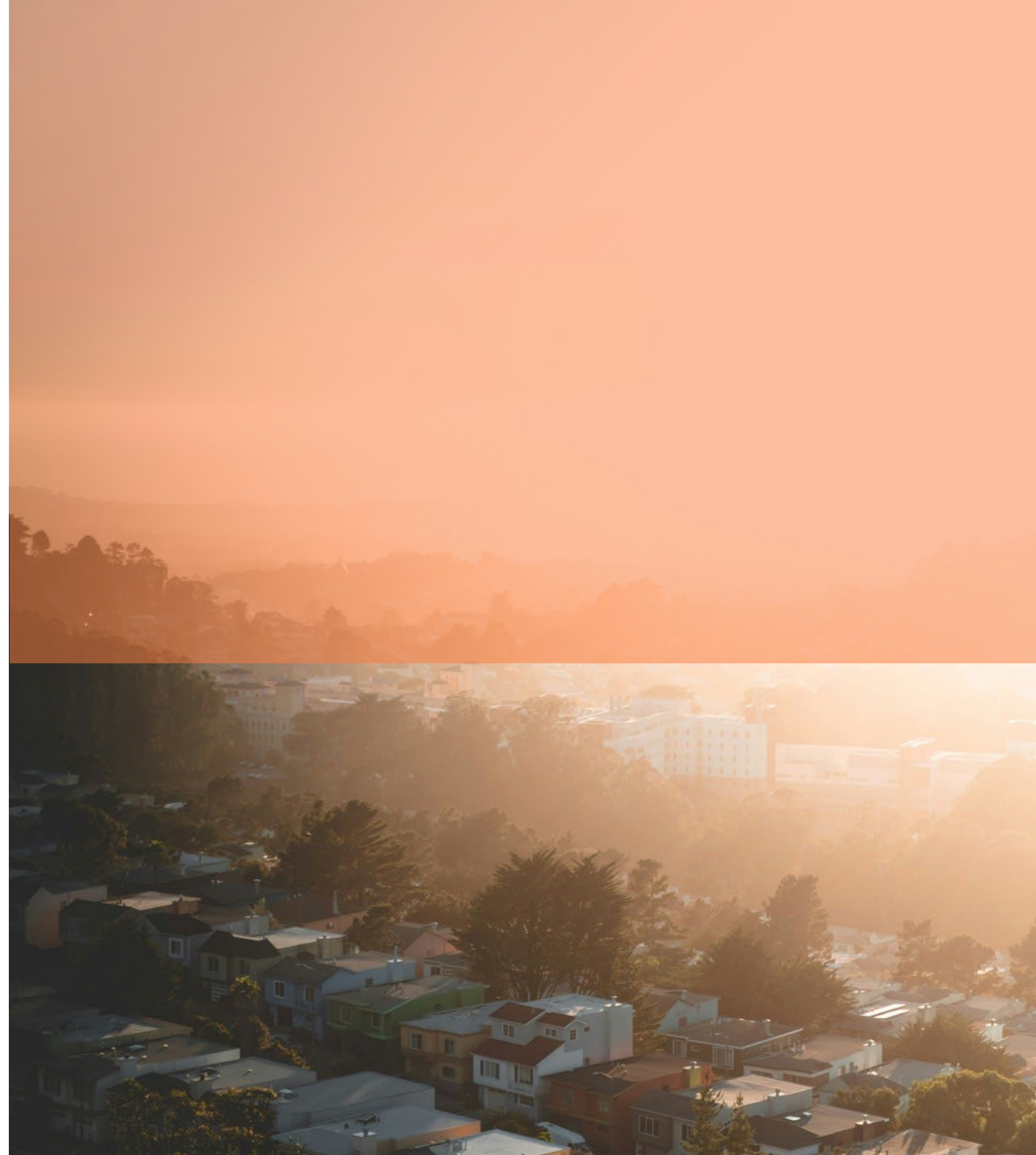




# Innovation Partnership Fund (IPF) Listening Session



California Commission for Behavioral Health  
*Program Advisory Committee*

# Innovation Partnership Fund

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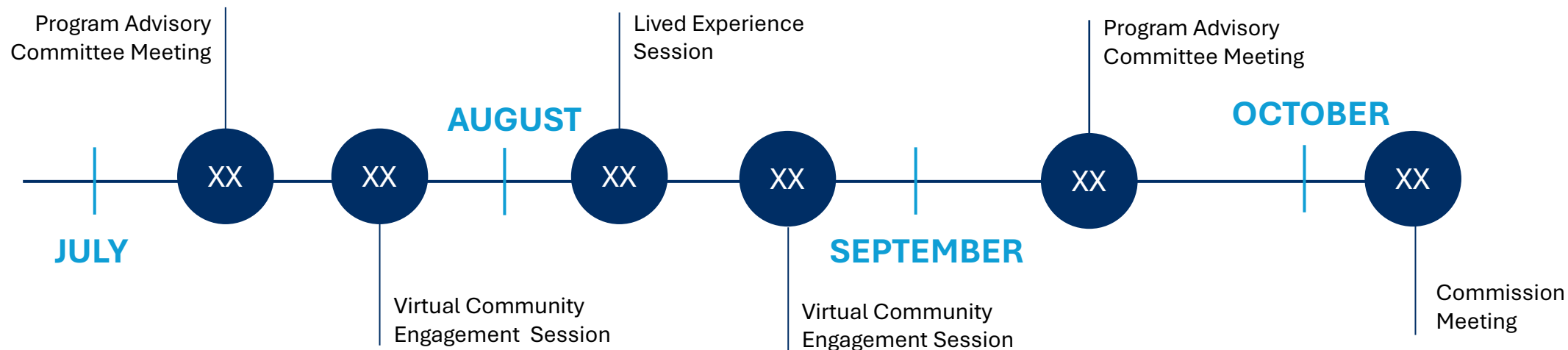
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## HOW TO ENGAGE?



Join the Program Advisory Committee meetings.



Participate in the virtual community engagement sessions.



Provide written feedback online via CBH website.

# CONTEXT

This conversation builds on a thoughtful and evolving dialogue the Commission has engaged over the past several meetings regarding the Innovation Partnership Fund.

Those discussions and the *Call for Concepts* have surfaced key ideas, themes, and questions to help guide and spark the next phase of deliberation.

Themes raised by Commissioners and the public.....



# **INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP FUND: TARGET POPULATION & PROJECT PURPOSE**



# Target Population

**To be considered innovative under this Fund, projects must focus on the following Behavioral Health Services Act Priority Populations:**

Children and youth who satisfy one of the following:

- Are chronically homeless or experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Are in, or at risk of being in, the juvenile justice system
- Are reentering the community from a youth correctional facility
- Are in the child welfare system pursuant to W&I Code sections [300](#), [601](#), or [602](#)
- Are at risk of institutionalization

Adults and Older Adults who satisfy one of the following:

- Are chronically homeless or experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Are in, or at risk of being in, the justice system
- Are reentering the community from state prison or county jail
- Are at risk of conservatorship
- Are at risk of institutionalization

Welfare and Institutions Code § 5892(d)

# IPF Project Purposes

**IPF programs and practices shall be designed for the following purposes:**

- Improving Behavioral Health Services Act programs and practices for the following groups:
  - Underserved populations
  - Low-income populations
  - Communities impacted by other behavioral health disparities.
  - Other populations, as determined by the Behavioral Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.
- Meeting statewide Behavioral Health Services Act goals and objectives.

Welfare and Institutions Code § 5845.1.

# IPF Project Purposes

IPF programs and practices shall be designed for the following purposes:

**Together, these provisions provide a clear statutory mandate: Proposition 1 funding must be directed toward those populations with the highest behavioral health needs who often face structural barriers. Projects must align with these Behavioral Health Services Act goals of the BHSA and demonstrate innovation in serving priority populations, as defined in law.**

Welfare and Institutions Code § 5845.1.



# DEFINING INNOVATION

# Proposed Definition

**“Innovation” would be defined as a new or adapted approach to solving persistent problems in California’s behavioral health system— especially those that relate to equity, access, workforce shortages, and service fragmentation.**

## **To be considered innovative under this Fund, a project must:**

- Advance new models, tools, partnerships, or technologies not yet widely implemented in California, this may include adopting or scaling efforts underway in one county but that could be scaled in other counties;
- Introduce or scale practical, community defined evidence based practices that increase access to prevention, treatment, and recovery supports—particularly for historically underserved populations and inclusive of harm reduction approaches;
- Demonstrate a clear break from the status quo, not simply incremental improvements to existing programs or efforts, but a concerted deviation from those efforts; and
- Be actionable and ready for real-world implementation, not solely focused on concepts, research, or pilot testing.

Innovation may include ideas from other sectors or geographies, adaptation of promising practices, or bold new models co-created with people with lived experience. At its core, innovation is about transforming how we deliver care—with impact, equity, and dignity.

# REFLECTION

- Does this definition resonate with you?
- What would you change about this definition?

# ESTABLISHING PILLARS

# Proposed Pillars

The Innovation Partnership fund would focus its initial investments on three strategic pillars, in alignment with the goals of the Program Advisory Committee.

- **Youth:** Prevention and Early Intervention at a Population Level
- **Workforce:** Expanding Peer, Traditional, and Non-Traditional Providers to Align with Community Needs
- **Connection:** Enhancing Quality and Integration of Behavioral Health Systems and Services



# REFLECTION

- Do these pillars resonate with you?
- Is there a pillar you would recommend we remove?
- Is there a pillar you would recommend we add?

# SETTING PRIORITIES



# Proposed Pillars

The Innovation Partnership fund would focus its initial investments on three strategic pillars, in alignment with the goals of the Program Advisory Committee.

- Equity
- Financing and Sustainability
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Lived Experience and Community Leadership
- Alignment with State Efforts
- Demonstrate Agility and Lean Process Integration



# REFLECTION

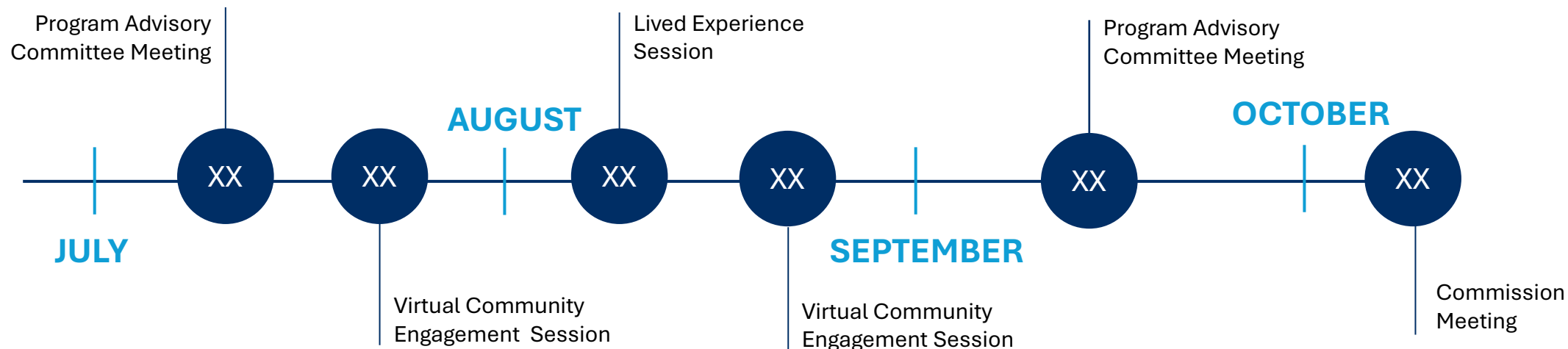
- Do these priority areas resonate?
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