

Reaching Home: Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: June 20, 2024

Chair: Sonyia Taggart-Mint

Minutes Recorder: Niveria Oliveira

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets, G = Guest

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Sonya Taggart-Mint	Stepped Care Solutions
R	Lived Experience	John T.	LECOH
R	Funder	Naomi Woodland	United Way British Columbia – Southern Interior
P	Provincial Government/Health	Sandra Robertson	Interior Health Authority
P	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
R	Provincial Government/Youth	Tracey Martin	Ministry of Children and Family Development
P	Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H representative	Jim Boysis	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Diversity/Community Information/Volunteerism	Ellen Boelcke	KCR – Community Resources
R	Mental Health	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association
P	Faith	Don Richmond	Evangel Church
P	Provincial Government/Housing	Janet Bertrand	BC Housing
R	Front Line Youth	Sarah Mackinnon	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
P	Municipal Government	Colleen Cornock	City of Kelowna
P	Seniors	Ian Gerbrandt	Seniors Outreach Society
P	LGBTQIA2S+	Wilbur Turner	Advocacy Canada: LGBT
Non-Voting Members:			
P	Funder	Kristine Bugayong	Community Entity/Central Okanagan Foundation
P	Funder	Niveria Oliveira	Community Entity/Central Okanagan Foundation
P	Funder	Karen Olson	Infrastructure Canada
Alternates:			
P	Cal Bryce	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association

AGENDA ITEM

1. Land Acknowledgement

Sonya offers a land acknowledgement that recognizes that we are situated on the unceded, stolen and ancestral territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) peoples and that we are privileged to work, live and gather today on their lands.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Sonya welcomes everyone and introduces the new members including John from LECO, Jim from Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society and Niveria from Central Okanagan Foundation.

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3. Approval of March 11th, 2024, minutes
<p>Sonyia asks if there are any additions/edits or comments/concerns regarding the March 11th, 2024, minutes. The meeting was chaired, and minutes were previously reviewed, by Sandra Robertson.</p> <p>No additions/edits.</p> <p>Sonyia presents a motion to approve the March 11th, 2024, minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept: Sonyia; Seconded: Sandra; Carried.
4. Approval of June 20th, 2024, agenda
<p>Sonyia asks if there are any additions/edits or comments/concerns to the June 20th, 2024, agenda.</p> <p>No additions/edits.</p> <p>Sonyia presents a motion to approve the June 20th, 2024, agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept: Sonyia; Seconded: Wilbur; Carried.
5. Membership
<p>Sonyia speaks to the CABH purpose and engagement strategy with a focus on membership and evaluation. Niveria speaks to the new INFC Directives section focusing on role, responsibilities, and composition while highlighting the influence of the Advisory Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action item: Sonyia and Niveria to conduct outreach to members regarding overall engagement strategy beginning with a survey and one to one dialogue.
6. Community Homelessness Report
<p>Sonyia speaks to the Community Homeless Report and asks if any members have additional input. No additional input has been provided thus far and the Community Advisory Board members must approve the report in advance of the June 30th submission deadline.</p> <p>Niveria requests that members provide two-three bullet points relevant to the substantive narrative questions posed by June 26th at noon with email approval by CAB membership pending for June 28th at noon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action item: Niveria to send CAB members the substantive narrative questions by email • Action item: CAB members to respond with two to three bullet points by June 26th at noon

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- **Action item:** Niveria to send final draft to CAB members by morning of June 27th for approval and submission to Infrastructure Canada by June 30th

7. Point in Time (PiT) Count

Kristine speaks to the PiT Count which is the annual enumeration and survey of community members who are experiencing homelessness. Central Okanagan Foundation is hiring a Coordinator for this portion of the Reaching Home deliverables and will be working in partnership with Okanagan College to support the data analysis and report production. INFC will anticipate the final PiT Count report by March 2025.

Jim shares that he attended the PiT Count training and found it to be supportive of understanding not only the enumeration and survey but also the HIFIS system. He is willing to share the resources as part of this Board's knowledge exchange.

Wilbur shared that he would like to know more about the PiT Count and how this work would relate to the community members who live with the intersectionality of LGBTQ2S+ identities and homelessness.

- **Action item:** Jim to share the PiT count resources with the CAB and the links to the Homelessness Learning Hub PiT count content

8. Community Roundtable

Colleen updates on coordinated access and HIFIS along with the joint INFC and BC Housing Vision and Goals working to align tri-level policies and processes along with the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre.

Karen updates the Board on the new funding stream, Veterans Homelessness Program, and the potential for additional Reaching Home Program funding to be announced as Budget 2024 before year end. \$1.3 Billion has been allocated to the Reaching Home Program. The CAB is encouraged to begin thinking of how these additional Reaching Home funds might be granted with the understanding that the timing of the funding announcement, details and deadlines for sub-project funding decisions will likely be compressed towards 2024 calendar year end. COF is expected to have the CE agreement extended to 2028 for years 3 and 4. \$50 million has been committed to an accelerated fund which is spread across the two years (is that 3 and 4). \$250 million for encampments over two years with a match by municipalities.

Ellen asks for clarity on what is being asked of us with respect to the Community Homelessness Report and if the key questions can be pulled out of the report for the Members.

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Sonyia asks if general updates on organizations closing such as HOPE Outreach would be helpful for completing the report and asks if a general conversation regarding trends, successes, and challenges would be helpful.

Jim updates on his personal and professional progress as the Community Entity staff person managing Reaching Home for Ki-Low-Na Friendship Centre.

9. Final Summary – Close

Sonyia thanks everyone for their participation, reminds everyone that she and Niveria will be reaching out regarding the engagement strategy and confirms that Ellen will still be participating post-retirement from Kelowna Community Resources Society.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 10:50 am.

Next meeting date: September 19th, 2024 to be held via Teams