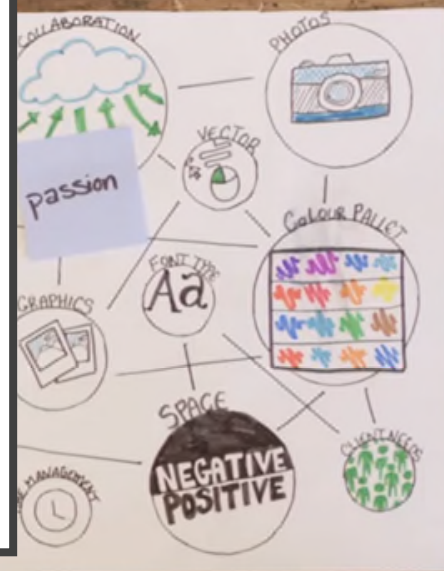


# BRINGING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO THE TABLE

Community Advisory Board (CAB)  
Lived Experience Interviews



# Sharing lessons learned from community engagement efforts in York County:

A joint **Community Advisory Board (CAB)** gives people with lived experiences a clear voice across health, justice, and human services systems.

CAB assists with the **York Community Detention Disparities Project**, which blends systems data with lived experience to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in youth who have experienced detention.



GOALS



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*Executive Director  
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Criminal Justice Advisory  
Board*



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*Assistant Director  
York County Human  
Services*

*Project Director  
CARD  
(Community Action for  
Recovery & Diversion)*



## **Katherine Gruver**

*Supervisor at York  
County Department of  
Probation Services*

*York County  
Coordinator: Crisis  
Intervention Team (CIT)*

*York County Project  
Coordinator of Stepping  
UP Initiative*





## STARTING UP A CAB

- Importance of bringing people with lived experience to the table
- Collaboration between gov't agencies, residents, and communities
- Improving justice, health, and human service systems



## HOW IT WORKS

CAB operation and participation:

- Supported by 8 community & gov't organizations who connect people to services like housing, public assistance, employment, education, and family support
- advocacy for people who are in substance use recovery, mental health recovery, and/or justice-involved
- encourages the sharing of resources across systems
- builds skills within the people directly affected by these organizations
- builds community and supportive relationships; includes an option to foster mentorship skills

## CAB IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

An *implementation plan* outlines the steps that your team should take to accomplish a shared goal or objective

COUNTY & COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

GOALS / STRUCTURE OF TEAM

BOARD MEMBERS

BYLAWS

STAFFING

INCENTIVES





## CAB MEMBERS

The CAB includes at least 12 people with lived experience with one or more of:

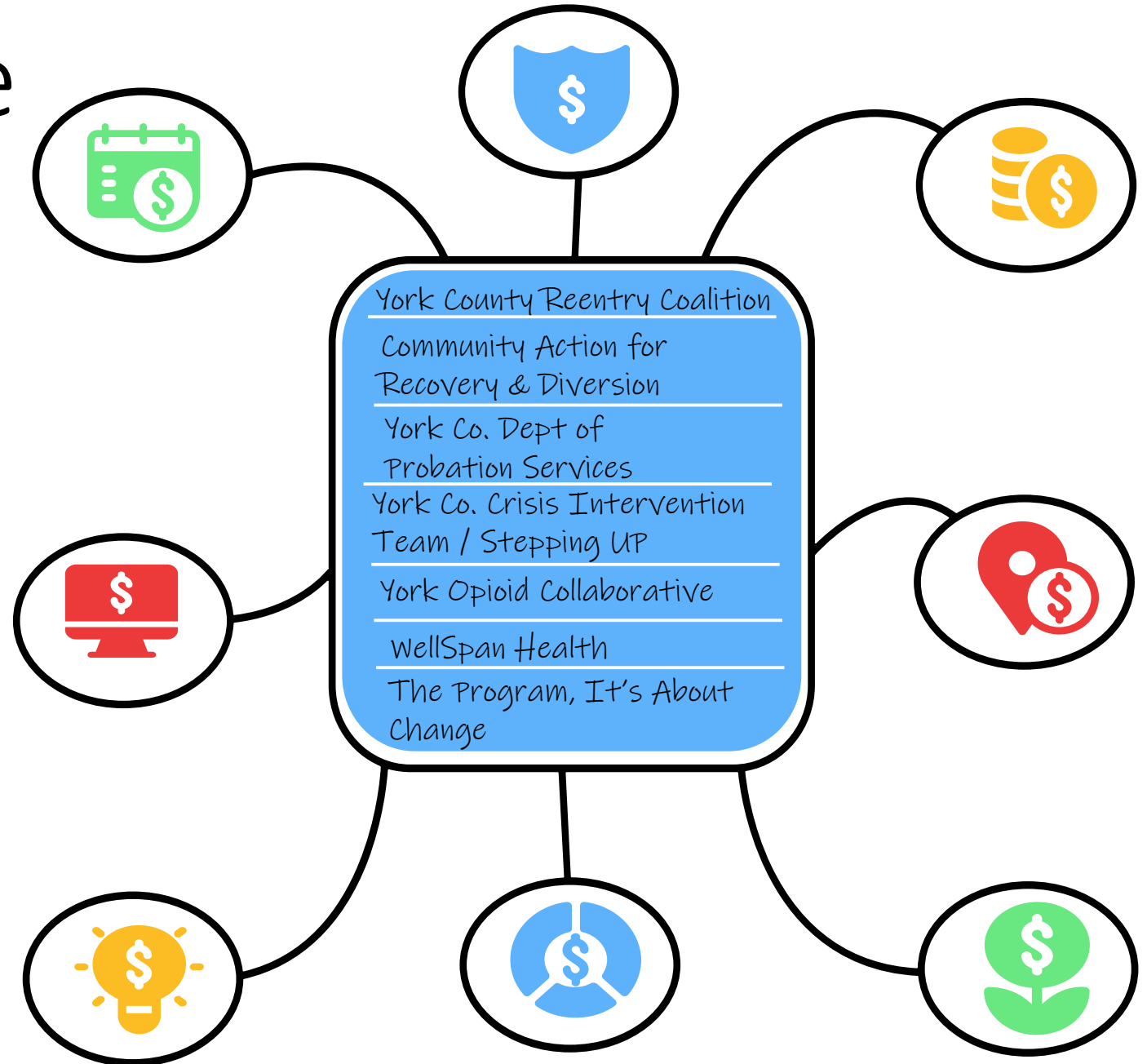
- the criminal justice system
- the family justice system
- co-occurring disorder and recovery
- substance use disorder and recovery
- mental health disorder and recovery

Membership also includes individuals from various geographic locations within York County.

# Community Voice

CAB helps gov't agencies & community-based orgs can better understand what the community needs and how to engage people.

- Effective decision making.
- Better relationships btwn stakeholders & with community.
- Prevention of delays or roadblocks.
- Risk management and accountability.
- Trust and goodwill.







# JOINT COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD







# MEET

Becky Lockner

*Chair*

MEET

Bernice Quesenberry

*Vice Chair*







# MEET

Brandon Moore

*Secretary*

# CRS ADVOCACY

The Certified Recovery Specialist's role is to support others in recovery from a substance use disorder

CRSs serve as role models, mentors, advocates and motivators to recovering individuals in order to help prevent relapse and promote long-term recovery

CAB activities:

- CAB-sponsored CRS class w/scholarships
- Advocacy for living wage
- Advocacy for peer support across SIM



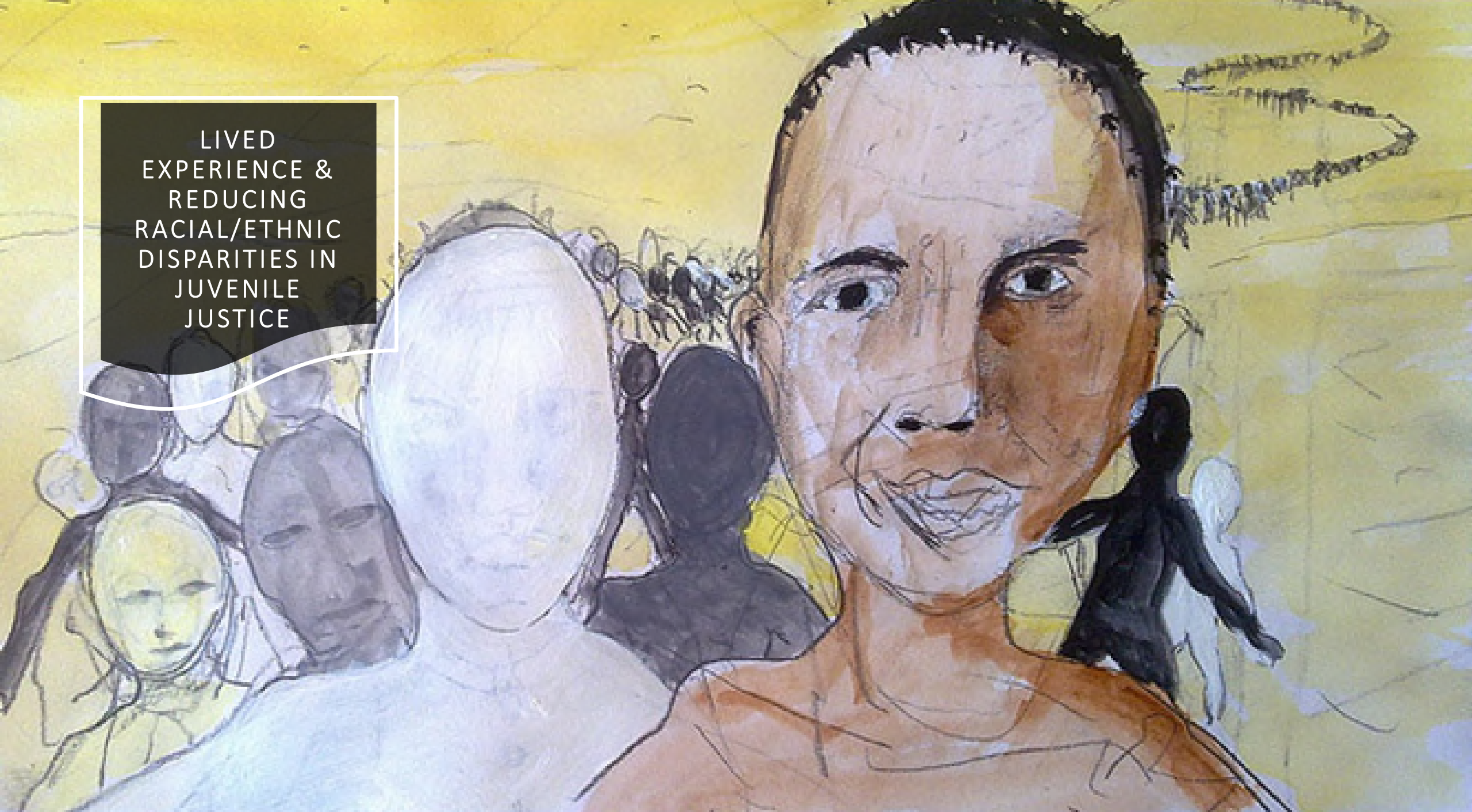




# BENEFITS

- Formal mechanism for ongoing consumer/client involvement
- Informs initiatives across organizations and systems
- Sharing of decision-making power
- CAB members become leaders
  - CJAB stakeholders
  - YCRC board member

LIVED  
EXPERIENCE &  
REDUCING  
RACIAL/ETHNIC  
DISPARITIES IN  
JUVENILE  
JUSTICE





## Youth & Family Interviews

- What to ask
- Who's asking
- Establishing trust
- Being trauma-informed
- Consent and compensation



Adobe Acrobat  
Document

*CAB Application*

# DOCUMENTS



Microsoft Word  
Document

*CAB expectations*

Q&A

