

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: January 24 ,2019

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
P	Funder	Jude Brunt	United Way CSO
P	Rehabilitation	Mona Hennenfent	Brain Trust Canada
P	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
-	Provincial Government/Youth	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
-	Aboriginal Community	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
R	Aboriginal Community	Tina Larouche	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Education	Phil Bond	UBC Okanagan
P	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	KCR-Community Resources
R	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
R	Service Canada	Lisa McHaffie	Federal Government
Alternates:			
P	Aboriginal Community	Ali Butler	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Front Line Youth	Sarah MacKinnon	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
Guests:			
P	Housing / Shelter	Becky Troock	NOW Canada practicum student

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

1. Welcome and Introductions – Randy

2. Approval of January, 24th Agenda and October 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes –Randy

- Agenda items added: Journey Home update (Sue); Reaching Home Indigenous Homelessness Stream Funding (Wayne)
- Motion to accept January, 24th Agenda and October 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes: *Mona; seconded by Sarah*
- Need to know who motioned to support the Central Okanagan Foundation to continue as Community Entity at October 11, 2018 meeting, as this was not recorded: *Phil; seconded by Liz*
- *Action: Mia will amend October minutes to include motion information*

3. CAB-H membership –Randy

- Randy shared his thoughts about his role as CAB-H chair since 2011 and volunteered to step down so another CAB-H member could step into the Chair role
- Randy acknowledged and thanked Mia for her work, for being self-directed and for supporting him in his role as Chair
- The CAB-H thanked Randy for his work and commitment to the CAB-H
- Randy suggested CAB-H strike a sub-committee of CAB-H members to work with Mia to review membership and structure moving forward
- Need to increase CAB-H seats for the Indigenous community
- Mia: Sarah Martin resigned her seat on the CAB-H
- Mia: The CE has requested admin funds for honorarium to support the participation of persons with living experience on the CAB-H
- *Motion: A sub-committee will be struck consisting of the following CAB-H members who will work with Mia to review CAB-H membership and structure: Mona, Sue, Mike, Ali/Tina and Don. Sandra motioned, Ellen seconded.*

4. Housing First for Indigenous Peoples and Metis Peoples Training -Mia

- February 25 & 26, 2019
- Can attend 1 day or both. Register on City's Journey Home page. Thanks to Karley and Sue for managing the invitation list
- Mia has been planning the training in partnership with Tina, Ali, Sheila Lewis (Interior Health Authority) and Don, CAEH trainer
- Training is for leaders and front-line service providers from non-profit agencies and government ministries providing direct supports and services to Indigenous and Metis Peoples experiencing homelessness
- Training will include a brief Housing First overview and will focus on complex trauma and the impact of colonization on Indigenous and Metis Peoples, trauma informed practice, cultural safety and integrated case management from an Indigenous perspective
- CAEH trainer Don is a Cree man from Bunibonabee First Nation in northern Manitoba. He has provided training across Canada in partnership with local First Nation leaders and Elders
- There is an over-representation of Indigenous people in homelessness in Kelowna
- Ali and Mia reinforced the importance of all agencies serving Indigenous peoples to attend the training
- Ali: this training is not just for Ki-Low-Na Friendship staff, we hope there will be strong attendance from all service providers

5. Journey Home update – Sue

- Gaelene Askeland is the Executive Director of the Central Okanagan Journey Home Society (COJHS)
- System Planner position for COJHS was posted
- Thanks to the Journey Home Coordinating Resources and Leveraging sub-committee members for developing the system planner job description
- COJHS applied for charity status

- Almost 1 million has been raised to support COJHS
- Looking towards a system mapping process
- Persons with Lived Experience table have been working with the Community Action team to address the opioid crisis
- There is an empowerment and employment project, a social enterprise being incubated by Urban Matters
- Design lab next Friday at Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
- COJHS is undertaking a board selection process: 65 applicants for 5 spots
- Founding board members include: Kyleen Myrah, Dave Krisko, Shane Worman, Scott Lanigan, Diane Roy.
- It is important there is a strong link between the CAB-H and COJHS
- The CAB-H previously agreed that the link would be through the Community Entity
- CAB-H would like to invite Gaelene to CAB-H table
- COJHS board meeting will take place soon-one meeting per month for approximately 2 hours
- Liz: does the Community Entity have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the CAB-H?
- Sue: the Community Entity will be a non-voting member
- John Howard Society has a new partnership with BC Housing for supportive housing development on McIntosh road in Rutland
- *Motion: The Community Entity (represented by Mia) will sit on the COJHS as an ex-officio board member to provide advice and guidance. Phil; Mona seconded.*

6. Reaching Home Indigenous Homelessness Stream Funding – Wayne

- The Central Okanagan Foundation submitted their application to continue as the Community Entity for Kelowna
- It will be a 5 year agreement under the Designated Communities stream and a 1 year agreement to deliver the Indigenous Homelessness Stream

- Employment and Social Development Canada plans to consult with Indigenous communities where designated community funding and indigenous homelessness funding is delivered by the same Community Entity to determine whether the Community Entity Indigenous partners would prefer to deliver the Indigenous Homelessness Stream or continue with status quo

7. Community Entity Update- Mia

Reaching Home

- CEs were in Ottawa last week for a briefing
- Reaching Home directives are still in draft
- Reaching Home will be requiring funded projects to implement coordinated access over a 3 year transition period
- BC10 requested a meeting with Employment and Social Development Canada Reaching Home Directors after Reaching Home briefings to discuss the implementation of Reaching Home coordinated access in BC, in consideration of the work BC Housing is doing around coordinated access.
- The BC10 intends to keep a community focus, continue to support local initiatives and community driven approaches to system planning based on community assets and needs, while ensuring communities are not duplicating BC Housing coordinated access tables
- Employment and Social Development Canada has invited BC Community Entities to be equal partners at a trilateral table with ESDC and BC Housing to discuss alignment of Reaching Home, system planning and coordinated access for BC. Initial meeting to take place in February

2019-2020 Reaching Home funding

- Designated Community funding streams received an increase: Kelowna will receive an additional **\$34,254** for 2019-2020
- The Community Entity is waiting for direction from Employment and Social Development Canada regarding use of the funding

- The Aboriginal Homelessness funding stream will be renamed Indigenous Homelessness under Reaching Home
- There will be no funding increase in the Indigenous Homelessness stream and no funding increase in the Rural and Remote funding stream, which is managed by the Prince George Community Entity for BC

2019 CAB-H meeting dates

- Need to determine meeting frequency: suggest we continue with 4x/year and schedule special meetings if needed
- Would like to host CAB-H meetings at KFS
- Can try to keep the meetings scheduled for the second Thursday of the month but will need to consult with Tina for room availability
- Thank you to OBGC who has hosted the CAB-H for the past 4+ years!
- *Action: Mia will connect with Tina to schedule the CAB-H meeting dates and will send calendar invitations to CAB-H members*

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 am

Next Meeting: TBD