

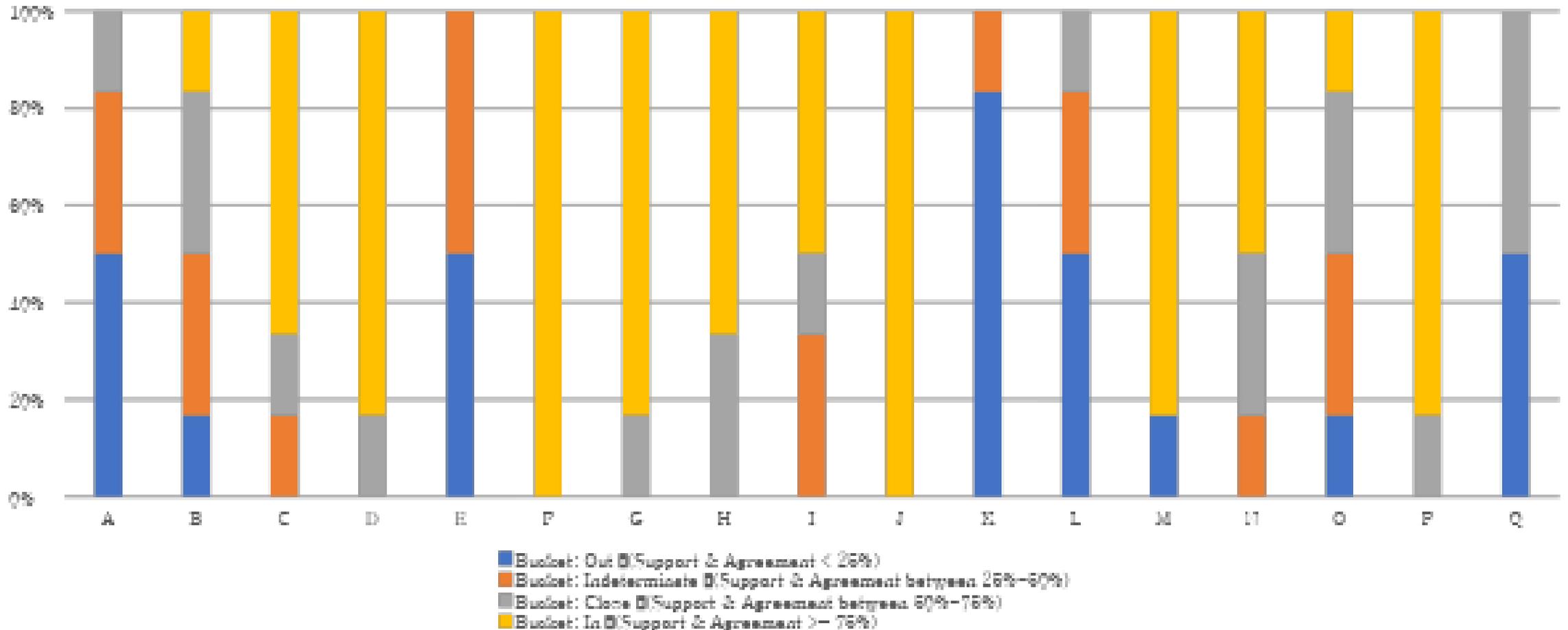
Common Ground for Action:
**How do We Increase the Effectiveness
of the Montgomery County Homeless
Crisis Response System?**

**Community Reflection &
Collective Impact Planning Summit**



Common Ground for Action Landscape

Common Ground for Action Across ALL Forums



Blend of Strategies

- Broad + deep support for **Option 2, improving in-shelter services**
- Broad support for parts of **Option 1 (prevention)** and **Option 4 (employment)**
 - Prevention: Implement an eviction prevention program targeting HUD-subsidized housing residents
 - Prevention: Work collaboratively with institutions like jails, hospitals, nursing homes, foster care, and local housing code enforcement departments to prevent clients from being discharged into homelessness”
 - Employment: Expanding paid job and soft skills
 - Employment: Developing a pool of employers who commit to hire homeless/formerly homeless individuals
- **Option 3** (providing rental assistance to all who don't qualify for PSH immediately) was broadly viewed as too risky

Overlap & Additional Notes from Consumer Forums

- Deep & broad support for [Option 2](#)
- Slightly stronger support for [Options 1 and 4](#), in general
- Also viewed [Option 3](#) as risky
- Additional notes:
 - Knowledgeable, motivated case managers are the key.
 - Transportation is a huge issue.
 - Medical care.
 - Relationship with staff, feeling of empathy, respect, and personal is also key.
 - An incentive system for compliance would actually be welcomed by clients (at least those who participated in these forums).

This summary is ONLY our starting point.

- Our job today is to really make sense of all this together and determine what it means for all of us, individually and as a system, moving forward.

What do we need to talk about today?

- **What seems clearest to you based on these conversations? What seems to be common amongst all participants?**

Are there particular actions we all discussed we agree should be implemented?

- When looked at in totality, do we think the actions in common ground should all be implemented?
 - Are there any others, including any of the notes from consumer forums, that should be added?
 - Any that should be revised or excluded?
- **Are there strategies we support that we still need to figure out specific actions to implement?**
 - **Which tradeoffs are we willing to make, and which are we not? Why?**
 - **What shifts or changes in our thinking did these conversations prompt?**
 - **What did you hear that needs to be acted on?**

