

# FUNCTIONAL ZERO CONSULTATION

## KEY CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

### NECESSITY

- Should Canada strive towards a consistent definition of Functional Zero?
- How could a consistent definition of Functional Zero improve your community's response to homelessness?

### BREADTH

- The proposed definition of Functional Zero is rooted in three dimensions: lived experience, homeless-serving systems and public systems. Are these three dimensions adequate to capture a definition of ending homelessness?

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Do the proposed standards and performance measures adequately capture a practical and robust definition of Functional Zero?
- Are there performance measures or standards that should be modified or removed?
- Are there additional performance measures that should be considered? Why?

### VERIFICATION

- To adapt a consistent definition of Functional Zero, we must develop a community validation process. How can we evaluate communities against the definition (i.e. self-assessment, review panels, site visits, independent data collection/analysis)?

### USE OF LANGUAGE

- Are the proposed definition and associated indicators clearly articulated and easily interpreted? If no, how can the language be improved?

### IMPLEMENTATION

- How is "an end to homelessness" conceptualized in your community? Does the proposed definition of Functional Zero align with this conception?
- To what extent is your community prepared to adapt a consistent definition of Functional Zero?
- What type of support would your community need to implement this definition?
- What barriers and challenges do you anticipate in the implementation of a consistent definition?
- What are some innovative strategies to ensure the definition is integrated broadly, beyond the confines of the homelessness sector (i.e. levels of government, public systems)?

### POPULATIONS

- Does the proposed definition resonate with individuals with lived experience across a wide range of demographics?
- To what extent, if at all, should a definition of Functional Zero recognize distinct causes and consequences of homelessness across populations (i.e. Indigenous people, youth, women)?

To read the proposed Functional Zero definition, visit: [www.homelesshub.ca/functionalzero](http://www.homelesshub.ca/functionalzero)  
Please submit your feedback by September 30th, 2016.