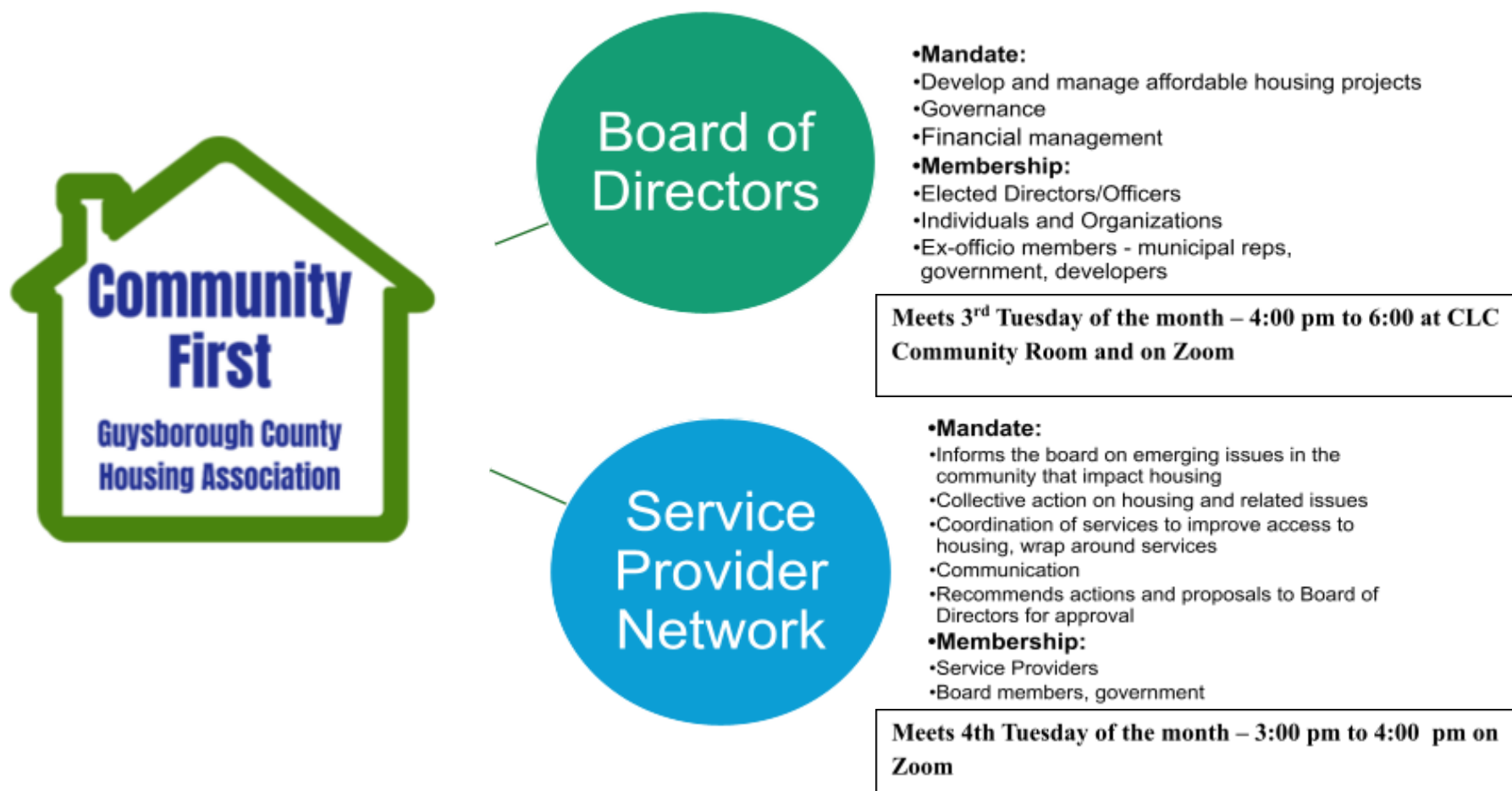


Community First: Guysborough County Housing Association - Organizational Model



When the **Guysborough County Housing Network** decided to become a not-for-profit affordable housing provider, members felt that the new model needed to maintain the service provider network. Much of what we learn about the needs of families and individuals comes from services providers, working on the front lines with access to clients. They identify ongoing issues that need to be addressed such as food security, poverty, racism and other issues. It was felt that a new model should incorporate both a working **Board of Directors** that could actively seek and develop affordable housing projects and a **Service Provider Network** that would meet the need for collective action, improving coordination, collaboration and communication (i.e. website project). When people apply to join the organization they are all members of the Association. At the Annual General Meeting, individuals and organizations are nominated to the Board of Directors. All members can attend and participate in the Network.