

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: August 21,2019

Chair: Ellen Boelcke

Minutes Recorder: Richard Roy, CE

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Ellen Boelcke	KCR-Community Resources
R	Vice Chair	Randy Benson	Kelowna's Gospel Mission
P	Funder	Jude Brunt	United Way-Southern Interior BC
P	Rehabilitation	Mia Burgess	Brain Trust Canada
P	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
-	Provincial Government/Youth	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
P	Indigenous	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
R	Faith	Don Richmond	Evangel Church
-	Corrections	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
P	Backbone and Coordination	Gaelene Askeland	Central Okanagan Journey Home
P	Lived Experience	Elaine McMurray	Lived Experience Circle
P	Provincial Government/Housing	Nanette Drobot	BC Housing
P	Front Line Youth	Sarah McKinnon	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	Richard Roy	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Service Canada	Wayne Ackerman	Service Canada/Federal Government
Alternates:			
Guests:			
P	Funder	Jeanne Legua	United Way-Southern Interior BC

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- CAB-H Members, Steven Fuhr, MP

Meeting called to order at 10:07am

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1. Welcome to New Members, Guests, Introductions –Ellen

- OK to record meeting for minute recorder accuracy
- Tina provided land acknowledgment
- Roundtable of introductions; Elaine McMurray introduced herself as the Lived Experience sector representative; Jude introduced Jeanne Legua, Community Investment Summer Student Associate

2. Approval of August 19, 2019 Agenda – Ellen

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Motion forwarded by Gaelene

Seconded by Jude

Vote: Passed / Unanimous

3. Community Entity Update Introduction of Richard Roy, Community Entity Coordinator – Cheryl

Richard started as Community Entity Coordinator on August 6th. Richard has met with CMHA, KGM, KFS, NOW, OBGC, COJHS, Service Canada and the members of CAB-H Subcommittee for the Kelowna Community Plan. In the ensuing weeks ahead he will be making the rounds to get a more in depth look at the facilities, ranges of services provided and meet more of the people involved in delivering those services.

4. Distribution of the Community Capacity and Innovation (CCI) Funds – Cheryl

Central Okanagan Journey Home Society (COJHS) has not currently been granted charitable status and is also seeking a new Executive Director. As such, the Central Okanagan Foundation, as the Community Entity cannot advance the previously approved CCI funding. Subsequent to this procedural road block COJHS' board of directors passed a motion that waived its right to the first year CCI funding in favor of the City of Kelowna taking on the CCI program or another mutually agreed upon registered charity for the balance of the year ending March 31.2020. The second year CCI funding would revert to COJHS assuming it has retained an Executive Director and received charitable status. The CE Manager is currently in dialogue with the city of Kelowna and another registered charity.

After some discussion the members felt that the following motion below would enable the CCI funding to proceed if the city of Kelowna is able to undertake the CCI program. If the city of Kelowna is unable to move forward, the CE will inform the CAB-H of the alternate registered charity and the CAB-H members will vote on the alternate registered charity via email.

Motion: The Community Advisory Board on Homelessness agrees that the first year of Reaching Home: Community Capacity and Innovation (CCI) funding be directed to the City of Kelowna or a mutually agreed upon Registered Charity.

Motion forwarded by Mia

Seconded by Tina

Vote: Passed / Unanimous

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5. Approval Reaching Home 2019-2024 Kelowna Community Homelessness Plan – Ellen / Cheryl

Cheryl gave the CAB-H members an overview of the community plan and the process moving towards the Call for Proposals. The committee members discussed the proposed Kelowna Community Homelessness Plan section by section. A number of constructive suggestions were offered. They were as follows;

Section 1 Engagement – Content for this section is focused on what initiatives were undertaken to engage the community and as such could be responded to by citing the recent comprehensive community engagement work undertaken by the Central Okanagan Journey Home Society (COJHS). The CAB-H Subcommittee felt the data spoke directly to community input without the duplication of time and expense.

A discussion ensued and Wayne offered several insightful suggestions that would speed the review process by reducing requests for clarification. They included:

- Add # of design labs
- Add # of people that participated
- Add # community forums
- Indigenous specific engagement – info that will strengthen / show quantifiable evidence of how extensive the engagement process was. Sue should have this info readily available.
- Add landlord/developers participation
- Lived/ living Experience participation

Gaelene suggested attaching the full PDF version of the Journey Home Strategy; Wayne confirmed the strategy could be attached to the community plan.

Section 2 Investment Plan – Content for this section is focused on the percentage allocations meeting the requirements of Reaching Home. A discussion ensued as to each amount and why. Ellen advised that the Sub Committee recommended sub project funding be extended to a 4 year term thereby reducing the CFP process and allowing services to continue uninterrupted for the duration, this declaration was met with approval and there were no objections raised. The Committee members were satisfied with the allocations and the potential to be adjusted in the future should demands change.

Section 3 Cost Matching – Content for this section is focused on all funding for homelessness initiatives in the city of Kelowna. The discussion that ensued produced several suggested amendments;

From Wayne;

- Add totals for each year
- Add 2022-23 and 2023-24 or refer to the Community Plan Reference Guide for wording for an explanation why amounts are not listed. Another option may be to include the DC annual allocation for the final 2 years with an explanation that based on previous years cost matching, the community has far exceeded the dollar for dollar requirement, and that the figures will be updated with actuals in future plan updates. This is up to the CAB-H to decide how they wish to approach this – just be sure to include an explanation. There was mention in the CAB-H meeting that Interior Health may be

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able to offer \$ figures for the next 5 years. Nanette suggested Cheryl contact Danielle Cameron at Interior Health (Sandra Robertson is on leave), to see if we could access current and projected IHA funding amount for homelessness related services in Kelowna.

Section 4 Coordinated Access – Content for this section discusses steps we are taking to implement a coordinated access system. After brief overview of the current text a discussion ensued with Nanette offering to have the BC Housing context clarified for the plan; Nanette, Mike and Sarah talked about the youth community access pilot project currently underway through A Way Home and Gaelene mentioned the Built for Zero agreement with COJHS as another initiative in Kelowna’s efforts to fulfill Coordinated Access mandates. Several comments were offered:

From Wayne;

The plan should include an explanation of where the community is at in terms of community access outside of BC Housing and the next steps.

Below are items Canada will be looking for:

- A description of who will be involved in the implementation of community access (service providers, prov. governments, Indigenous organizations, etc.)
- Who will lead the design and implementation (explain current situation, ie City?)
- Strategy for engaging the broader community in planning and implementing coordinated access?
- Next steps, key milestones, and/or timelines?
- Planned governance model, or a description of how it will be determined?

If the community does not have answers to the above, you will want to explain that the CCI funds will support addressing the above beginning this fiscal year.

Section 5 There were no issues, comments or suggestions.

Section 6 There were no issues, comments or suggestions

Wayne mentioned addressing how the indigenous funding would be allocated. Tina, Cheryl and Wayne agreed that they would need to meet to discuss further as this issue will apply to the call for proposals scheduled to be released September 2019.

After some discussion by the members it was decided that rather than reconvene another full CAB-H meeting, the suggested changes would be made and the revised 2019-2014 Kelowna Homelessness Community Plan would be sent by email to all members.

Motion: Subject to the suggested revisions and additions to the 2019-2024 Kelowna Community Homelessness Plan being made, the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness approves the plan. The Community Entity will circulate the plan with all suggested revisions and additions included for final approval.

Motion forwarded by Mike

Seconded by Jude

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Vote: Passed / Unanimous

6. Terms Of Reference – Ellen / Cheryl

Ellen opened the Terms of Reference discussion with Mia providing information regarding the Terms of Reference draft and the Membership Subcommittee members, Randy Benson, Sue Wheeler, Mia Burgess, Don Richmond, Mike Gawliuk and Tina Larouche. Tina offered some potential additional sector representation to the CAB-H including additional indigenous representation. It was agreed that another meeting of the membership subcommittee should be convened to determine additional community sector representation along with potential candidates. Once the sector representation is decided another draft of the Terms of Reference with the new proposed membership would be circulated to the CAB-H members prior to the next CAB-H meeting.

Richard will convene a meeting of the membership subcommittee for the week of August 26.2019.

Tabled

6. Community Update / Adjournment – Ellen

Ellen opened the floor for any community updates.

- Mike offered a good news announcement that 18 tenants in CMHA scattered housing had transitioned to direct tenancy with the landlord replacing CMHA in the landlord / tenant agreement.
- Nanette advised that the Cornerstone landlord has promised to fix the roof.
- Gaelene is leaving as Executive Director of COJHS. She asked that the CAB-H support the board of COJHS in whatever manner they can as they go through this transition.
- Elaine McMurray invited CAB-H members to the Lived Experience Circle meetings. Elaine also mentioned 6 people from the Lived Experience Circle will be attending the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Conference in Edmonton Nov 4-6 with 3 presenting on a panel.

In closing the CAB-H would like to thank Gaelene for all of her hard work and contributions. We wish her well!

Adjourned:11:10am

Next Meeting: November 21.2019