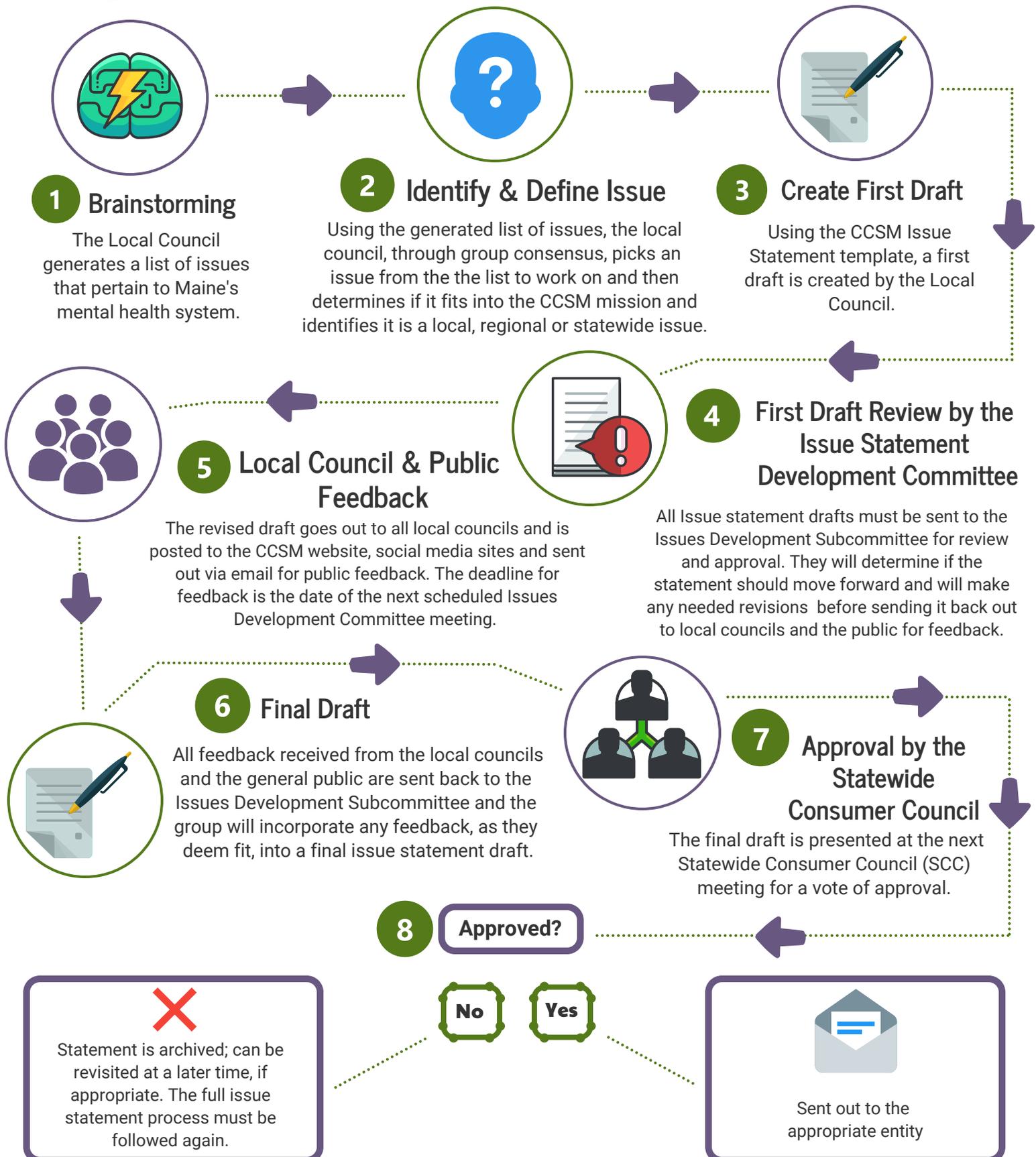




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1 Brainstorming

The subcommittee generates a list of issues that pertain to Maine's mental health system.



2 Identify & Define Issue

Using the generated list of issues, the subcommittee, through group consensus, picks an issue from the the list to work on and then determines if it fits into the CCSM mission and identifies it as either a local, regional or statewide issue.



3 Create Concept Draft

A concept draft, which clarifies the idea, is written. The issue is summed up in a paragraph yet gives enough detail to provide a comprehensive understanding of the idea.



5 Create First Draft

Once feedback from the concept draft is received, a first draft is created by the subcommittee using the CCSM Issue Statement template.



4 Local Council & Public Feedback

The concept draft, which introduces the issue, is sent out to all local councils and posted to the CCSM website, social media sites and sent out via email for feedback along with a deadline to respond. Comments received will be used in creating the first draft.



6 Local Council & Public Feedback

The first draft is sent out to all local councils and is posted to the CCSM website, social media sites and sent out via email for public feedback along with a deadline to respond.



7 Final Draft

All feedback received is sent back to the Issues Development subcommittee and the group will incorporate any feedback, as deemed appropriate, into a final issue statement draft.


Sent out to the appropriate entity


Statement is archived; can be revisited at a later time, if appropriate

9 Approved?

Yes

No



8 Approval by the Statewide Consumer Council

The final draft is presented at the next Statewide Consumer Council (SCC) meeting for a vote of approval.