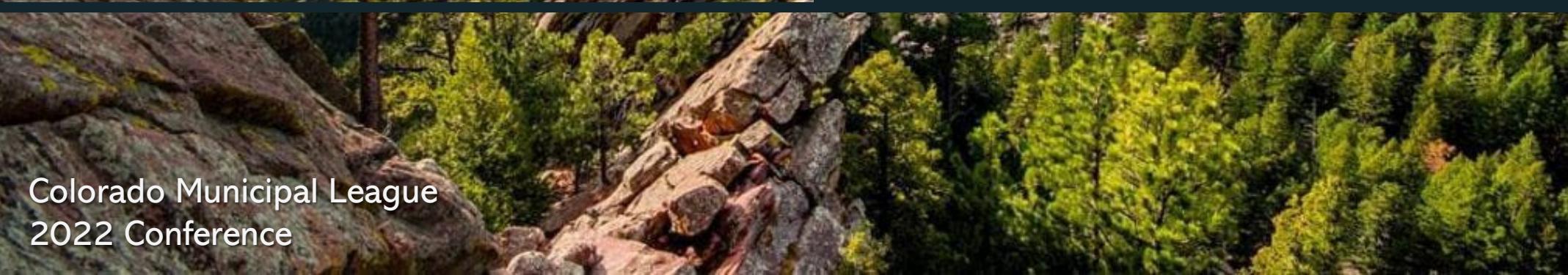




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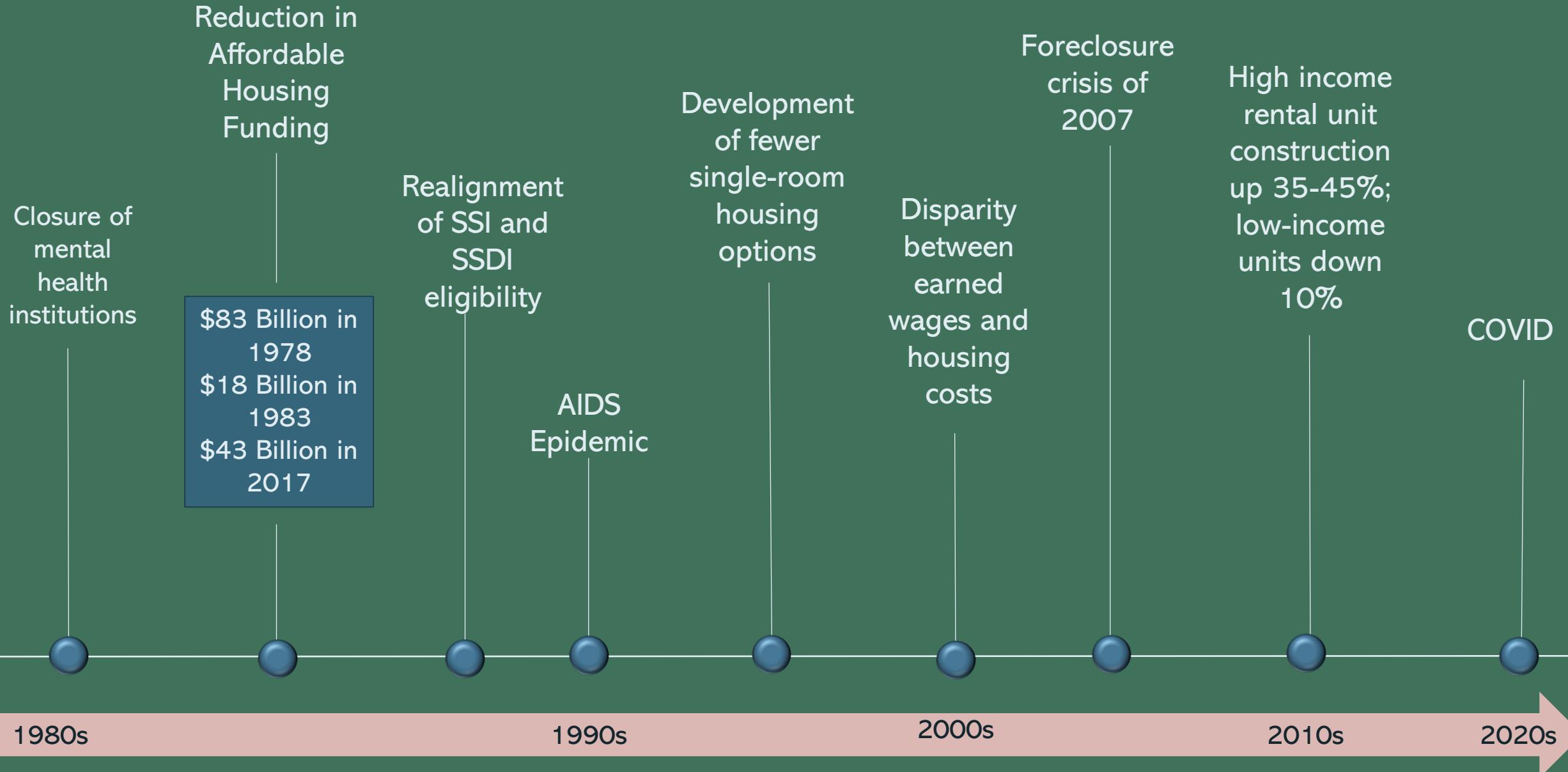


Homelessness Challenges

- Difficulty of applying a local response to a national problem
- Inequity of resources across jurisdictions
- Significant administration needs
 - Knowledge of available resources and changing requirements
 - Relationships with State and Federal partners and alignment with local Continuum of Care
- Increasing number of people experiencing homelessness with higher levels of vulnerability
 - Meth, aging population, acute mental health issues
 - Sex offenders and people who have lengthy interaction with the justice system
 - High Utilizers of hospitals/clinics/mental health services/emergency services



Origins of National Homelessness Crisis



Historic Response – We Were Good At Helping People Be Successful in Homelessness

Uncoordinated
Grass Root
Response

Sheltering
Focused On
Inclement
Weather

Housing
Readiness
Solutions

Concentrated on moment
to moment needs
(food, supply
distribution)

Shelter as an emergency
response rather than a
tool to move people to
housing. No real
prioritization of highest
system utilizers

“Fixing” people (sobriety
requirements, work
requirements, etc.)
before housing



2016-2017: Where Did We Start?

- Facilitated community and service-provider meetings
- Development of a Homeless Strategy
- Creation of Homeless Solutions for Boulder County (HSBC)
 - Centralized decision-making for Boulder County single adult homelessness
 - Executive Board: leadership from Boulder, Longmont, Boulder County, local housing authorities, and local Continuum of Care
 - Work groups involving key nonprofit partners
 - Housing Exits
 - Systems
 - Data
 - High Utilizers
 - Outreach
 - Established case conferencing to consistently and fairly match individuals with housing resources



Boulder Homeless Strategy



System Principles and Coordination

- Collaboration between charitable actors and government funding players
- Agreed upon:
 - Set of operating principles
 - Implementation and funding strategy
 - Ongoing coordination
- Boulder
 - Transition system into housing focused instead of emergency response
 - Concentrate as many resources to increasing access to/availability of housing resources
 - Match response to acuity of need





Components of a Housing Focused System



Outreach
Shelter & Coordinated Entry
Magnet Events
Navigators/Community
Court
Clinics/Mental Health
BTHERE
Homeless Outreach Team

Focus on housing

Deposit Assistance
HCV Set Asides
Locally Funded Vouchers
State/HUD Vouchers
Move on Strategies

Mix of local and other resources

Landlord recruitment/
relationship
Damage assurance funds
Debt relief funds
Signing incentives
PSH unit Development

Increasing the number of units available across need

Shelter Exit Support
BCPHS
Housing Case Managers
Peer Support
Retention Teams

Matched with acuity of need

A Sample of the Partners and Players

- Boulder Shelter for the Homeless
- HOPE Longmont
- Mother House & The Lodge
- The Source and TGTHR
- Focus Re-entry
- Feet Forward
- Boulder County
 - HHS Community Services
 - Public Health
- Boulder County Housing Authority
- Longmont Housing Authority
- Metro Denver Homeless Initiative
- Colorado Department of Housing
- Harvest of Hope Food Pantry
- Mental Health Partners
- City of Longmont (various departments)
- City of Boulder
 - HHS
 - Municipal Court
 - City Attorney's Office
 - Parks and Recreation Urban Park Rangers
 - Utilities Operations Team
 - Boulder Police Department
- Boulder Downtown Business Partners
- SAMHSA
- VA
- HUD
- Boulder Community Health





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