

## Action Teams Shared Short List of Issues

### **ACCESS TO RESOURCES**

Physical access to resources (transportation)  
Awareness of resources  
Eligibility for resources

### **CHILDREN**

Impact of poverty on child development  
Nurturing infants  
Quality, affordable child care  
Limited early support for parents  
(financial / paid leave)  
Family role models

### **EDUCATION**

Lack of communication between schools &  
community  
Lack of access to extra-curriculars and co-  
curriculars  
Student food insecurities  
Lack of supplies to be successful  
Lack of public awareness of impoverished students

### **EXPO Re-ENTRY**

Housing  
Re-entry planning  
Employment  
Treatment Support  
Basic Post-release Needs

### **FOOD INSECURITY**

Stigma (others need help more)  
Accessibility of healthy food  
Lack of knowledge on preparing food  
Lack of knowledge on how to get help  
Lack of resources in rural areas

### **HEALTH CARE**

#### Top 3

1. Shortages in health care infrastructure (facilities, people) / lack of access to mental health care by impoverished (long wait times to access help)
2. Culture of stigma prevents recognition of mental health prevention (including violence)
3. Incarceration versus outpatient for AODA treatment/War on Drugs

#### Others

Lack of health insurance coverage (costs increasing)  
High costs for adequate help (nursing)  
Binge Drinking  
Navigating the system  
Diabetes issue  
Mental health technology

### **HOUSING**

Lack of Homeless Prevention  
Budgeting Education / Life Skills  
Misinformation / Public and Mass Media  
Knowledge of Issue  
Income Requirements

### **INCOME & JOB SKILLS**

Benefit cut-off  
Income – Living Wage  
Free tuition for technical school

### **PUBLIC NARRATIVE & STIGMA**

1. Who are the faces of poverty?
2. Who is responsible?
  - a. For poverty, as well as to help people in poverty
3. What can I do to help?
  - a. Upstream vs downstream interventions
4. Conspiracy to ignore poverty
  - a. “Blissful ignorance”