

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: May 13, 2021

Chair: Phil Bond

Minutes Recorder: Sonyia Taggart-Mint

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Phil Bond	UBC Okanagan
P	Vice Chair	Stephanie Ball	Central Okanagan Journey Home Society
P	Funder	Naomi Woodland	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	Cheryl Woods	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Indigenous Homelessness representative	Kody Woodmass	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Diversity/Community Information/Volunteerism	Ellen Boelcke	KCR – Community Resources
P	Provincial Government/Health	Sandra Robertson	Interior Health Authority
P	Mental Health	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association
P	Faith	Don Richmond	Evangel Church
-	Corrections	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
P	Provincial Government/Housing	Nanette Drobot	BC Housing
P	Lived Experience	Elaine McMurray	Lived Experience Circle
P	Front Line Youth	Sarah Mackinnon	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
P	Municipal Government	Sue Wheeler	City of Kelowna
P	Provincial Government/Income Assist	<i>vacant</i>	Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
Non-Voting Members:			
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Cheryl Miller	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Sonyia Taggart-Mint	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Service Canada	Wayne Ackerman	Service Canada/Federal Government
A	Service Canada	Lisa McHaffie	Service Canada/Federal Government
Alternates:			

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Meeting called to order at 11.04am

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1. Welcome, introductions - Phil
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phil welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. • Cheryl Woods welcomed us to the unceded territory of the Syilx Nation. • Phil called the meeting to order at 11.04am May 13, 2021.
2. Approval of May 13, 2021 Agenda and April 15,2021 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve May 13, 2021 agenda: Don; Seconded: Mia • Motion to approve April 15, 2021 minutes: Liz; Seconded: Naomi Approved with the condition of the following amendments requested by Sue Wheeler: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correction of spelling for McCurdy Road 2. Page 6 – reference made for use of upcoming COVID funding, amend to reflect - refocusing housing rather than Emergency Services with COVID-19 round 3 funding.
3. Central Okanagan Foundation – Administrative slippage
<p>Phil introduced the first agenda item, reviewing the Central Okanagan Foundation administrative slippage of \$20,540.77. Phil outlined a key focus for today is deciding what we want to do with this slippage.</p> <p>Phil gave historical context;</p> <p>Phil outlined all additional options for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1a. Distribute amongst the 5-year funded sub-projects (this option was implemented in the previous fiscal year 2020-2021) 1b. Open call for proposals 1c. Use funding to bridge gap between COVID-19 Round 2 funding ending June 30, 2021 and pending funding from the City of Kelowna’s UBCM funding application and Reaching Home Round 3 COVID-19 funding. 1d. An identified immediate need: \$20,540.77 - John Howard Society Okanagan and Kootenay - Integrated Court Liaison. 1e. Other suggestions <p>Phil asked members of the group who are in a conflict of interest to go into a breakout room, Phil invited Sarah Mackinnon, Liz Talbott and Mike Gawliuk to comment before inviting them to the breakroom, no comments:</p> <p>Phil opened the floor for questions and comments and facilitated the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I really like the integrated court liaison; I was really excited to get this going forward. This is important. This should have been done 5 years ago. • I agree and support the integrated court liaison. • I am just wondering how that connects into our mandate around homelessness? • I agree with that question, I think it is a worthwhile endeavor, I just do not know if this is where that funding priority most meets the mandate of ending and addressing homelessness. I am more in support of 1c, which is a continuation of homelessness response supports that have been going on through agencies for a number of months and we may have a huge service gap for a month come this spring. • My response to that and why I support this, is that it prevents homelessness because people who go

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through this kind of a court process can maintain housing and can move forward. It does work, these programs are highly effective.

- I have seen community court in other communities and having been a probation officer early in my career the people cycling through the system, proper discharge planning can support individuals back into homelessness. I can say Brain Trust supports community court. I think its worthwhile and relates to homelessness, my vote stands to support John Howard and the integrated court liaison.
- I do not dispute community courts are great things, I just want to be really clear that whatever guidelines and expectations we have in our agreement with the federal government around the funds is being met in that proposal. Because, it does not feel direct, I just want to be clear we are within the mandate.

Wayne confirmed the activities would be eligible from a preventative point of view, as mentioned Upstream. So, you would not be in contravention of any of the eligible activities of the Reaching Home program, so it will be up to the group where they feel their money would be best invested but yes, the activities would be eligible.

Phil: Thank you for that clarity.

Sonya confirmed for option 1c we came up with guess-estimation based on the amounts sub-projects received for COVID-19 round 2, over the six-month period as a figure example to discuss but are not the confirmed amounts organizations would require:

- Canadian Mental Health Association - Extended outreach – 2-month gap: \$55,733
- Kelowna Gospel Mission – Outreach – 2 month gap: 23,210
- John Howard – Harm reduction coordinator – 2 month gap: \$7,785
- Metro – Hygiene Centre / Courtyard – 2 month gap: 26,044

Phil: That would be the \$20,540.77 spent?

Sonya: The total calculated would come to over \$100,000 to bridge the funding gap and the slippage we are discussing is the \$20,540.77.

- What happens to services from round 2 if they do not receive the funding? For example, Metro's hygiene centre? Also, what happens with the John Howard (court Liaison position) once the funding is done? Will this position still exist? Are we supporting them to build a position that does not have additional support that means we will have it for a period of time, what is the context?

Sonya: For 1c, focusing on the COVID-19 Round 2 funded projects, I can confirm there will be a third round of COVID-19 funding, Wayne could you confirm when that will be officially implemented / received?

Wayne: Do not hold me to this, early summer – hoping for July

Sonya: For the third round of funding, organizations would be eligible to apply but I cannot confirm the date this funding will be able to be received by the organizations. Organizations may be seeking funding elsewhere. When talking about the John Howard request, Cheryl would you be able to speak to what the outlook would be if they were not to receive the funding?

- Cheryl: They have funding to proceed, but for how long I am unsure. They have got base funding.

Phil: Will this funding stop the John Howard Court liaison happening?

Cheryl: My understanding is they would still move forward with the program.

- Are you able to clarify what the ask is for if they have base funding? What would the \$20,540.77 contribute to?

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Do they think they can get a position for the year? Is this resource based? Is your understanding this position is funded, and this is top up?

Cheryl: No this is not top up; it is funded but they do need funding to continue.

Sonya: I can say the application states that the role of Court Liaison would be funded for 10 hours per week.

Cheryl Miller: John Howard's budget is dependent on potential funding from 2 other sources, the total budget \$67,300 which includes admin, transportation, staff wages.

Phil presented a motion (vote 1 of 2):

1a. Award amongst existing 5 year funded sub-projects – 2 votes

1b. Open call for proposals – 0 votes

1c. Funding to bridge gap between COVID-19 Round 2 and COVID-19 Round 3 – 5 votes

1d. Identified immediate need: John Howard Society: Integrated Court Liaison: 3 votes

2 abstained

- Can we recap what the first option as I thought this was bridging of existing recipients, but I heard it for third options so want to ensure my vote is cast correctly.

Phil: The first option is to take the slippage of \$20,540.77 and distributing it to the existing sub-projects.

- Can I clarify difference between option 1a and 1c?

Sonya: To be clear option 1a is to distribute the Central Okanagan Foundation slippage to the existing 5-year Reaching Home sub-projects. These are not the COVID-19 funded projects. For 1c, there is 19 active projects under COVID-19 round 2 funding all currently due to end June 30, 2021.

Phil: They are different from the 5 year Reaching Home projects?

Sonya: Yes.

Phil: From the vote it looks like there is a majority for using the funding to bridge the gap.

- I would like to change my vote after hearing information from Sonya. Some of the COVID-19, 19 funded sub-projects are exactly projects, so my apologies.

Phil presented a motion for a revote with the new additional information:

Phil presented a motion for votes (vote 2 of 2):

1a. Award amongst existing 5 year funded sub-projects – 3 votes

1b. Open call for proposals – 0 votes

1c. Funding to bridge gap between COVID-19 Round 2 and COVID-19 Round 3: 6 votes

1d. Identified immediate need: John Howard Society: Integrated Court Liaison: 3 votes

Phil identified a majority and presented a motion to take the Central Okanagan Foundation administrative of slippage \$20,540.77 slippage and award this to the COVID-19 Round 2 funded sub-projects.

- Does that mean that all 19 projects based on a percentage are going to receive some of this funding?

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Sonya: That would completely depend on each sub-project. Some projects are looking at becoming ongoing programs and some have been time sensitive projects.

Phil: So, we would need to actually go through each program, see what the need is and determine. It is certainly not enough but the hope this gives them something to keep them going.

- Through natural slippage, some may be in more need than others.
- Ellen: On average what would each funded organization receive, \$1,000 each?

Sonya: If it were to be dispersed amongst all 19 sub-projects that would be the case, but we have identified that some projects were time specific, it is also important to mention some organizations are anticipating they may have slippage from their January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 COVID-19 Round 2 funding.

- Could organizations apply prior to the Round 3 funding like they have previously? Does the funding kick-in, in July, or April 1st for the fiscal year?

Wayne: The funding will be ongoing starting from the start day of the amendment, hopefully in July. In previous rounds we were able to be retroactive, but for this round it goes forward from date signed with Community Entity.

- Can I just clarify the services that are being considered that have applied under the UBCM grant are Canadian Mental Health Association - Extended Outreach and Metro - Hygiene Services, and KFS.

Sonya: KFS now holds the Indigenous Homelessness Stream funds.

- I want to revisit the idea of integrated court piece. I respect what people are saying, but it does cross over with homelessness. It has not succeeded in the past, but as a CAB-H I would like people to consider supporting this initiative, and I feel perplexed about us sprinkling these funds, rather than giving a chunk to this integrated court piece for John Howard to make a good go of this. I would like to hear a little more, as to why people feel this is not a homelessness related issue, especially when it is eligible. I am wondering if we can have a little more discussion.
- I absolutely support the initiative, and the position, much the same as I support options of housing options. Within the broader spectrum for me, there is lots of resources in the community that can be tapped into, some are about wraparounds, some are more directly related to homelessness and not criminalizing homelessness this is a critical piece. I personally chose 1c noting the slippage piece and the opportunity to bridge services for a month or two that are of critical need to people every day right now.
- My thinking is along the same lines as Steph, the court Liaison is vitally important, I think though that there has to be a greater level of longevity that are going to support the community court in the work they do, and they are looking at other funding sources for that position. I see for me, and the clients we run into that the on the ground services. are incredibly important and are some of the things that are keeping our street entrenched population, resources they otherwise do not have. This may be preventative in ways we have not even thought, for example providing basic needs services. I am thinking about it from the perspective of what is our immediate need.
- We talk about sustainability, but if we do not give them a chance at the start there will be no sustainability. We will be back to where we were with a criminal justice system that does not work. Thank you for engaging in discussion.
- I agree with what everyone else is saying, but \$1,000 dollars to each project is nothing. Some of these projects

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are small, some are bigger and \$1000 is not going to bridge a gap.

Phil: The only thing is, we are talking about a fairly short amount of time between funding.

- I would like to echo what Mia and Elaine say, this is a stop gap for one month. I would love to see this funding go towards something that is going to be beneficial long term and have impact in the community. Sometimes you cannot apply for seed funding, this may be an opportunity for us to fund for impact for the community. I agree the funding is small to bridge those projects for 1 month.

Phil presented the motion to use the Central Okanagan Foundation Administrative slippage to bridge the gap between COVID-19 Round 2 ending in June, and COVID-19 Round 3 and the UBCM application. Phil invited discussion; no comments were made to voting commenced.

Seconded Stephanie

In favor: 6

Opposed: 4

Abstained: 2

Conflict of interest (members who were not involved in the vote or discussion): 3

Phil thanked everyone for the discussion and votes and invited the members that declared conflict on interest to return to the meeting.

4. Terms of Reference 2019-2024 draft - review

Phil opened the floor to the Terms of Reference review committee.

Sonya spoke on behalf of the Terms of Reference committee and invited the sub-committee to interject to add detail or correct any misrepresentation.

3 items were presented to the CAB-H for approval:

1. Membership list review – all existing and new/suggested seats.

Feedback from CAB-H:

Sector representative name: Mental Health / Housing – name sustained from previous list. Identified this was highlighted from previous membership list for review.

2. Items proposed for membership recruitment and application process for review

- New application process to be an open call for specific vacant seats
- Create Nomination sub-committee to recruit for specific vacant seat and review applications from the open call.

3. Current members assessment review:

- Proposal for an annual self-review evaluation form for CAB-H members
- Kody Woodmass provided a self evaluation form template and gave a brief overview of the document

** At 12.02pm Phil (chair) announced that we were at the set time for the end of the meeting; the meeting was due to end at 12.

Phil presented a vote on whether to continue the Terms of Reference discussion on this meeting, or to

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continue to Terms of Reference review and vote by email.

Majority vote was received was continuing over email, Phil presented the motion to continue the Terms of Reference 2019-2024 review and vote over email. Motion passed.

Sonyia, Community Entity Coordinator confirmed that these items would be circulated email, including an opportunity for feedback / comments before any formal vote process is undertaken. Kody Woodmass has created a mock self evaluation and mock recruit form; the Community Entity will circulate these.

Naomi Woodland asked to confirm if there are vacant seats on the CAB-H, Sonyia confirmed that yes currently there are 3 vacant seats and will connect with Naomi to provide the details. These vacancies are also detailed in the minutes of April 15, 2021 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12.04pm, May 13, 2021.

NEXT MEETING

To be determined

10 am-12pm

Zoom