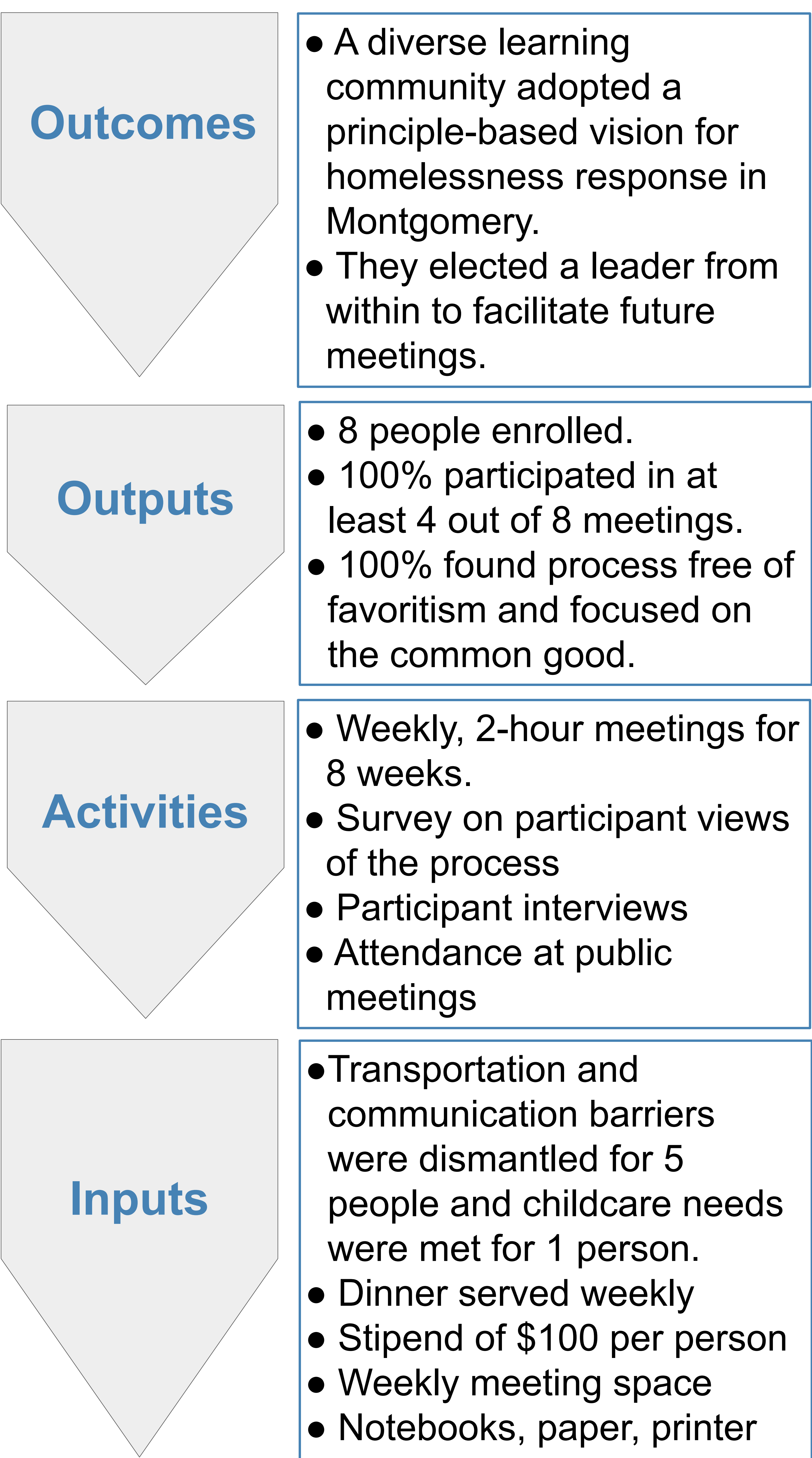


Strengthening Collaboration and Communication About Homelessness with People Who Have Lived Experience of Homelessness

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Logic Model



Introduction

Local homelessness response systems and the communities charged to support them are stifled by “mental models” of human nature and society that prevent an adequate response to human need. A working partnership between people with lived experience of homelessness and local response systems is recommended, with collaborative applicants for emergency shelter funding tasked to ensure representation of the human experience of homelessness among their advisors. People with lived experience of homelessness explored an opportunity to advise the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH) and to be the change that they would like to see in their community.



Nichelle Green, one of several directors of library branches that shared the opportunity.

Impact

- 5 out of 8 participants were interviewed and asked about the personal impact of the experience. 3 out of these 5 indicated change: for one it was more empathy, for another it was open-mindedness, for a third it was a greater attention to helping others.
- 2 out of the 8 attended and vocally participated in a MACH membership meeting and three out of the eight attended and vocally participated in a County Commission meeting. This researcher continues to invite participants to join her at public meetings.
- A handbook with resources and methods used to form this and future groups will be given to MACH.

Critical Assessment

- I used flyers with my contact information in an effort to invite find participants, but trusted ambassadors were necessary.
- I’ve learned that I care deeply about mezzo-level social work.
- My Community Advisory Board helped me to connect with participants and to designing my community flyer.



Seven out of the eight participants of the learning community with initial facilitator.

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