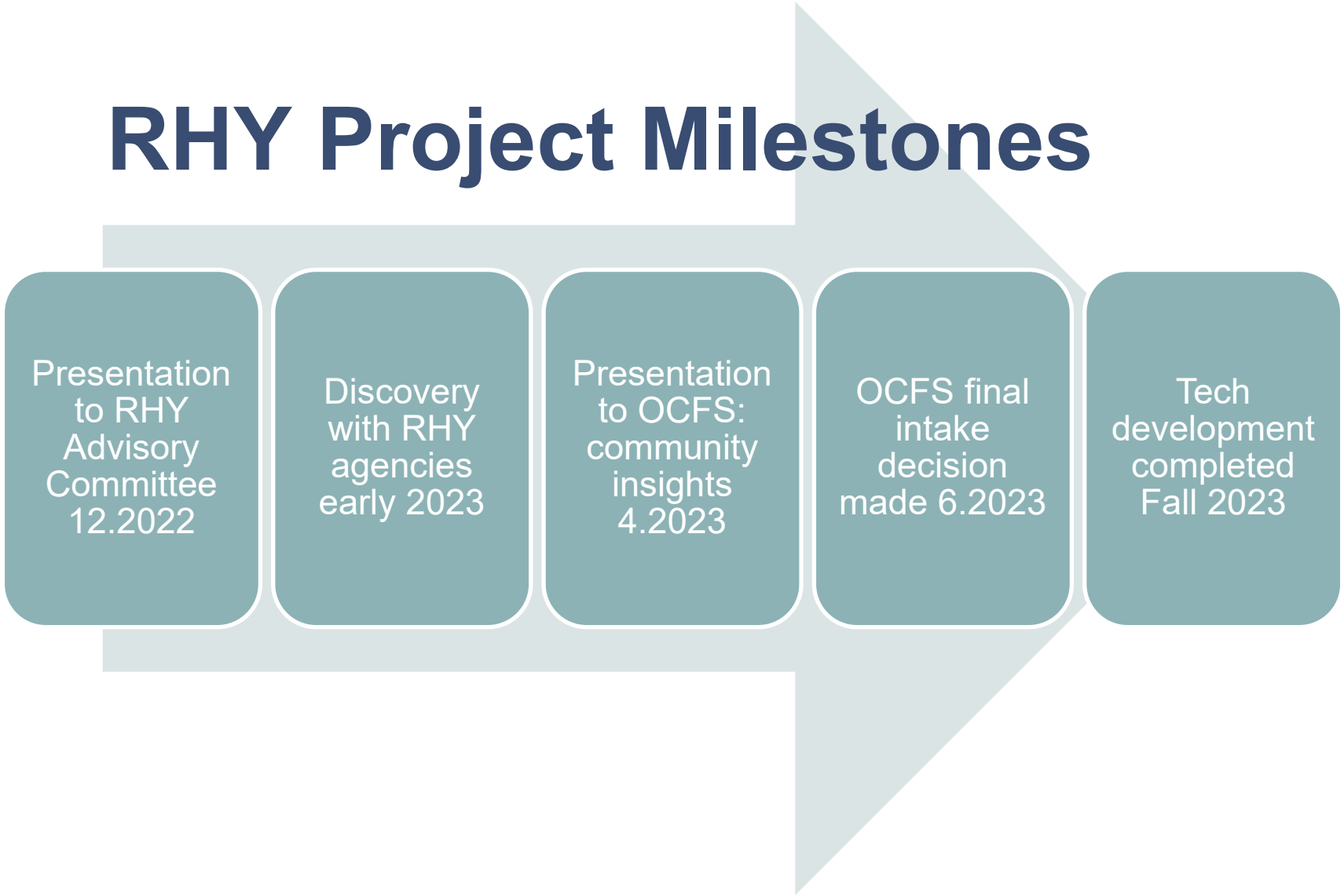
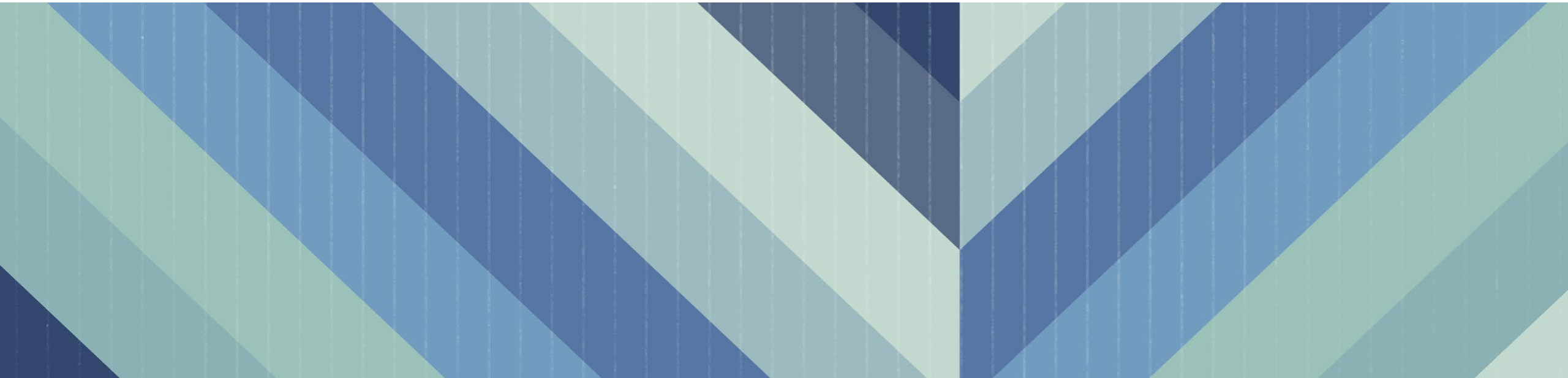
Summary of OCFS RHY project

Safe Shelter
Collaborative

RHY Project Milestones



RHY Advisory Committee presentation



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Agenda:

- Introduce Caravan Studios and TechSoup
- Describe pilot process
- Set expectations with RHY agencies

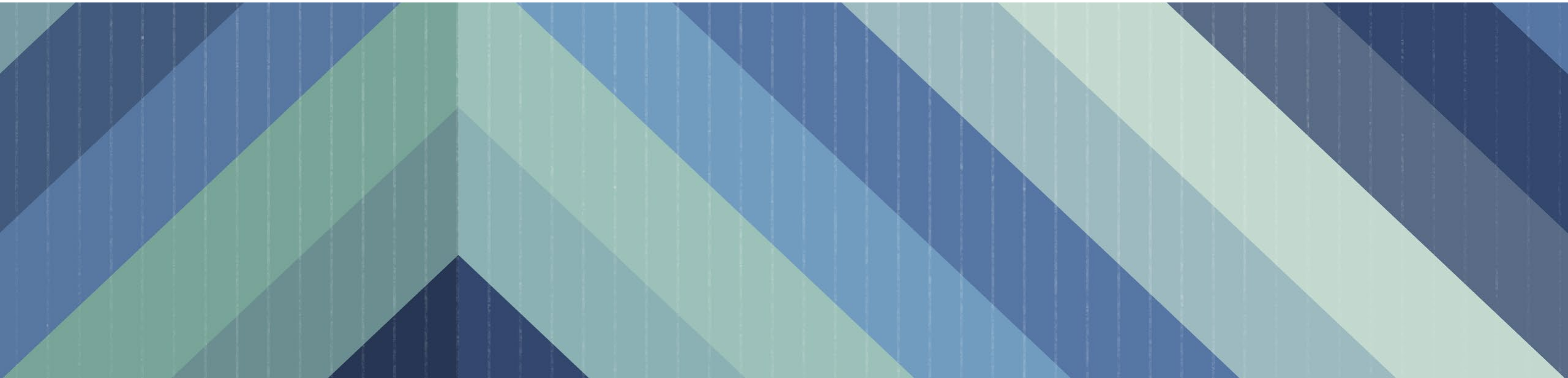
Present:
OCFS staff
ROS agencies
NYC agencies
Caravan Studios staff

RHY Pilot



In coordination with OCFS, NYS agencies that support runaway and homeless youth (RHY) are participating in a pilot project to discover how the Safe Shelter Collaborative might support finding shelter for youth in need.

Discovery period

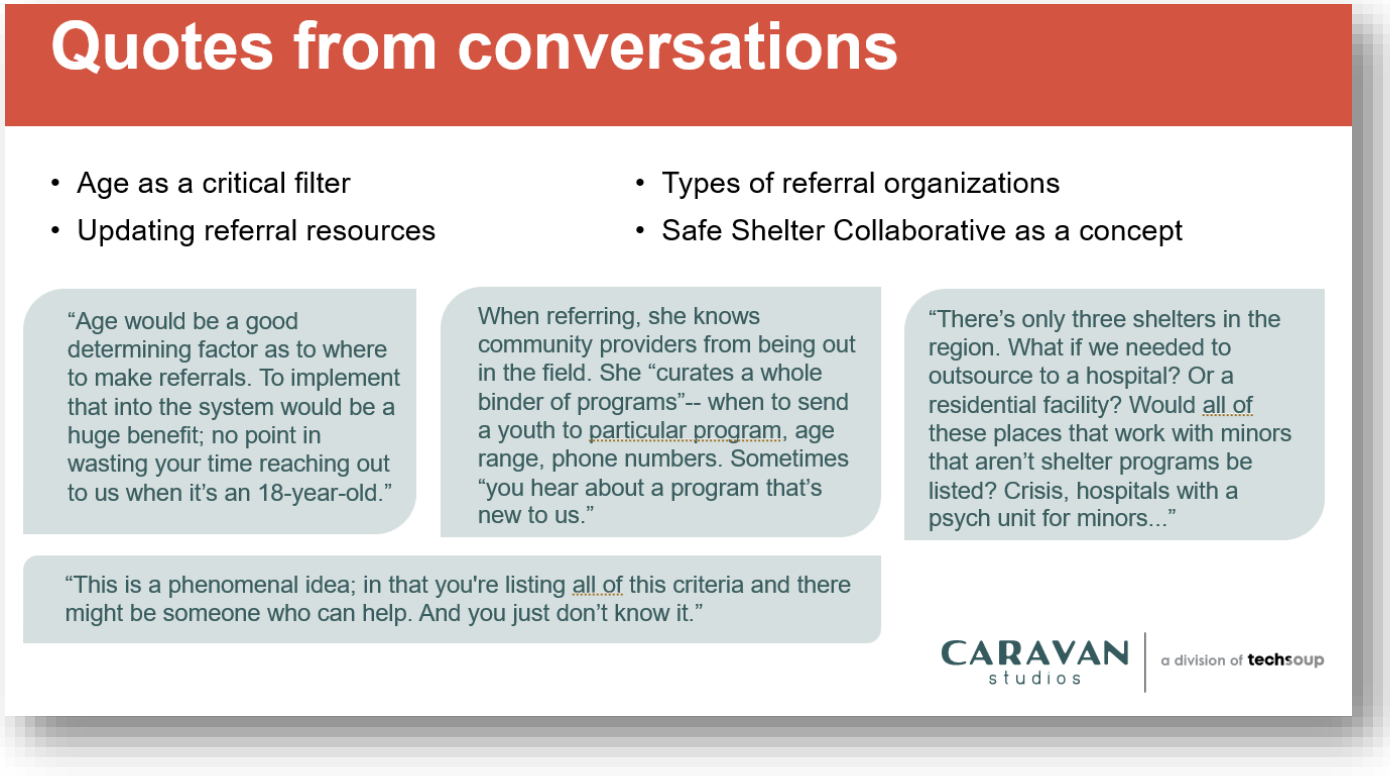


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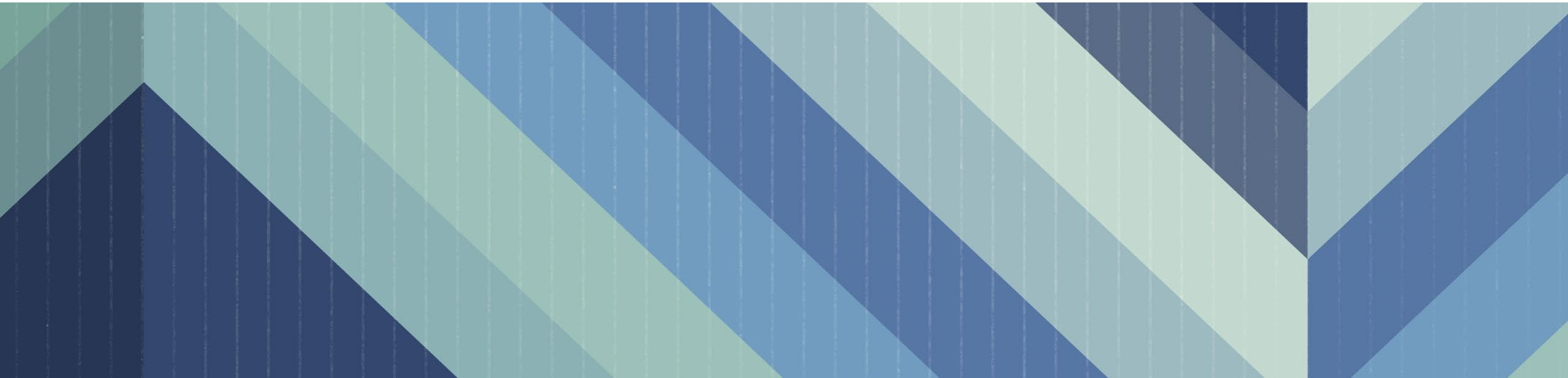
Interviews of agency staff to learn:

- How the Safe Shelter Collaborative might operate at RHY agencies
- Uncovered: process, needs, behaviors, opportunities for change
- Recommendations for tech development

Participants:
Sarah Washburn, Caravan Studios
RHY agency staff (ROS)



Intake question modifications



Modifying the questions collaboratively

- Community input informed recommendations for RHY-specific intake questions that frame how shelter is requested
- OCFS and Caravan Studios discussed options
- Decision made on interface
- Caravan Studios tech team developed backend technology structure and designed new RHY interface

Participants:
Madeline Hehir, OCFS
Christine Anderson, OCFS
Robin Gilbert, OCFS
Catherine Johnson, Caravan Studios
Sarah Washburn, Caravan Studios

Proposed RHY Intake Questions

CASE REFERENCE #_____

1) Age
- ○ Under 12
- ○ 12-15
- ○ 16-17
- ○ 18-21
- ○ 22-24
- ○ 25 and older

Legend

Items with ○ only one option can be selected.

Items with ❑ multiple options can be selected.

2) Current housing situation
- ○ Runaway
- ○ Homeless

3) Gender identity
- ❑ Male
- ❑ Female
- ❑ Trans male
- ❑ Trans female
- ❑ Other

4) Accompanying children/derivatives
- ❑ None
- ❑ Pregnant past first trimester
- ❑ Accompanying children/derivatives
  - ❑ *Number of children*
    - ❑ *Age/gender of children*

5) History of violence, aggression or self-harming behaviors
- ❑ None
- ❑ History of violent behavior
- ❑ History of aggression
- ❑ Current state of inflicting self-injury
- ❑ Current suicidal ideation
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6) Current mental health
- ○ None disclosed
- ○ Did not ask
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8) Language spoken (drop-down list)
- ○ English
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- ○ ASL
- ○ Mandarin
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- ○ Japanese
- ○ Other _____

9) English proficiency
- ○ Limited
- ○ Basic
- ○ Proficient

10) Violence experienced
- ❑ None
- ❑ Sex trafficking
- ❑ Sexual assault
- ❑ Other _____

11) Physical disability or mobility concerns requiring special consideration for the client
- ❑ None
- ❑ Needs elevator and ramp access
- ❑ Has visual disabilities
- ❑ Has hearing disabilities
- ❑ Accompanied by a service animal
- ❑ Other _____

Edited RHY Intake Questions

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Final RHY Intake Questions

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- ○ 18-21
- ○ 22-24

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- ○ Runaway
- ○ Homeless

3) Gender identity
- ❑ Male
- ❑ Female
- ❑ Trans male
- ❑ Trans female
- ❑ Non-binary
- ❑ Other than listed here

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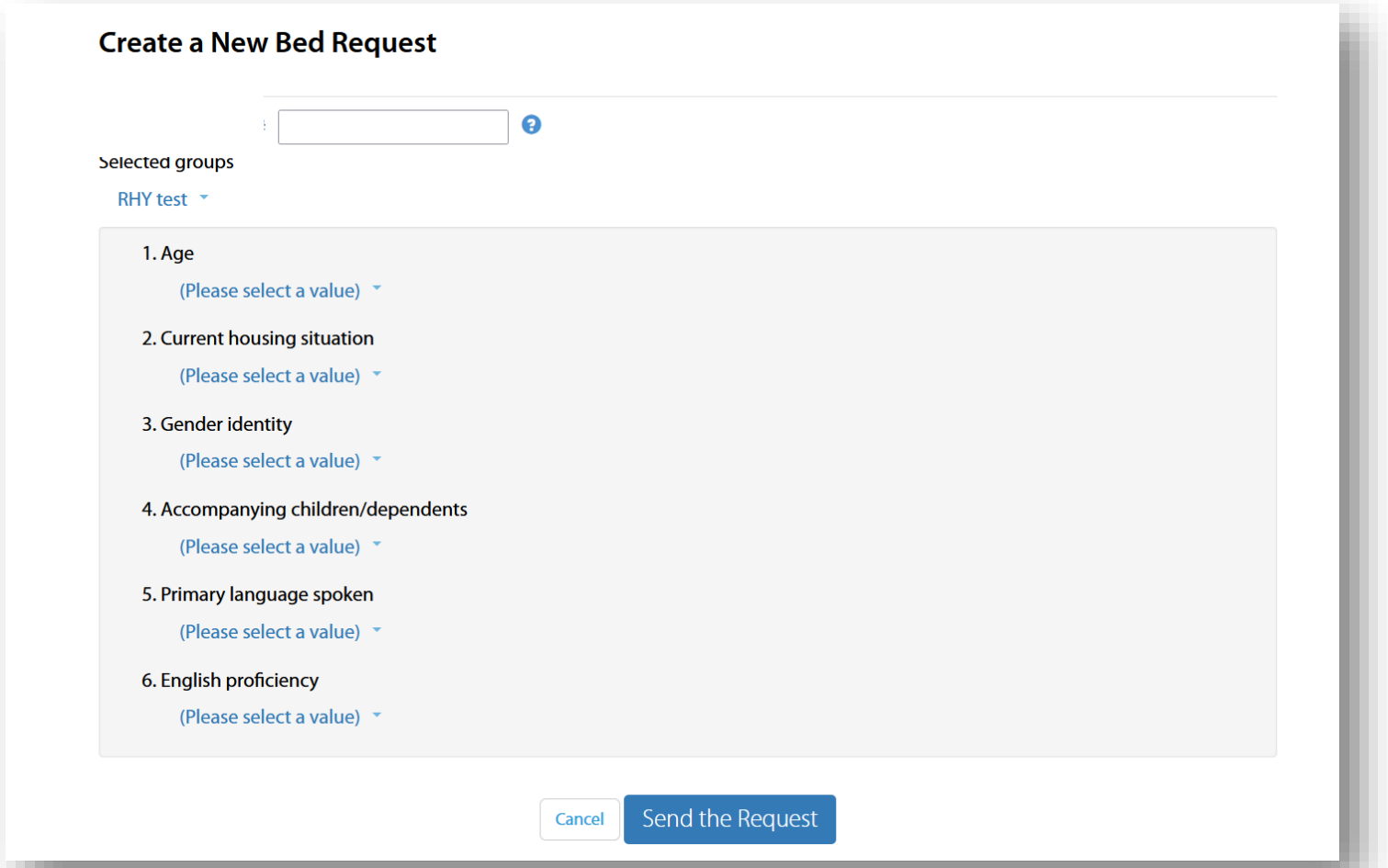
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4) Accompanying children/derivatives
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- ❑ Accompanying children

8) Language spoken (drop-down list)
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- ○ Arabic
- ○ Japanese
- ○ Other _____

9) English proficiency
- ○ Limited
- ○ Basic
- ○ Proficient

Final RHY product intake 2023



Thank you

