

Crosswalk: Wellbeing Revolution vs. Conventional Approaches

Feature / Principle	Wellbeing Revolution Approach	Conventional Approach to Homelessness	Pasifika Alignment
Centering Lived Experience	Lived experience leaders co-design policy, programs, and evaluation metrics.	Token consultation or data extraction from those with lived experience.	Respects elders, uplifts voices of those directly impacted by systemic harm.
Cultural Accountability	Practices guided by cultural protocols and indigenous values.	Culture is often minimized or generalized to service categories.	Grounded in ancestral protocols, spiritual respect, and cultural integrity.
Collective Care & Healing	Healing circles, trauma-informed care, and spiritual wellbeing embedded.	Clinical mental health & behavioral services dominate with limited spiritual care.	Healers, prayer, song, and collective care are embedded forms of support.
Relational Governance	Decisions made through shared power, trust-building, and relationships.	Hierarchical models prioritize funders, executives, and external experts.	Power is relational—decisions made through vā (relational space) and consensus.
Integrated Systems Approach	Interweaves housing, health, education, and family services holistically.	Fragmented systems with siloed service delivery and disconnected goals.	Mirrors the interconnectedness of village life and extended family (kainga).
Prevention & Belonging	Focus on root causes, identity, and long-term community wellness.	Reactive crisis response and short-term stabilization dominate strategy.	Belonging, identity, and wholeness are prioritized before intervention.
Narratives of Dignity & Mana	Communication restores hope, pride, and ancestral wisdom.	Language often centers deficit, pathology, or system compliance.	Restores language, story, and cultural pride—mana-enhancing narratives.
Decriminalization & Narrative Shift	Counters criminalization by centering restoration, cultural healing, and relational accountability. Reframes public understanding using stories of mana, resilience, and community-led strength.	Criminalization of unsheltered people, substance use, and behavioral health issues. Relies on law enforcement, displacement, and stigmatizing rhetoric in public discourse.	Rejects shame-based systems; centers healing and communal restoration.
Seattle-King County CoC Alignment	Directly advances CoC values such as racial equity, lived experience leadership, system transformation, and person-centered care. Emphasizes upstream prevention, healing, and intergenerational wellbeing.	Partial alignment with stated values, but often limited by compliance-driven funding, fragmented implementation, and minimal community governance.	CoC goals like equity and lived experience are strengthened by Pasifika frameworks emphasizing love, justice, and spirituality.