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From THREADS to Fabric: Moving Systems from Concept to Practice



Weaving Systems Together for Housing Stability

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Today’s conversation

To ground us, could each of you briefly describe your role and how behavioral health and homelessness-response partners work together in your community?

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Panel conversation with audience participation

1 | Housing challenges

What housing challenges are people entering the behavioral health system experiencing, and why is partnership with the homelessness-response system necessary to address them?



2 | Connecting people to support

From the perspective of the person/client:

MONICA AND NOAH

When someone first connects with behavioral health and has a housing need, how do you identify that need and connect them with housing resources?

HUNTER

From the housing side, if your team identifies someone who needs behavioral health support, what does that connection point look like?

What helps make sure the handoff leads to an actual connection, rather than just a referral?

3 | Making collaboration work in practice

What has helped turn partnership into day-to-day practice—from referrals and case conferencing to clearer roles and coordination around housing resources?

Workflow / roles

What specific workflow, relationship, or change in roles has made the biggest difference?

Housing pathway

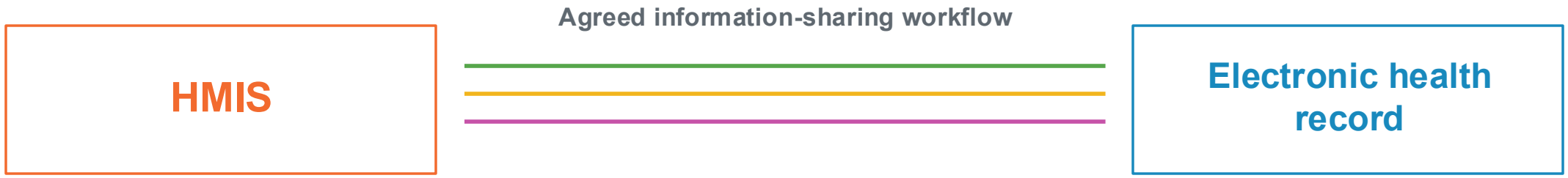
How do partners help someone move from interim or bridge housing toward a longer-term housing option?

BHBH

Has Behavioral Health Bridge Housing changed any of this in your community?

4 | Sharing information across systems

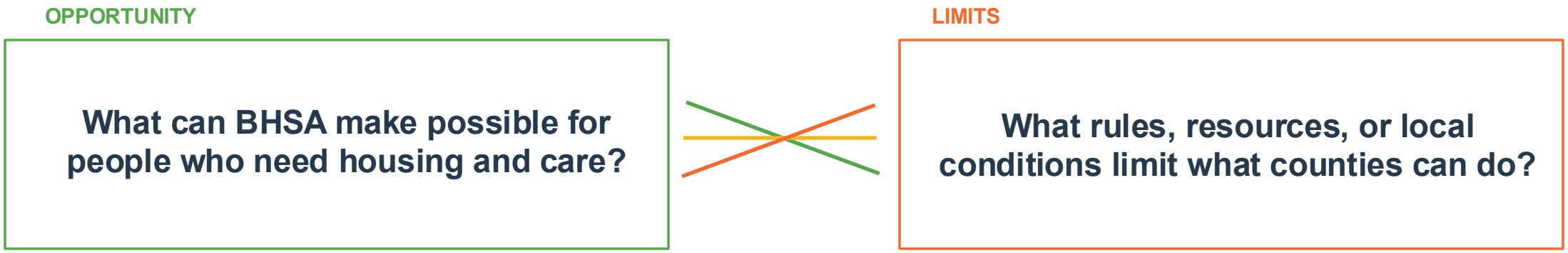
What information needs to move between behavioral health and homelessness-response systems to support these pathways?



How are you coordinating HMIS and electronic health record workflows while reducing duplicate data entry for staff?

5 | Setting realistic expectations for BHSA

BHSA has raised expectations for behavioral health's role in housing. What opportunities does it create, what limits are communities still facing, and how should counties think about success realistically?



6 | Take back a lesson

What is one practice or lesson from your community that you hope people here will take back with them?