

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: November 17,2016
 Chair: Randy Benson/Ian Gerbrandt
 Minutes Recorder: Mia Burgess, COF

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Randy Benson	Kelowna Gospel Mission
P	Funder/Vice Chair	Ian Gerbrandt	United Way
-	Rehabilitation	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
R	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
R	Provincial Government/Youth	David Hentschel	Ministry of Children & Family Development
P	Aboriginal	Sarah Martin	Community Member
P	Aboriginal	Cam Martin	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre
P	Education	Phil Bond	UBC Okanagan
R	Provincial Government/Health	Sandra Robertson	Interior Health Authority
P	Mental Health/Housing	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association
R	Faith	Don Richmond	Evangel Church
-	Corrections	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
P	Diversity/Community Information/Volunteerism	Ellen Boelcke	Kelowna Community Resources
P	Provincial Government/Housing	Nanette Drobot	BC Housing
P	Front Line Youth	Diane Entwistle	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
P	Municipal Government	Sue Wheeler	City of Kelowna
Non-Voting Members:			
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Cheryl Miller	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Mia Burgess	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Service Canada	Wayne Ackerman	Federal Government
R	Service Canada	Lisa McHaffie	Federal Government
Guests:			
P	Provincial Government/Income Assistance	Alex Vracarevic	Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation

MINUTES DISTRIBUTION

- CAB-H Members
- Steven Fuhr, Member of Parliament

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

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1. Welcome to new members and guests and introductions – Randy
Roundtable introductions

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2. Approval of November, 2016 agenda and September, 2016 minutes – Randy

Motion to accept November agenda and September minutes: Mike, Diane (seconded)

3. Community Entity update-Mia

Meeting with Christine McPhee, Kelowna Branch Head Librarian, Okanagan Regional Library

- Met in September
- Explained HPS funding and the role of the CAB
- Shared information on available resources
- Christine wanted to know more about resources and ways the library can better support individuals experiencing homelessness
- I shared resource information: Street Survival guide, information on the role of urban Outreach, CMHA MH crisis line.
- Connected Christine with JoAnne from KGM for information on KGM outreach

National Conference on Ending Homelessness

- Met with co-chairs of Ontario Housing First Network
- Attended sessions on Housing Registry lists, BC Housing funded shelters, Permanent Supportive Housing (shifting to adopt some principals of HF), indigenous based permanent supportive housing

2018 PiT Count Update

- Spoke with HPS policy analyst at the CAEH conference
- Canada is developing guidance on screening-in people experiencing hidden homelessness
- 2018 count will take place between March and April 2018
- There will be a directed CFP call to CEs (CE will get first choice to conduct count or contract it out)
- A preliminary report from the 2016 count was expected to be launched later this fall

BC CE Network

- Have had several teleconferences and two in-person meetings in London
- Continuing to move forward, further develop CE partnerships
- Working towards a Provincial CE conference and seeking out support
- Collective goals so far:
 - Provincial coordination in the delivery of the HPS funds in communities across British Columbia
 - application of consistent operating methodologies
 - support for new and existing CEs
- Developing a model aligning CEs approach to the 2018 PiT Count that enables the information from the national count to be used to compare homelessness data across British Columbia
- Discussion around 2018 PiT Count supplemental questions
- Working more closely with BC Housing

Guest lectured 3rd year Urban Geography class at UBC-O in October

- Discussed: Homelessness in Kelowna; PiT count; Federal Government's disinvestment in affordable housing beginning in the 80's and more recent responses to addressing homelessness; Kelowna's housing

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landscape; social inclusion and social exclusion; by-laws and city spaces; factors that impact responses to homelessness; social attitudes; funding priorities; and delivery of funding.

4. Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation - HIIT Team update-Alex

- Alex has been attending 5 community groups
- Hired Nancy Wikeruk for the HIIT team
- Team has been working with by-law services regarding homeless encampments
- Team attends camps and speaks with individuals
- Looking at connecting people that would be appropriate roommates-will connect with CMHA, to see how HIIT may fit with the CMHA housing workshop and landlord engagement
- Working with KGM, CMHA, BCH, IHA
- Trying to ensure cheque deposits run smoothly
- Potential for staff from the Residential Tenancy Branch to host an information session for MSDSI clients
- John Malito is retiring, so MSDSI will hire a new outreach worker

5. City of Kelowna update-Sue

- Continuing to connect with agencies and build relationships
- Amazing services exist already in Kelowna and have great strengths
- Key themes emerging out of discussions with agencies/community partners: good collaborative work being done, opportunity to expand on this to build a systems-focused approach, interest in seeing the City take a leadership role in addressing homelessness
- Sue will present homeless-services system plan to city council in December to verify the City's commitments
- Housing First best practices recognizes the need for a systems approaches to addressing homelessness
- Looking at the needs for non-market sector housing
- City of Kelowna applied under the HPS Social Innovation Fund Call for Proposals to fund the homeless-services system plan
- Received several letters of support from community partners; letters were submitted with application
- The primary ask for funding was to fund a 'backbone' organization
- Backbone will be tied to the City of Kelowna and an advisory committee will provide guidance and support
- Total ask for funding is \$327,000
- Sue continues to research best practices in Canada and building upon them
- Looking at private-sector landlord engagement
- Transitional storage program with KGM is going well
- Sue attended a poverty reduction put on by CATCH (discussion was around poverty and homelessness in Kelowna)
- Working with by-law enforcement officers
- By-law officers will continue to have an enforcement-based approach but staff will also receive training on how to support individuals experiencing homelessness

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6. Future direction of the CAB-H-Randy

How does the CAB-H want to proceed for the future?

- Project approval focus vs taking on additional projects/goals in addition to project approval
- IF project approval, CAB-H must still ensure they are updated on happenings in the Homeless sector to be able to make informed decisions regarding Community Plan updates and Sub-project approval
- Hard to make a decision at this time, as we're just starting to learn more about the City's plan

How can the CAB-H be involved/support the City's plan?

- If necessary, we can convene a sub-committee to determine how we will proceed and bring that back to the CAB-H for a vote
- CAB-H could play a role in assisting with readiness planning for the homeless-serving systems framework

Meeting frequency:

- Mia: this meeting should be the last project approval meeting, unless the Feds make additional funding available for 2018-2019-CE may need to run an additional CFP, time permitting
- Need to determine how many meetings we will have so Mia can create the 2017 meeting schedule
- Mia: we need to ensure we meet the requirements of the elements of a well-functioning CAB-H (See documents I sent out prior to the September, 2016 meeting and the November, 2016 meeting)
- Will keep meetings at a bi-monthly frequency and change if needed

Motion to maintain status-quo for meeting frequency and re-evaluate future direction at future CAB-H meeting:
Ian, Diane (seconded)

7. HPS project approval: Years 2017-2019-Ian

CAB-H members who self-identified as having a conflict with being involved in the approval of projects excused themselves prior to the HPS project approval meeting: Randy, Cam, Mike, Diane, Nanette

CAB-H members present for approval of projects: Ellen, Sue, Ian, Phil, Sarah

Non-Voting CAB-H members present: Wayne, Mia, Cheryl

Mia provided paper copies of the minutes from the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Project Review Committee meeting. These documents were returned to Mia at the end of the meeting.

The following projects were approved by the CAB-H, as recommended by the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Project Review Committee. Motion to approve projects: Phil, Sue (seconded).

Designated Communities Funding Stream:

Priority 1:

Canadian Mental Health Association

Housing First

2017-2018: \$221,100

2018-2019: \$147,400

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Priority 2:

Canadian Mental Health Association

Community Navigation and Outreach

2017-2018: \$76,375

New Opportunities for Women Canada

The Essentials Program

2017-2018: \$106,879

2018-2019: \$98,700

Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs

Youth Emergency Shelter/Supportive Housing Program

2017-2018: \$148,396

2018-2019: \$122,400

Aboriginal Homelessness Funding Stream:

Priority 2:

Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society

Ki-low-Na Homelessness Project

2017-2018: \$187,547

2018-2019: \$93,774

6. Adjournment – Ian

NEXT MEETING:

TBD