Barbara Poppe & Associates LLC, established in 2014, works with communities and organizations to tackle complex issues by developing a collaborative, cross-sector approach that leads to a common agenda, shared measurement strategies, continuous communications processes, and a set of mutually reinforcing activities. By helping organizations develop the capacity and adaptive leadership skills to be an effective backbone structure, they can undertake a systems approach that achieves results and community impact. Areas of focus include: homelessness, affordable housing, public health, and anti-poverty strategies.

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