Breakout Group 1 Summary

Screening and Assessment

- Participants discussed the need for a flexible, core screening tool that can integrate with platforms like Findhelp's LinkU, and allow customization and updates at minimal cost.
- Participants stressed that assessments should be detailed yet flexible enough to reflect individuals' changing circumstances and needs.
- Participants supported allowing various professionals (e.g., case managers, pharmacists, care coordinators) to conduct assessments; one asked if clinical licensure is required.
- Participants noted that interoperability across systems is essential to avoid the need for retraining all CBOs on new platforms.
- Some participants want Medicaid eligibility status to be visible within the system (eligibility till this date or a yes/ no in the system).
- Participants noted that existing tools like the PRAPARE and CMS Accountable Health Communities Screening Tool are already in use and available in multiple languages.
- Participants also stressed accessibility for seniors and translation to ASL as priorities.
- A participant noted that DHCF and DC Health support for LinkU and its access point via the DC HIE can reduce CBOs' costs by limiting the need for multiple assessment tools.

System Design, Capabilities, and Integration

- Participants expressed that the system should allow both staff-administered and self-reported assessment and support multimodal access (phone, desktop, paper, etc.).
- A participant asked about costs for closed-loop functionality in LinkU; it was clarified this is a core feature with no cost for CBOs, although optional add-ons may incur fees.
- Several participants emphasized that the screening system should integrate with other platforms to support data sharing and prevent requiring CBOs to use multiple logins.
- Participants discussed the idea of a centralized (single entity) screening process.
    - One participant noted that while a unified system is ideal, flexibility is needed to accommodate different populations (e.g., seniors, individuals upon reentry, families vs. single adults) who may require tailored workflows and assessments.
- Participants also discussed the potential benefit of using a core screening tool across entities to ensure consistent data collection and interpretation.