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***Our sincere thanks to those of you who were able to join us for a conversation about housing and homelessness in Greater Lowell. On behalf of Senator Kennedy and Representative Arciero, we appreciate your participation, both in this meeting and the work moving forward.***

Included in this email is the slide deck from the presentation, which features links and information about successful projects in other communities, data and demographic details, and resources around Housing First and the national House America project.

***We know there is still work to be done, so we are scheduling a development meeting for **Thursday April 7th at 11 am.*****

***Between now and then, we ask you to take the following steps towards ending homelessness in our region:***

- **Identify** the person in your office or organization who can help think about development. It may be your town planner, or the head of the housing authority or inspectional services. It may be a select board or council member who is committed to housing. Send their contact information to [talkabouthousing@commteam.org](mailto:talkabouthousing@commteam.org), and we will make sure to include them in the meeting.

- **Share** information about affordable housing and homelessness. Many of our neighbors are unaware of the need and the scope of the challenge, and may not realize how close to home the problem is. We can provide talking points and social media content that you can share with your networks to get others talking about housing. Email us at [talkabouthousing@commteam.org](mailto:talkabouthousing@commteam.org) for content and more information.

- **Connect** the people with the skills to the people with the goals - if you have developers or builders that are interested in learning how to access state and federal funds for an affordable housing project, let us know. If you know bankers or investors who are interested in social impact projects, let us know at [talkabouthousing@commteam.org](mailto:talkabouthousing@commteam.org).

*For additional resources: [www.commteam.org/talkabouthousing](http://www.commteam.org/talkabouthousing)*

We will be sending out more information, including a calendar invitation that you can share, in coming weeks. Our thanks again to everyone who participated - we are excited and eager to move forward toward 300 units of housing in the region, and the broader goal of ending homelessness in our area.

With thanks,

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