



Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness

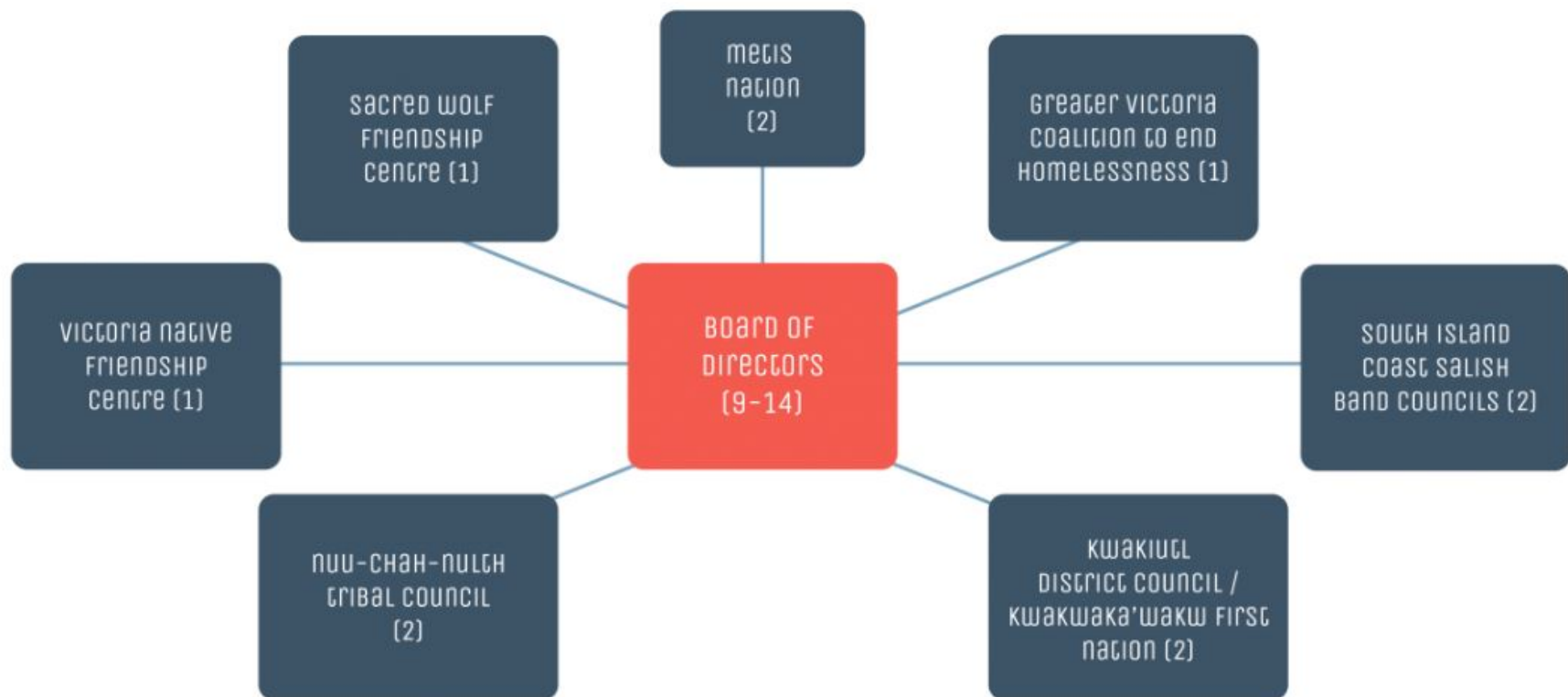
- Established in 2016
- Island-wide mandate
- BC Non-Profit Society, Registered Charity
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- Housing Provider (2018)



OUR MISSION

**To lovingly provide culturally supportive,
affordable housing and services that end
Aboriginal homelessness on Vancouver Island.**

Governance Structure



Shelter
Housing
Homes

Community
Relations

Support
Services

Governance
Policy
Resources



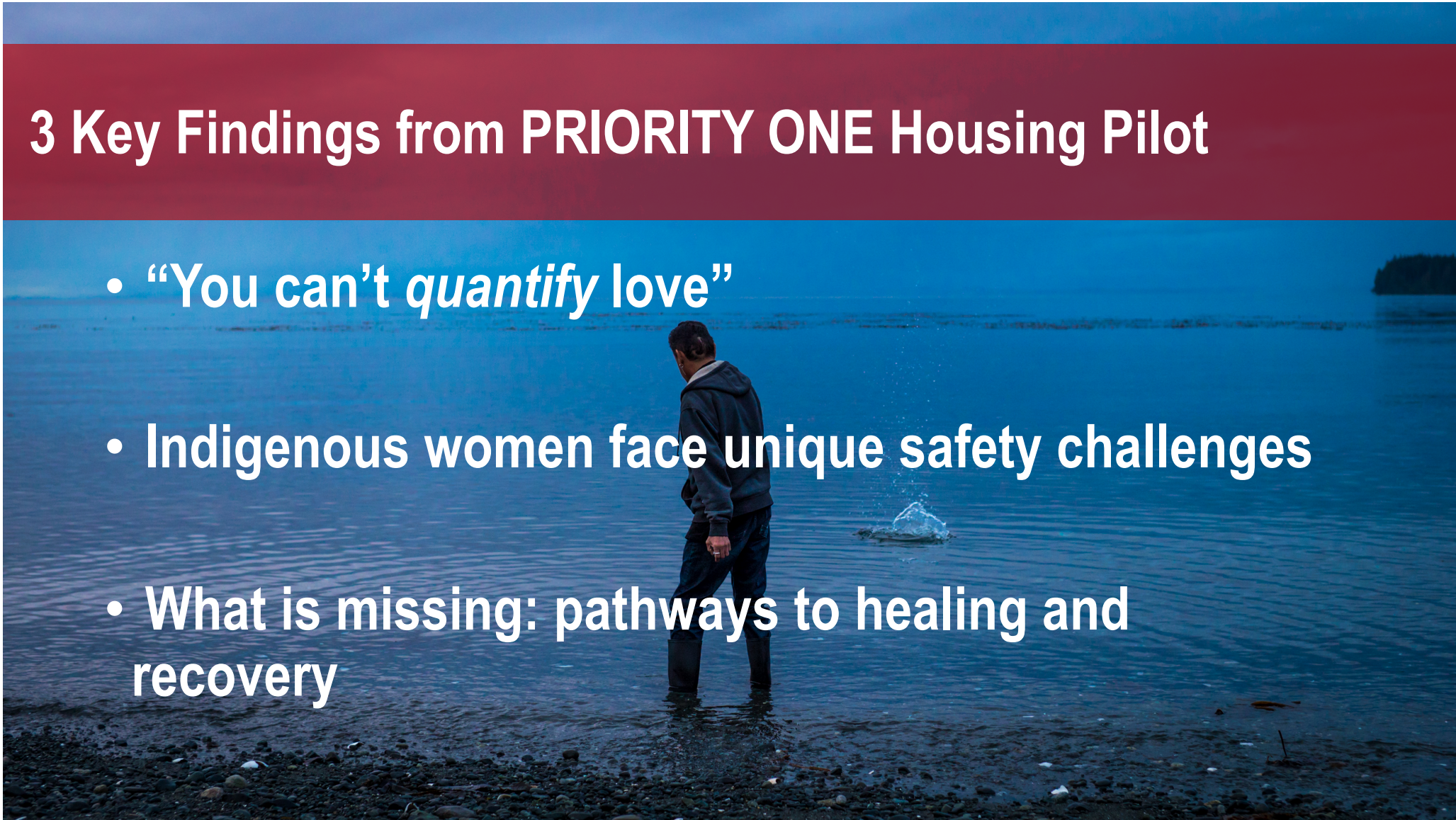


Research – Baseline Data

Evidence-based strategic directions

3 Key Findings from PRIORITY ONE Housing Pilot

- “You can’t *quantify* love”
- Indigenous women face unique safety challenges
- What is missing: pathways to healing and recovery





***Wisdom of the Elders – Guidance from the Community:
A Tailored Approach to Indigenize Harm Reduction in
Housing Development***



Qual Model of Housing Care:

**Culturally Supportive; Decolonized Harm Reduction
Framework - Pathways to Healing and Recovery
Align Western & Indigenous practices
Establish 'Healing Communities' across the Island
Target Completion of Framework (2021-2022)**

DHRF – Land-based Healing, Culture & Language



SPAKEN House (Flower House)

**Dual Model of Housing Care Pilot –
Preparation: protocols, knowledge transfer (women and staff)**



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Canadian Institute of Health Research - 3 Year Project

- Design; Implement/Operate INDIGENOUS RESIDENCE MANAGED ALCOHOL PROGRAM
- Research/Metrics/Dissemination
- Cross-pollination (University of Victoria & University of Calgary)
- Elders Advisory



Aligning Western & Indigenous

- ~ Influence policy
- ~ Address structural barriers

Community Engagement & Networking

- Community Plan; PIT; Proportional Access.
- National Housing Strategy; Reaching Home; CABs/CEs (ESDC).
- Broad Scope of Housing Needs ~ experts in the field.
- Voice of PLE are the leaders.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- CLEAR ON PURPOSE
- SELF REFLECTION
- IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE SYSTEM(S)
- LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES
- STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS / SPECTRUM OF EXPERTISE
- WILL NOT SOLVE HOMELESSNESS USING THE SAME THINKING THAT CREATED THE PROBLEM
- EVIDENCED BASED SOLUTIONS
- WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MOST VULNERABLE; NO ONE LEFT BEHIND
- OPPORTUNITIES

