

# Supportive Housing Options

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The Source for  
Housing Solutions



# Supportive Housing ...

Is affordable

Integrated in  
Community

Provides  
tenants with  
leases

Engages  
tenants in  
voluntary  
services

Often (but not  
always) harm  
reduction  
approach

Not time  
limited

# Supportive Housing Populations

Residents of Institutions  
who Prefer to Live in the  
Community

Chronically Homeless

Includes  
individuals,  
families and youth

People Exiting Jail or  
Prison with Chronic  
Health Conditions (esp.  
mental health)

Mental health, substance  
use and/or physical health  
disabling conditions  
coupled with housing need

# Role of Supportive

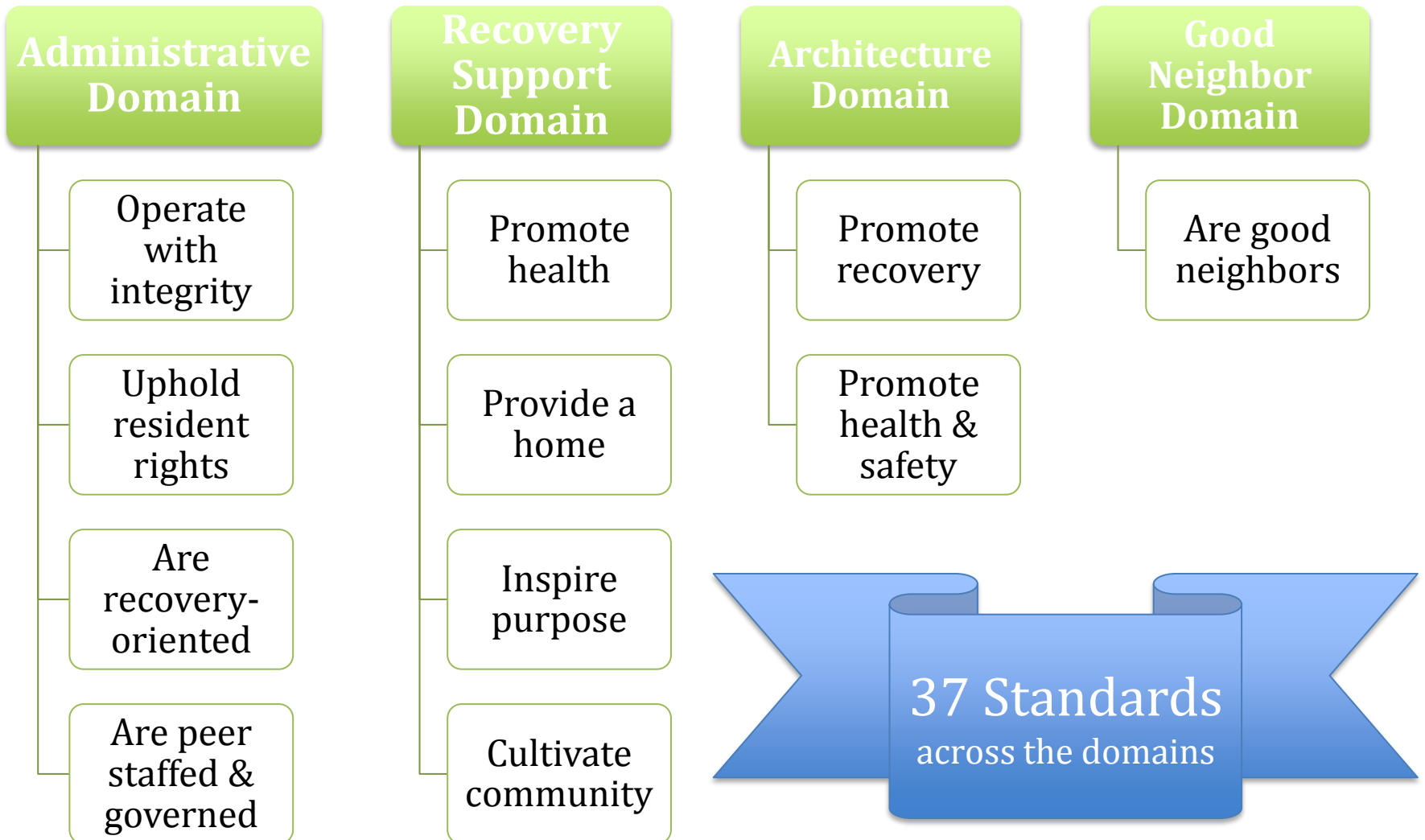
- **Vulnerable people (homeless, re-entry) often have substance use as primary health need**
  - May not need time before choosing sobriety
- **People need affordable housing with supports**
  - Cognitive impairments
  - Co-occurring conditions
- **Need community integration**
- **Scattered site options**
- **Hard to maintain sobriety on the street**

# CSH's Approach

- **Supportive Housing is part of a variety of housing options**
- **Need community planning to ensure consumer choice**
- **Programs with a recovery focus can be supportive housing**
- **NARR standards**
  - Great tool for recovery housing
  - Harm reduction models not part of NARR's mission
  - CSH's Dimensions of Quality for Supportive Housing is complementary

# NARR Recovery Residence

## Domains, Core Principles & Standards



## Hosted a convening with National Council for Behavioral Health

- Cross Systems Integration
  - Common Language
  - Improving Funding
  - Aligning Goals/Outcomes
  - Data Integration
  - Policy
  
- Promoting Housing as a Platform for Recovery
  
- Understanding and Establishing Evidence
  - Availability of Evidence
  - Defining, Measuring and Operationalizing Outcomes
  - More Research

# Examples

- **Central City Concerns – Portland, Oregon**
- **Downtown Emergency Shelter Center – Seattle, WA**
- **Pathways to Housing – NY, VT, PA and DC**
- **Amethyst, Inc. – Columbus, OH**
- **CSH's Keeping Families Together Initiative**



# *QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION*