



Coalition Meeting

10:30-Noon

September 4, 2025

In-person meeting @ Town of Truckee

Presentation, Updated 9.08.25

Agenda | 10:30-Noon

- **Welcome**
 - Coalition Roll Call
- **Meeting Overview**
 - Agenda, Speak Your Peace
- **Presentation: Coalition Charter**
 - Discuss, Approve
- **Presentation: Navigation Center Pilot**
 - Q & A
 - Public Comment
 - Coalition Decision

Coalition Roll Call

Coalition Co-Chairs

- Town of Truckee, Mayor, Jan Zabriskie
- Nevada County, Supervisor, Hardy Bullock
- Homeless Advocate, Cindy Basso (Remote)

- Community Voice, Homeless Advocate
- Nevada County
- North Tahoe Truckee Homeless Services / AMI Housing
- Placer County
- Sierra Community House
- Tahoe Forest Hospital Health Systems
- Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation
- Town of Truckee
- Truckee Chamber
- Truckee Library
- United for Action, COAD

Today's Meeting Objectives

1. Coalition Charter—review
2. Navigation Pilot Models—review, decide

Meeting Agreements

- Be respectful
- Lean in, lean out
- Listen
- Be part of the solution

Coalition Charter

Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition (HANDOUT)

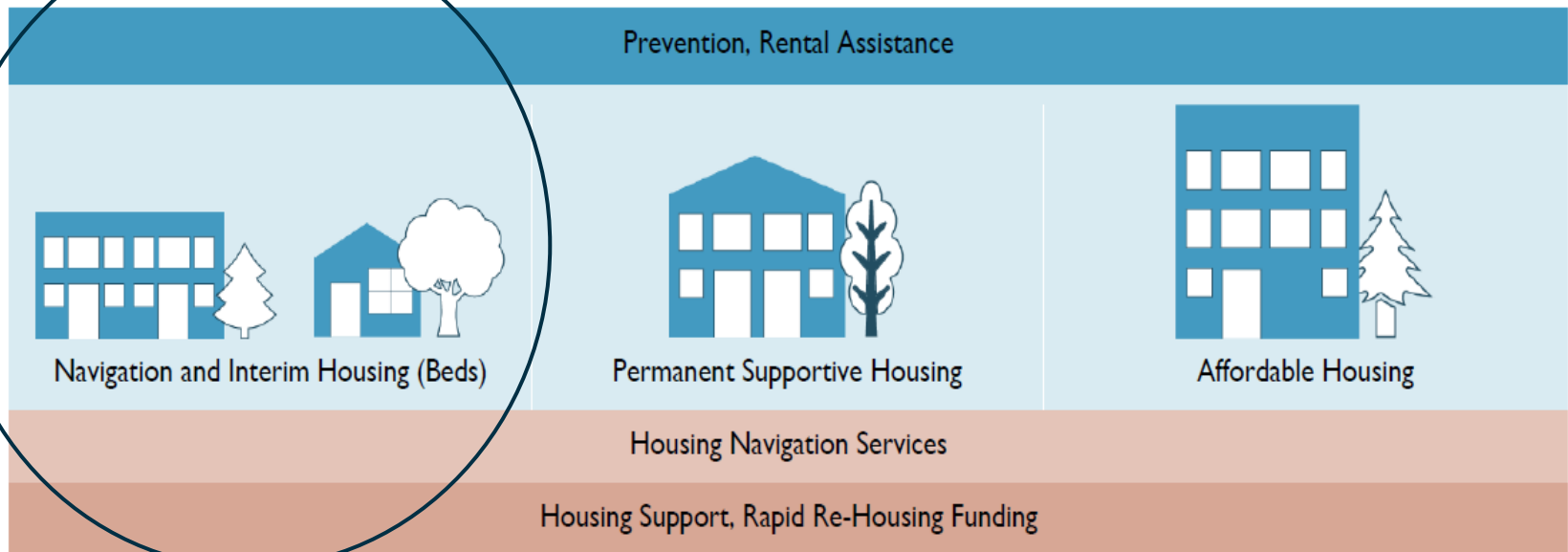
Next Steps: Vote on Final Charter at October 2025 Meeting

Navigation Center Pilot Update

Moving Action Forward

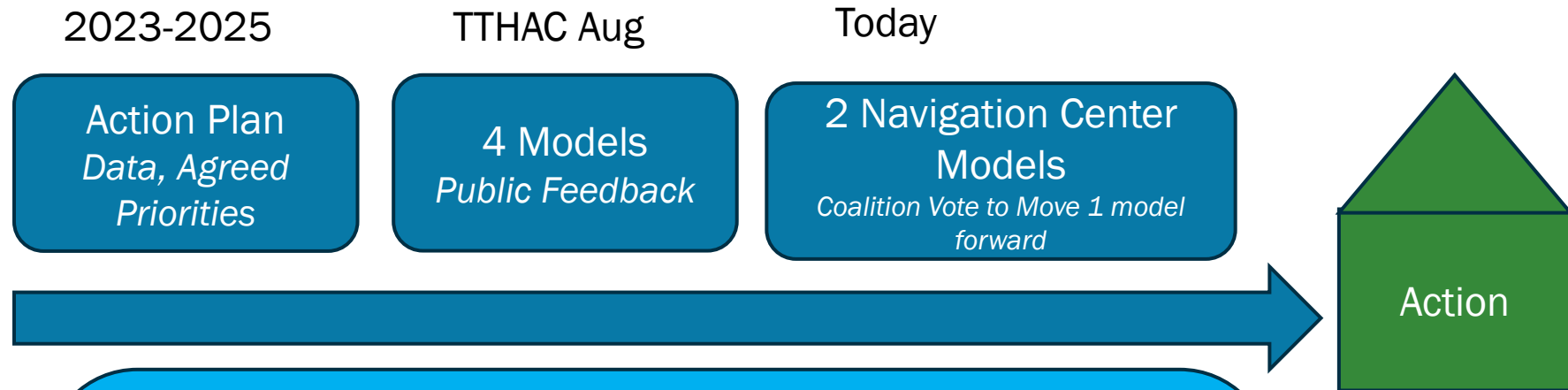
Reminder: Where Navigation Center Fits

Figure 8. Tahoe Truckee Homeless Continuum – The Action Plan Focus



Provides a key step
towards stability and
housing

Planning Process So Far



Aug Meeting Highlights

- 55 participants
- Action=priority, Do something this winter!
- Understanding of barriers (funding, site, operator)
- Public agencies key to success
- Strong support for whatever is most practical and achievable by winter (Scaled down option)

**Consensus Needed
Today –
*Critical elements to
unlock action***

Decisions Today: Critical Elements to Unlock Action

Timing

Navigation
Center Pilot
Models (2)

Location

Model A: Navigation
Center (no drop-in
shelter)

Model B: Navigation
Center (with drop-in
shelter)

1: Timing

Is it a priority to get something smaller in place this winter or work for a larger, longer-term solution?

Timing

2025 CALENDAR

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Timing Considerations:

Do we take our time, or try to get something in place for winter?

- If we take our time, we can consider ideal models, wait for funding, go through extended site selection.
- If we shoot for winter it limits what is possible
 - If we don't hit December, we go for January, February, etc
 - We may not have capacity to plan for and fund two strategies at once

2. Navigation Center Pilot Model Decision

Model A: Navigation Center (no drop-in shelter)

Model B: Navigation Center with drop-in shelter

Which of these model gets us to our desired outcomes and timing? Which one is most feasible?

Background: Budget considerations for both models

Short-term model

Will need funds in hand now in order to contract for services, will require local funding commitments from public agencies.

Long-term model

Allows for time to pursue grants, build philanthropy case for giving

Model A: Navigation Center- No drop-in shelter

- **Capacity:** 4-6 Interim beds
- **Service Model:** 365 days a year, day services for 10-15 people at a time during specific hours, extended stays (1 day to 2 years)
- **Operations/Staffing:** Smaller staffing requirements due to model of overnight beds
- **Site Requirements:** Sleeping quarters, showers, kitchen, and day space

Model A: Benefits

- Feasible to open this winter
- Partial funding in place (Nevada County)
- Operator in place
- Evidence shows better outcomes for participants in interim housing
- Results in fewer emergency room visits
- Reduced law-enforcement calls & interventions
- Preserves human life
- Protects public health
- Aligns with Town Inclusion policy
- Smaller space needed per capita
- Could include an option for post-hospital recovery beds

Model A: Challenges

- Does not provide drop-in shelter
- Smaller number of people served
- Doesn't match the aspirations of the Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Plan
- Reduces flexibility for people in crisis
- Interim models geared toward stabilization may not serve short-term needs

Model B: Navigation Center with drop-in shelter

- **Capacity:** 8 drop-in shelter beds (shorter stays), 4 interim housing beds (longer-stays)
- **Service Model:** Includes drop-in shelter beds until March 31, 2026, shift to scaled down pilot with interim housing afterwards. Potentially limited day center hours during both?
- **Operations/Staffing:** Security + extended staffing hours through March 31, 2026 (24 hours needed)

Model B: Benefits

- Includes drop-in shelter during winter months
- Could include an option for post-hospital recovery beds
- Results in fewer emergency room visits
- Reduced law-enforcement calls & interventions
- Preserves human life
- Protects public health
- Aligns with Town Inclusion policy
- Smaller space needed per capita
- Familiar—model existed for 8 years in Town

Model B: Challenges

- Drop-in shelter does not reduce homelessness
- Drop-in shelter beds reduce space for Interim housing beds
- Possible conflict between those using drop-in shelter and interim housing (different population with different needs)
- Currently no funding in place: fewer federal/state funding sources
- No operator interest
- Higher staffing costs
- Different zoning requirements for Model A and Model B drop-in shelter and interim housing
- Low probability of opening winter 2025/2026

Pilot Comparison

Model A: Navigation Center – No Drop-In

Budget estimate
\$510,000

Some funding in place

People served:

4-6 Beds plus daytime
services, no drop in
shelter

Space needs 1500sf
plus ADU

Operator identified for
this winter

Model B: Navigation Center with Drop-in Shelter

Budget estimate \$600,000
No Funding in place

People served:

12 beds including interim and
drop-in shelter beds, daytime
services

Space needs 2000sf +/-
plus ADU

No operator identified for
this winter (or beyond)

Regardless of which model we pursue, other services will be provided

- Expanded supported housing
- Motel vouchers
- Connection to shelters within the individual's County of residence
- Access to treatment beds
- Help people “passing through” to continue on with gas and bus vouchers
- Weather emergency sheltering (blizzard warnings)

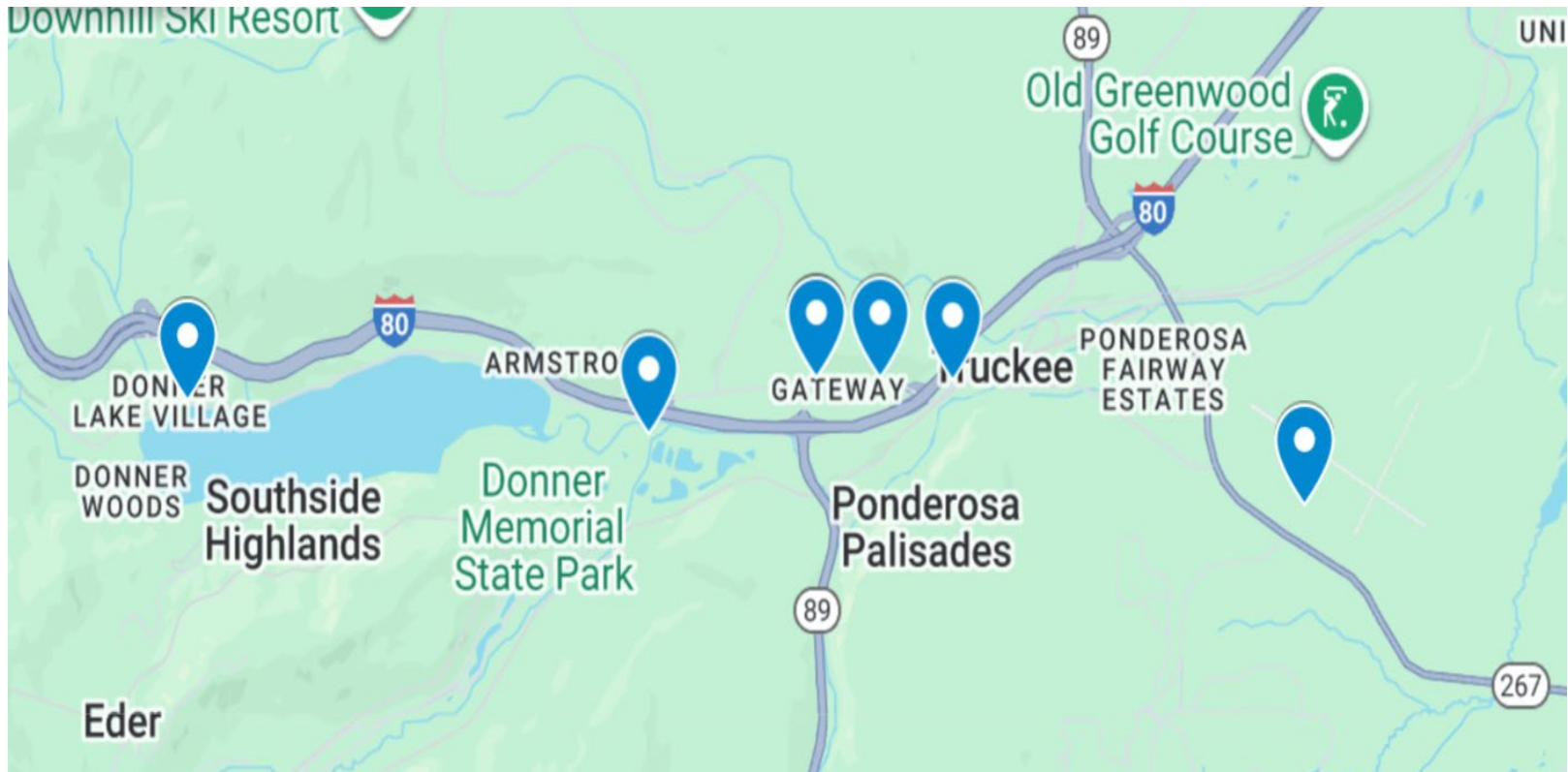
3: Location Areas

Do we support expanding our criteria beyond the Gateway area for a navigation center?

Property Needs + Location for Both Models

- Community support
- Able to open this winter, need a site with minimal remodel needs
- Includes:
 - Running water and toilets, showers
 - Some kitchen capacity necessary if long-term shelter/interim housing
 - ADA access
- Minimum of 1500 SF, ideally with an ADU for live-in manager, more space if also a drop-in shelter program
- Proximity to transportation and services
- Need a willing landowner willing to work with the process
- Per community input, Gateway corridor area

Properties Explored



*Sites viewed were based on a mix of factors:

- Available to rent or buy

- Potential feasibility of size or cost

- Leads from TTHAC or community at large

- Not all sites were viable or currently still available

Clarifying Questions?
-10 min total

Public Comment
-15 min total

Coalition Vote

-Consensus Model (per Charter)

-1 vote per member

Reminders

- No community is meeting all the need – not enough resources exist
- Whatever we do is a starting point – we can grow from there
- Whatever program we support, it is not the only service available to people
- All of the proposed solutions are good – it is just balancing the competing demands of time/money/locations/staff capacity
- This work is opportunistic by nature – need to be willing to pivot
- The site and funding will dictate outcomes

Coalition Vote (3)

1. **Timing** – Focus on something this winter, or remove time constraints?
2. **Models** – Navigation Center with no drop-in shelter or Navigation Center with drop-in?
3. **Location areas** – Stick to Gateway corridor or expand to other nearby locations?

Cose/Next Steps

Next Steps

- Navigation Center Working Group Kick-Off (ASAP)
 - Focus on:
 - Finding a site
 - Funding plan development
 - Operator: contracting
 - Operations Model
- Updates and Funding Requests
 - Presentations to local public agencies (Oct/Nov)
- Community Engagement (On-going)