

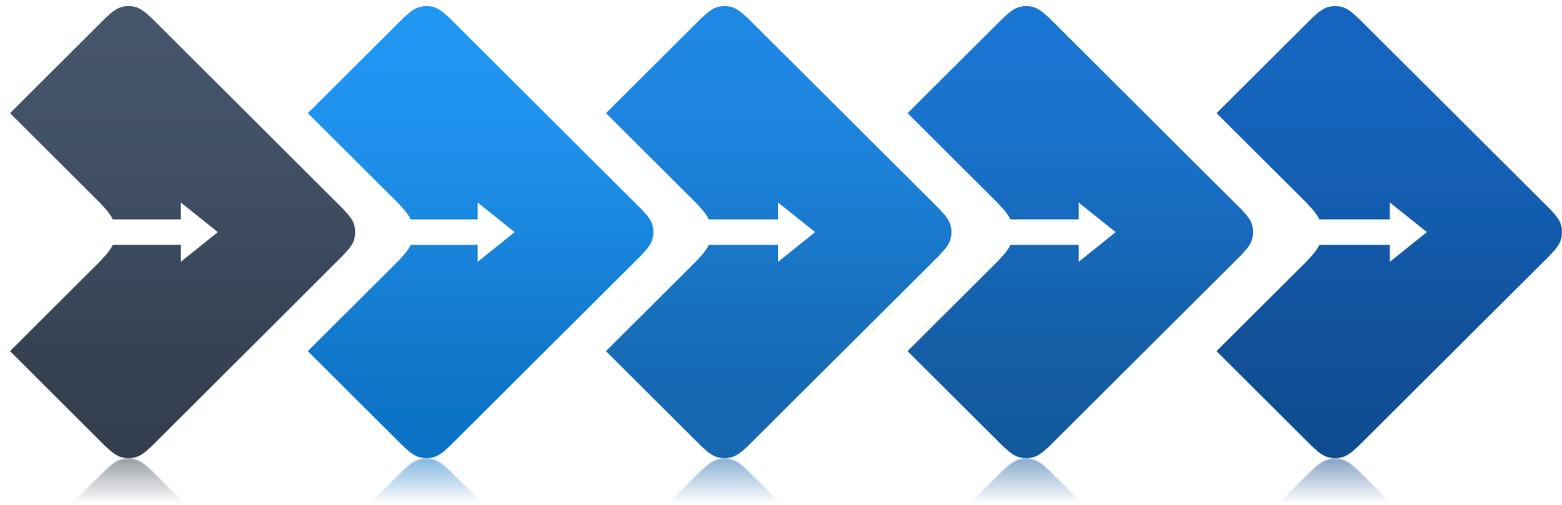
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

Homelessness System Review and Feasibility Study

Presentation by Vink Consulting



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Review of
homelessness
supports and
services

Assess
pathways to
access

Review best
practice service
models

Homelessness
hub feasibility
study

Actionable business
case

Methodology



Review of Funding Agreements



Data Analysis



Review of Best Practice Service Models



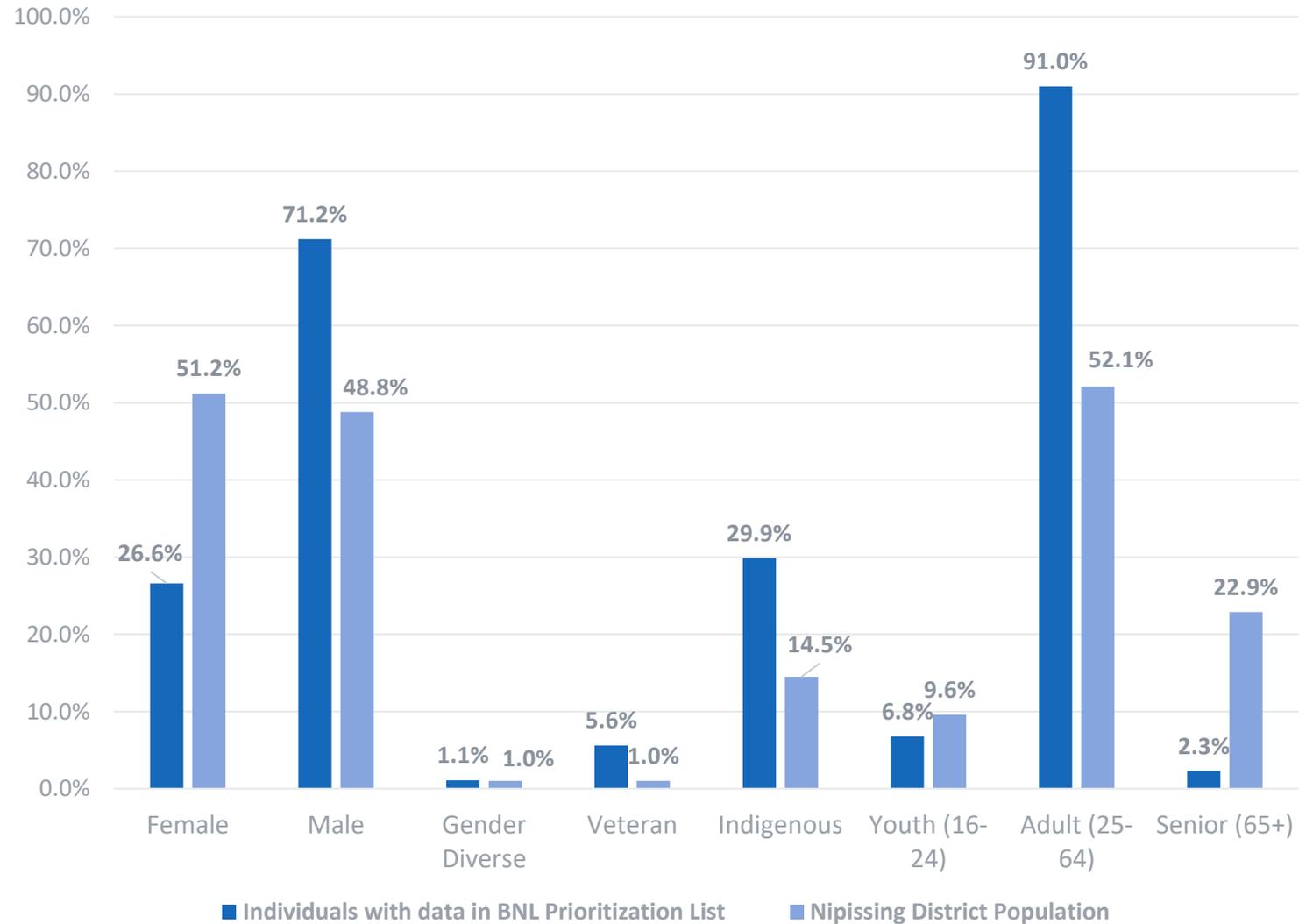
Targeted Consultations

- DNSSAB staff (4)
- Health and social service agencies (20)
- Community Advisory Board (17)
- DNSSAB Board members and local municipal mayors and CAOs (13)
- Homelessness system users (31)
- Business community and other community partners (5)

Key Findings on Needs

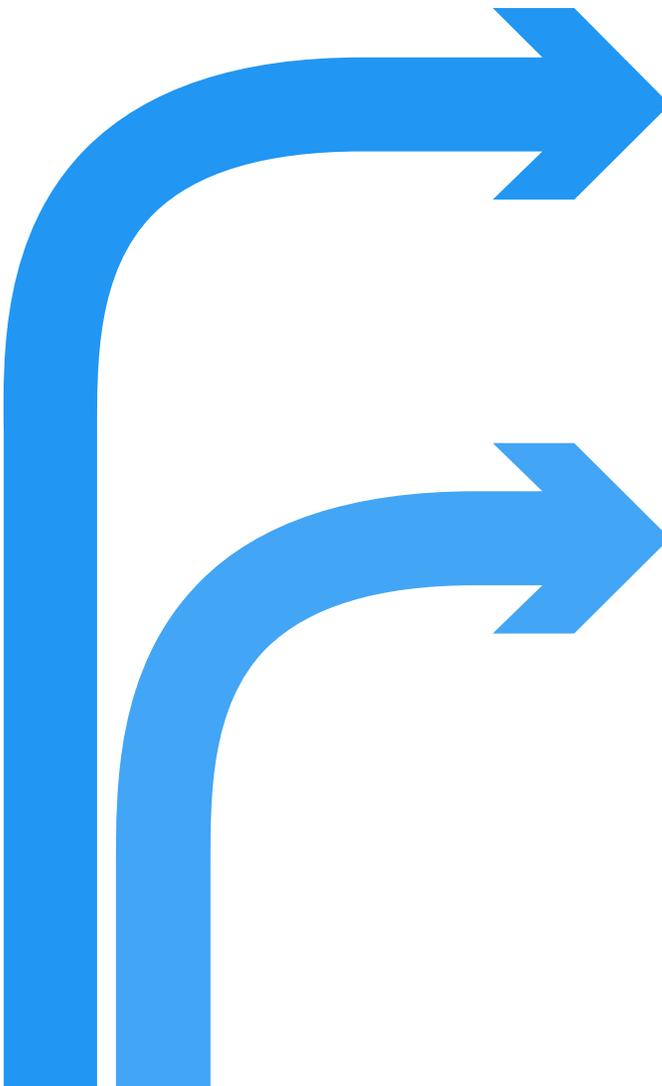
- 721 households staying in shelter annually
- 51% with mental health as a barrier
- 30% with substance use issues

Demographic Breakdown of BNL Prioritization List vs Nipissing District Population



Source: Coordinated Access Nipissing By-Name List as of September 29, 2023, provided by DNSSAB

Key Strengths and Challenges



System Strengths:

- Collaboration
- Progress towards establishing key system components

System Challenges:

- Insufficient shelter capacity
- Lack of affordable housing options
- Lack of access to permanent supportive housing targeting those with the highest levels of need

Key Recommendations in the Indicators and Alternatives Report



Refining emergency accommodation models



Maintaining expanded outreach services



Focusing on improving access to affordable housing and housing with supports for individuals with the highest levels of need



Continue working towards reliable and quality HIFIS data and ongoing monitoring and analysis

Assessing the Need for and Concept of a Homelessness Hub



Need:

- Significant homelessness
- Insufficient shelter capacity
- Limited access to daytime support



Human Rights Perspective:

- Recognizes that a homelessness hub can act as a short-term solution to mitigate homelessness impacts

Recommended Model and Options

Recommended Model:

24/7 integrated hub and shelter



Financial Analysis and Risks

Financial Overview



- Estimated annual operating cost of \$2,675,000 for the recommended hub model

Risks



- Funding sustainability
- Service demand uncertainties
- Safety and security challenges
- Dependence and prolonged experience of homelessness
- Neighbourhood opposition

Business Model Essentials



Locate the hub in North Bay



Focus on high-need individuals



Housing-focused services



Ensure strong collaboration