

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: January 24, 2018

Chair: Ellen Boelcke

Minutes Recorder: Mia Burgess, COF

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
R	Chair	Randy Benson	Kelowna Gospel Mission
P	Funder	Reanne Holden-Amadio	United Way
P	Rehabilitation	Mona Hennenfent	Brain Trust Canada
P	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
-	Provincial Government/Youth	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
R	Aboriginal	Sarah Martin	Community Member
P	Aboriginal	Tina Larouche	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	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
P	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
Guests:			
P	Turner Strategies	Alina Turner	City of Kelowna consultant

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 – Ellen	
2. Approval of January, 2018 Agenda and November, 2017 Minutes – Ellen	Diane, Reanne
3. Journey Home update-Alina	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alina presented an overview of the Journey Home Summit and Youth Summit that took place this month • A draft plan will be shared at a community meeting in April • Alina will bring the draft plan to the CAB-H for feedback prior to releasing the plan to the broader community • Kelowna is looking at shifting to a systems approach to ending homelessness • A centralized coordinating body that manages system of care • Collective impact backbone model • System planning goes beyond the HPS but the CAB and CE play a role in system planning • The HPS will push CEs to play a larger role in system planning • Mike: A Way Home- Kelowna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth arm of the Journey Home strategy • Coalition model of stakeholders • Belinda Jackson is the project coordinator • Youth is prioritized in planning • Prevention focus • Identify an array of housing supports • Diane: conversations at the summits were great and a lot of ‘unusual suspects’ attended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First incidence of homelessness starts before 18 years old • Pattern of homelessness in youth continues into adulthood • Aging out of MCFD care contributes to homelessness • In-care services are stopping and we need to have leadership that identifies that • Need MCFD policy change • Alina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can’t be focused only on HPS funding • Regional themes recognized • West Kelowna experiencing challenges addressing homelessness • WFN experiencing homelessness • Challenging “business as usual” approach to addressing homelessness • Need to address the punishing element of the current system • Collaboration has a purpose • Leaders and champions across sectors • Need backbone system planning • HPS stream needs to be incorporated 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can you centralize supports? • Need more housing • Need integrated data and research • Changing attitudes around homelessness • Need to address people’s perceptions of homelessness • How does funding fit together? • How will coordination be addressed long-term? • Red-zone needs to be eliminated • Red-zone is a barrier with cornerstone • Sue: there is a lot of discussion about red-zone and impacts • By-law and enforcement needs to be a part of creating change • Ellen: CMHA and OBGC-thanks for highlighting importance of youth approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are seniors being addressed? • Need to address immigrant population • Seeing an increase in cost of living but not wages • Housing is a challenge for immigrant population • Only have 5 weeks to find housing for families • Overcrowding is an issue • Tina: Indigenous homelessness needs to be addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red-zone is a barrier to accessing services • Cornerstone shelter made it difficult for others to access services at KFS • Immigrants and Indigenous people access services at KFS • Layered issues • There are other homeless populations that need to be heard • Wayne: Alina, Does HPS want the CE to be the backbone? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the Journey Home strategy say there needs to be a backbone? • Alina: paper was done on CE role in system planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It’s not the Journey Home Task Force’s role to tell the community who the implementing body is • All cities have an implementing body • HPS money could go towards implementation • Need provincial funding • Backbone sometimes sits with a non-partisan non-profit or funding agency like the Calgary Homelessness Foundation • Can the Journey Home Task Force look at how to access leaders? • Who has the knowledge? • There is more than one funder • Successful communities have provincial and federal funding aligned • Leaders: CAB’s, CEs, system operators • In Victoria, the Capital Regional District is the leader and collaborates with Island Health and the HPS 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamilton CAB is planning body, decision making body, funder • Council has asked Journey Home Task Force how to advocate for changes with provincial funding • Journey Home Task Force needs to sit with BC Housing • BC Housing funding is needed-will they contribute funding to the plan? • What role will the City of Kelowna take? • Are we looking at Kelowna or Central Okanagan? • Where is the regional district? • Diane: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of CAB has been a struggle • Revisit goals periodically • Wanted to wait to see what the city was planning so we weren't duplicating • Sue was added to the CAB and the CAB has supported the work of the Journey Home Task Force <p>CAB-H MOTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB-H will support and align with the obligations of the Journey Home strategy that is currently being undertaken by the City of Kelowna and advocate for one plan that also satisfies HPS financial requirements. <p>Motion approved by CAB-H : Diane motioned to accept, Phil (seconded)</p>	
4. 2018 Point-in-Time Count- Jordan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018 PiT will be conducted during THE first week of March • Will take time to process data • Final report will be available in late May • Provided an overview of 2016 PiT snapshot • PiT counts measure a point in time • HPS PiT specifically focuses on absolute homelessness-core population enumerated • Want to reproduce the 2016 count so the 2018 count it is measurable • 2016: 50 volunteers and 20 team leads • 2018: We need 5 more team leads for the 2018 count and hope the CAB-H can help identify staff at their respective agencies • 2018: talks with Foundry and OBGC to hold 2 magnet events for youth 	
5. A Way Home-Kelowna –Diane	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will align with the Journey Home Task Force 	
6. Penticton update-Reanne	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UWCSO is part of 1000 Homes Penticton • Penticton awarded rural and remote HPS funds and are exploring possibility of creating centralized intake-no wrong door approach 	
7. Community Entity update-Mia	
<p>BC10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theresa and I will remain co-chairs for 2018 • Reviewing our goals and creating a work-plan for 2018 <p>Minister Duclos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with Lisa McHaffie from Service Canada yesterday • We were discussing the rigidity of the HPS • CAB-H could send a letter to Minister Duclos outlining how the HPS could be modified so that services can be delivered more effectively in the community • Lisa thinks sending a letter external to Service Canada will have more of an impact than sending one internally <p>HPS funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB approved funding for the 2018-19 SIF funds and all HPS monies have been allocated to March 31, 2019 • I'd like to start discussion with the community in the coming months to discuss potential projects after 2019 • CP Update docs outline priorities <p>Wayne:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not HPS related- CFP live: interventions for persons with disabilities • Funding is 2+ years 	
6. Adjournment – Ellen	
<p>NEXT MEETING: TBD</p>	