

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

114TH STATEWIDE ARIZONA TOWN HALL

“MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE, AND HOMELESSNESS”

SESSION I – MONDAY MORNING – NOVEMBER 14

1. How might the conditions of mental health, substance use, and homelessness relate to each other? Why is it important to address these conditions together?
2. What role does stigma play in addressing mental health, substance use, and homelessness?
3. How can we encourage stakeholders to address the conditions of mental health, substance use, and homelessness in an integrated way?
 - *Consider what could be done to reduce obstacles to treatment and prevention.*
 - *Consider the impact of current systems and how to reduce or eliminate the “revolving door.”*
 - *Consider the challenges of “not in my backyard” (NIMBYism).*
 - *Consider current and potential roles of governments, communities, faith-based organizations, funders, and non-profits.*

SESSION II – TUESDAY MORNING – NOVEMBER 15

1. What specific actions can those who work for the government take to further address mental health, substance use, and homelessness in an integrated way?
 - *Consider different levels of government, including elected and appointed leaders.*
 - *Consider policies that impede or advance solutions.*
 - *Consider funding and incentives for best practices.*
 - *Consider other factors such as social conditions, systemic issues, and structural inequities.*
2. What specific actions can community leaders of educational institutions, businesses, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and other groups take to further address mental health, substance use, and homelessness in an integrated way? What actions can individuals take?
3. Which specific actions should be prioritized to further address mental health, substance use, and homelessness in an integrated way? To the extent funding is required, how will it be obtained and dispersed?
 - *Consider types of funding sources, awareness of funding sources, complexity of funding applications.*
4. What specific action will you take because of your participation in this Town Hall?