

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: November 16, 2017

Chair: Randy Benson

Minutes Recorder: Mia Burgess, COF

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Randy Benson	Kelowna Gospel Mission
-	Vice Chair	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
P	Rehabilitation	Mona Hennenfent	Brain Trust Canada
R	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
-	Provincial Government/Youth	<i>vacant</i>	Ministry of Children & Family Development
R	Aboriginal	Sarah Martin	Community Member
P	Aboriginal	Tina Larouche	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
R	Education	Phil Bond	UBC Okanagan
R	Provincial Government/Health	Sandra Robertson	Interior Health Authority
P	Mental Health/Housing	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association
P	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
R	Front Line Youth	Diane Entwistle	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
P	Municipal Government	Sue Wheeler	City of Kelowna
-	Provincial Government/Income Assistance	<i>vacant</i>	Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation
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
P	Service Canada	Lisa Peters	Federal Government
R	Service Canada	Lisa McHaffie	Federal Government
Alternates:			
P	Front Line Youth	Sarah McKinnon	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
Guests:			
P	Funder	Reanne Holden-Amadio	United Way CSO

MINUTES DISTRIBUTION

- CAB-H Members, Steven Fuhr, MP

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome to new members and guests and Introductions – Randy	
2. Approval of November 16, 2017 Agenda and September 21, 2017 Minutes – Randy	Approved
	Mike; Ellen
3. Membership	
Reanne Holden-Amadio, Community Investment Manager, United Way of the Central and South Okanagan, was voted into the funder CAB-H seat.	Ellen; Don
4. Terms of Reference-amendments-Randy	
<p>Amendments accepted:</p> <p>Page 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each member can identify one alternate that can attend meetings in their place • Alternates must sign a membership declaration • Make arrangements through the CE or the Chair for the identified alternate to attend the meeting. <p>Page 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests can attend CAB-H meetings on an invitation-only basis. • Guests must excuse themselves from the room prior to any matters requiring a vote. 	
5. Community Entity update-Mia	
<p>CAEH Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many agencies were in attendance this year • I attended sessions on colonialism, incorporating indigenous voices and legislating responses to ending homelessness • ESDC provided an update about HPS 2019 and beyond: consistent themes they've heard: communities like the CAB/CE model, there are jurisdictional challenges with Aboriginal Housing funding, Housing First needs to be more flexible for indigenous people, youth and women. There have been requests for a youth-focused HPS stream • No word on new agreements • Government of Canada to announce the National Housing Strategy on National Housing Day, November 22nd • Not anticipating that we will receive any specific details about HPS renewal • Went around the room and had members who also attended CAEH share about their experience <p>BC10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I presented about the BC10 as part of the panel with the 7 cities and the SW5 CE networks on the topic of mobilizing networks to end homelessness <p>2018 Meeting Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB-H EXEC recommends that the CAB-H meet 3/x year for 2018, rather than 6/x year 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not much need to meet • City of Kelowna has the Journey Home Task Force and CAB-H will inform the Task Force • Recognize everyone is busy with other community meetings • Could meet in January, May and September –note that September will be moved to a later date because September is a busy month • After the project approval meeting today, all HPS funding has been allocated until March 31, 2019 <p>Housing Registry Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BC10 has had many discussions about housing registry weeks and we’ve met with Marie, Director of 20,000 Homes Campaign and Beth Sandor, Community Solutions- part of 100,000 Homes Campaign in the U.S. • Some questions have come up about a Housing Registry week in Kelowna • The CAEH is promoting Housing Registry weeks be conducted in conjunction with the 2018 PiT count • If communities undertake a registry week in conjunction with a PiT Count, Canada will not provide additional funding for a coordinator • Communities can use some photocopying funding or room rental space from the PiT budget to support a Housing Registry Week but Canada’s priority is the PiT Count • Registry week initiates the creation of a by-name list of people experiencing homelessness locally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Registry week is typically held over 2-3 days • It requires volunteers to go out in the community to collect identifying information from people experiencing homelessness using an assessment tool such as the VAT or VI-SPDAT • It is a real-time updatable list that is used to prioritize and match people to housing support options and collects real-time identifying information on an on-going basis • Needs to be housed within a coordinated access system so the data can be kept live • There needs to be funding and infrastructure to support this • Cheryl and I connected with Nanette about BC Housing’s Coordinated Access initiative and we have concerns that doing a housing registry week is duplicating what BCH is already doing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCH is already VAT-ing people and the Supportive Housing Registry is being used to house people • A housing placement committee meets regularly and Ana is facilitating monthly VAT registry days • Nanette is going to share about the work BCH is currently doing <p>Round table discussion about Housing Registry Week:</p> <p>Reanne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penticton conducted a Housing Registry week and will be doing one again 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are asked to fill out a supportive housing registry form (BC Housing) and are contacted by VAT trained staff at a later date • Housing registry collects identifying data and there is the opportunity to ask “do you want access to services?” <p>Mike:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People are not being VAT-ed in current system • VATs are not being done quickly enough • Youth are missing from the list • Communities are taking a systematic approach to addressing homelessness • Question becomes-what are our priorities? <p>Nanette:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 people have completed VAT to date and 1,000 people are on the BC Housing registry list • 26 staff from local homeless-serving agencies in Kelowna are trained to conduct the VAT • It takes collective effort to ensure people are VAT-ed • One day could be set aside to conduct VATs in the community-Ana is planning to lead monthly ‘VAT parties’ • BC Housing can only do so much and are asking agencies to please encourage staff members to complete VATs <p>Cheryl: sounds like the 26 people who are trained could meet with BC Housing to talk about what could be put in place to ensure VATs are being completed</p> <p>Randy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have mechanisms in place that need to be improved • No consensus for doing a registry week <p>Cheryl:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registry week won’t be done as part of the 2018 PiT Count • What about supports that people need in addition to housing? <p>Nanette:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needing supports is a long way down the road, just looking at housing and supported housing • VAT identifies vulnerability • To be accepted onto the BC Housing registry list VAT and supportive housing registry form need to be completed • Want to make sure new people are added to the list so that can be considered for new housing opportunities • 100 homes is another way of coordinating <p>Mike:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a broad-base system people are referred from a centralized point • Coordinated access is a triage system 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies aren't organized in Kelowna and services are misaligned <p>Sue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do we want to be a 20,000 Homes Campaign city? What is the commitment? <p>Reanne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penticton is pushing to know everyone by name CAEH website has resources and Penticton agreed to house 100 people by 2018 Collective group of agencies and city signed on to the 20,000 Homes Campaign <p>Wayne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could 20,000 Homes be something Journey Home works towards? <p>Cheryl:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is coordinated access part of the consultants work? If we sign onto 20,000 Homes campaign what happens with the Journey Home strategy and the consultants work? <p>Sue: Systems framework is part of the Journey Home plan</p>	
6. HPS project approval- Ellen	
<p>The following CAB-H members that were in attendance excused themselves prior to the funding discussion due to conflicts: Mike, Sue, Tina, Sarah (on behalf of Diane) and Randy</p> <p>CAB-H members present for discussion: Nanette, Ellen, Don, Mona, Reanne Non-voting members present: Cheryl, Mia, Wayne, Lisa</p> <p>HPS SIF FUNDING APPROVED:</p> <p><u>Designated Communities Funding Stream</u></p> <p>Priority 1: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First approach</p> <p>Canadian Mental Health Association-Kelowna District Branch Housing First Program 2018-2019: \$77,123</p> <p>Priority 2: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Kelowna's Gospel Mission KGM Outreach 2018-2019: \$77,679</p>	

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<p>Now Canada Society Essentials Program 2018-2019: \$38,005</p> <p><u>Aboriginal Homelessness Stream</u></p> <p>Priority 2: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society 2018-2019: \$104,687</p> <p>Projects approved, all in favour.</p>	
<p>6. Adjournment – Ellen</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT MEETING: January 24, 2018 9-11 am 1633 Richter street</p>	