

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: July 20, 2017

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
-	Funder/Vice Chair	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
R	Rehabilitation	Mona Hennenfent	Brain Trust Canada
R	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
P	Provincial Government/Youth	David Hentschel	Ministry of Children & Family Development
P	Aboriginal	Sarah Martin	Community Member
-	Aboriginal	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
R	Education	Phil Bond	UBC Okanagan
P	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
R	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
R	Provincial Government/Income Assistance	Alex Vracarevic	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
Guests:			
R	Aboriginal	Tina Larouche	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
R	Provincial Government/Housing	Anna Frais	BC Housing

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CAB-H Members, Steven Fuhr, MP

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am

AGENDA ITEM
1. Welcome to new members and guests and Introductions – Randy

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2. Approval of July, 2017 Agenda and May, 2017 Minutes – Randy

Approved.

3. Journey Home update-Sue

- Terms of Reference for the task force was approved by city council
- Co-Chairs were named: Kyleen Myra and Martin Bell
- Task force co-chairs were recently interviewed by CBC
- Task force members: some will be appointed, some will be selected via applications
- Seats are voluntary but commitment is one year
- The City will use a matrix and will have diversity on the task force
- There has been a positive response from community members
- Front-line workers will be engaged to plan and discuss best practices
- The city is working on a housing needs assessment
- Will do interviews for people with lived experience
- Look at causes of homelessness
- City is completing a housing inventory
- Looking at 2016 census
- A lot of housing is on the way in Kelowna
- There are emerging issues in community: homelessness interfacing with businesses in a negative way
- City is looking at models for how the community can work together
- Enforcement is increasing
- Community integration is important, how can this change?
- City is forming an integrated response team to help inform work going forward regarding the number of homeless people outside of Kirshner Rd bottle depot
- City is working on a series of videos to describe system planning
- City is starting to work on planning to hire a consultant for the system design planning process
- Sue will accept recommendations for consultants

4. Community Entity update- Mia

BC10

- Going well, meeting monthly via teleconference
- I was asked to present about the BC10 at a panel session at the National Conference on Ending Homelessness in October, 2017 with Marie from SW5 and Susan from 7 cities
- Want to connect with communities to hear about what you think can be approved in terms of data collection practices

CAB-H

- Keep hearing that there is the perception that CAB-H is exclusionary
- Is there a way to help the community understand HPS, CE, CAB roles? Transparency?
- Don: Good to share about transparency but not sure it's a huge issue
- Community lacks understanding of CAB-H role
- Sector reps need to continue to connect with their respective sectors to educate on the purposes of the CAB-H
- Don will talk to the faith sector
- Diane: CAB-H should establish key messaging and distribute to members
- Information can be shared at Family Hub table and advisory meetings

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Expression of Interest (EOI) for 2018-19 Social Infrastructure Funds (SIF) funds update:

- Received verbal confirmation from Wayne that SIF funds will be made available
- CE will take less admin fees, so there will be slightly more money available than we planned
- Will know more when we get official confirmation of numbers from Wayne
- EOI will be issued August 14th-runs until September 18th
- CAB will approve projects at November, 2017 meeting

5. Membership-Randy

Tina Larouche put her name forward for consideration for the Aboriginal sector seat. Tina excused herself for this item and the remainder of the meeting.

Randy: Motioned to accept Tina Larouche for the Aboriginal sector seat
Accepted: Sarah; seconded: Don

6. Expression of Interest-Community Entity-Randy

Mia and Cheryl excused themselves for this agenda item.

CAB-H unanimously agreed to provide a letter in support of the Central Okanagan Foundation to continue as the Community Entity for the HPS funding beyond March 31, 2019.

CAB-H thanked Mia and the Central Okanagan Foundation.

Motion Ellen; seconded: Diane

7. HPS funding update-Randy/Mia

Sub-project unused funds 2016-17

- CMHA had slipped funds in their P1 project (\$9,158) and P2 (\$199.77).
- ESDC has agreed that these funds can be re-purposed and utilized by CMAH by March 31, 2018.

Community Entity unused funds 2016-2017

- The CE used less funds for administration in 2016-2017
- CE underspent for the 2016 PiT Count
- COF is taking less HPS money for admin costs for 2017-2018
- COF wants these funds to be put into the community projects
- Prior to the fiscal year end March 31, 2017 ESDC's direction has always been that HPS funds need to be expended in the fiscal year they were awarded but an exception has been made due Canada's timing of the release of the 2016-17HPS funds
- ESDC agreed that slipped funds can be re-invested in current sub-projects to be used in 2017-2018

HPS Funding unused by Community Entity in 2016-2017:

All reallocated funds must be used by March 31, 2018.

Designated Communities stream

- \$26,653 available
- Must be re-allocated: 40% priority 1/60% priority 2 in accordance with the HPS Community Plan

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Aboriginal Homelessness stream

- \$10,914 available
- Must be re-allocated : 100% towards priority 2 in accordance with the HPS Community Plan

Discussion:

- The practice of the CAB-H in similar situations (ex: 2016 SIF fund top ups) has been to top-up currently funded sub-projects
- The EXEC recommends the funds be pro-rated according to the amounts the agencies received under most recent CFP and used to top up the current projects
- Should the CAB-H approve to pro-rate the funds CMHA is eligible to receive \$10,661 in HPS funds, being the only HF project funded under priority 1
- Prior to the CAB-H meeting Mia suggested to CMHA that if CMHA cannot utilize all funds available in priority 1, that CMHA decline all or part of the funding.
- Any remaining priority 1 funds could potentially be awarded to the City of Kelowna's Journey Home strategy, as the project fits under HPS priority 1 - Housing First readiness
- CMHA generously declined \$6,661 in funds that would be available to CMHA (upon CAB-H approval) in support of reallocating the funding to the Journey Home strategy
- If the CAB-H approves, these funds can be allocated to the City of Kelowna to support Journey Home strategy

Randy Motioned to strike a sub-committee to determine the re-distribution of the 2016-2017 HPS funds unused by the Community Entity. The CAB-H will accept the sub-committee's recommendations prior to the committee meeting. Motion: Sarah, Dave seconded.

8. HPS funding sub-committee to determine re-distribution of the 2016-2017 HPS funds-Randy

CAB-H members present: Randy, Sarah, Dave, Sandra, Ellen, Don

Non-voting CAB-H members present: Cheryl, Mia

Dsiccussion:

- The CE used less funds for administration in 2016-2017
- CE underspent for the 2016 PiT Count
- COF is taking less money for admin costs for 2017-2018
- COF wants these funds to be put into the community sub-projects
- ESDC has agreed that unused funds can be spent in 2017-2018 by the sub-projects

CAB-H EXEC recommendation:

- The practice of the CAB-H in similar situations (ex: 2016 SIF fund top ups) has been to top-up currently funded sub-projects due to short time frame and small amount of funding available
- The EXEC recommends the funds be pro-rated according to the amounts agencies received under most recent CFP and used to top up the current projects

Motion by Randy:

- 1) CAB-H approves HPS Designated Community funds in the amount of \$19,992 to be used to top up currently funded sub-projects under priority 1 (CMHA) and 2 (NOW, OBGC, CMHA). Accepted Sandra, Seconded Sarah
- 2) CAB-H approves funds declined by CMHA in the amount of \$6,661, be re-allocated to the City of Kelowna under Designated Communities, priority 1. Accepted Dave, Seconded Ellen

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- 3) CAB-H approves HPS Aboriginal Homelessness funds in the amount of \$10,914 to be used to top up the currently funded sub-project under priority 2 (Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society). Accepted Don, Seconded Sandra

6. Adjournment – Randy

NEXT MEETING:
September 21, 2017
1688 Richter Street
10:00 am-12:00 pm