

<b>Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes</b> <b>DATE: July 22, 2020</b> <b>Chair: Ellen Boelcke</b> <b>Minutes Recorder: Richard Roy, Central Okanagan Foundation</b>			
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP</b> P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets			
	<b>SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>
P	Chair	Ellen Boelcke	KCR – Community Resources
P	Vice Chair		
P	Funder	Reanne Holden-Amadio	United Way-Southern Interior BC
R	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	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	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
-	Provincial Government/Income Assist	<i>vacant</i>	Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
P	Backbone and Coordination	Stephanie Ball	Central Okanagan Journey Home Society
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>			
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Cheryl Miller	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Richard Roy	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Service Canada	Wayne Ackerman	Service Canada/Federal Government
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<b>Alternates</b>			
<b>Guests</b>			
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Lucie Bardos	Point in Time Count Coordinator
	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society	Kody Woodmass	Ki-Low-Na Outreach

**Zoom Meeting called to order at 10:08 am**

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### 1. Welcome to New Members, Guests, Introductions –Ellen Boelcke

- OK to record meeting for minute recorder accuracy
- Round table introductions

### 2. Land Acknowledgement – Cheryl Woods

Land Acknowledgement by Indigenous Sector Representative– Cheryl Woods of Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society

### 3. Approval of July 22, 2020 Agenda – Ellen Boelcke

Motion for approval of July 22, 2020 agenda: Reanne, Seconded: Elaine

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

### 4. Presentation Regarding the Methodology and Results of the Point in Time Count – Lucie Bardos

The presentation was followed by a Q&A with members

### 5. Randy Benson's Retirement from CAB-H and Kelowna's Gospel Mission – Ellen Boelcke

Randy Benson has announced his retirement from Kelowna's Gospel Mission and therefor also his position on the CAB-H. It was acknowledged that his long years of service and experience in the community and on the CAB-H as initially Chair and later Vice Chair will be sorely missed. The members wish Randy and his wife the best in his retirement.

### 6. Carmen Rempel, new ED for Kelowna's Gospel Mission– Ellen Boelcke/Richard Roy/Cheryl Miller

- Ellen: Carmen Rempel is the new ED for the Kelowna Gospel Mission. How would Carmen join the CAB-H?
- Richard: It would depend on whether Carmen could assume a seat held by Kelowna Gospel Mission and what sector that would represent or if that would require a vote?
- Cheryl: If I might interject; Carmen had not actually made a request and we are only discussing this because of Randy's retirement. Currently Liz from NOW Canada represents shelter so there is not a need. I suspect Carmen will be very busy initially and perhaps we could address this later.
- Sue Wheeler: I believe we addressed the process in the Terms of Reference for the membership committee to use but I am unsure if it was brought forward
- Mike Gawluik: My recollection is that we did talk about terms of reference, representation, identifying different potential sectors that would be brought forward to the whole membership committee which was myself, Sue, Don and Tina Larouche. I cannot remember if it was brought forward.
- Cheryl: I can speak to that. It was brought forward to a meeting on August 26, 2019. A discussion ensued regarding more indigenous representation; it was decided to have another meeting. Unfortunately, Tina Larouche couldn't make the subsequent meeting, and everything got put on hold because Reaching Home Indigenous Homelessness began to explore the possibility of their own CAB-H.
- Ellen: At this time, we want to recognize that Carmen Rempel is the new Executive Director of Kelowna's

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Gospel Mission. If Carmen would like to seek membership on the CAB-H it would go to the membership committee. Before the new Terms of Reference can be adopted, we will need to hear from The Indigenous Homelessness on whether they will form their own CAB-H.

### 7. Summary of COVID-19 Response Funding Approved Sub Projects—Richard Roy

- Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna District – Extended Outreach – Outreach Workers, Food & Supplies - \$122,400 - April 1, 2020 / September 30, 2020
- John Howard Society – High Risk High Needs – 24/7 Security & Janitorial Contracts - \$178,304 – May 1, 2020 / August 21, 2020
- Karis Care Society - COVID-19 Response – Quarantine Facility, Cleaning Supplies & Staff - \$15,500 -May 1, 2020 / July 31,2021
- NOW Canada – Essentials – Cleaning Supplies - \$1,350 – May 1,2020 / July 31, 2020
- Metro Community – Courtyard- Park Arts & Recreation, Courtyard Construction & Food Services - \$113,624 – May 5, 2020 / September 29, 2020
- Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna District -Housing Case Manager – Scattered Housing via BC Housing Rent Subsidies - \$76,000 – June 1, 2020 / March 31 2021
- Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society- Indigenous Outreach -Meals, Food Hampers, Emergency Housing Outreach Workers & Admin Support - \$200,000 - April 1, 2020 / September 15, 2020
- Central Okanagan Foodbank – Refresh Program – Convert near term perishables to nutritious frozen meals - \$49,456.00 – June 1, 2020 /August 24, 2020
- The Bridge Youth and Family Services – Gray Road Facility Transition – Cleaning, Supplies, Outreach - \$11,568 – April1,2020 / June 30, 2020\*

*\*not included in the summary on zoom*

This funding left \$3,212 in COVID-19 Response funds unallocated

Elaine: I wish to make it known that the pressing need I keep hearing is water,water,water.

Richard: Noted. I believe the next item on the agenda will address your concern.

Ellen: Several our clients have enjoyed the frozen meals from the Foodbanks Refresh program and would like to receive them regularly.

### 8. John Howard Society to Return COVID-19 Funding in Full – Richard Roy

Michelle LaBoucane confirmed John Howard Society's intent to return the entire COVID-19 Response funding of \$178,304. They have been able to manage the Fuller Avenue facility with their own staff. These funds will be added to the unallocated \$3212 in COVID-19 funding for further use in the community.

### 9. Further COVID-19 Funding Allocations? Community Needs / Discussion – Ellen Boelcke / Richard Roy

An open discussion regarding potential use of these funds ensued including Kody Woodmass proposing an investigation of implementing a spring / summer retro fit to some city fire hydrants to use as fountains/water sources as has been done in Vancouver. Sue Wheeler mentioned the need for storage for the homeless which was also acknowledged by Stephanie Ball and Richard Roy as a frequently requested resource. Also it was proposed that current services and contracts be extended past their current end dates.

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### 10. Board Positions for Chairperson & Vice Chairperson Open for Nomination – Richard Roy

With the retirement of Randy Benson and Ellen Boelcke wishing to relinquish her role as Chair after more than fulfilling her undertaking to Chair the CAB-H for a period of one year, it is time to seek new nominee's for these positions. After some discussion, Phil Bond advised that he would be willing to stand for Chairman (subject to UBCO reassignments in late August and Stephanie Ball consented to stand as Vice Chair. It was agreed that we would set a meeting in September to confirm these nominations, seek any further nominations and conduct a vote.

### 11. Closing Remarks – Ellen Boelcke

A request for any pertinent updates for the members was made by Ellen.

- Mike Gawliuk advised regarding some of the supportive housing coming online which included Ellis Street (38 units – late fall), Agassiz / Stephen's Village (52 units - early fall) and McCurdy (49 units - late November/ December).
- Liz Talbot advised regarding a 3-level subsidized rental project consisting of 40 units on Cawston Avenue in late March 2021. These units will cater to income assistance 20%, 50% below housing income limits and the remaining 30% just below market rent. Populations served include women with children, senior couples, some single women, and single dads. Liz also advised they have a 28-townhouse project coming online in September / October 2021 which will serve women and children escaping violence.
- Sarah McKinnon advised regarding the success they are having with diversion. She mentioned having successfully diverting 8 youth within their last quarter.
- Stephanie Ball spoke to Journey Home's work on understanding complex needs of those experiencing homelessness. Specifically working with service providers to better understand on an individual level who these people are, where they come from and what they need as well as the levels of complexity and volume of people that community systems planning needs to be aware of and the City could advocate for provincially. Stephanie also commented on the inroads that the COVID-19 community response has fostered; citing an example of Interior Health reaching out to begin discussing how they might be able to integrate into community housing and other In reach work. The collaborative spirit of the COVID-19 community planning and response have opened new possibilities and approaches. Also work continues on the community wide data framework which includes the By Names List, provincial policy around public health data sharing, HelpSeeker transitioning to a community-based model. Once these other data needs assessments are realised, we can begin to implement systems design, trends analysis, integration etc. These tools will be useful to frontline workers, Service providers and Community planners.
- Sue Wheeler advised that the City worked with Urban Matters and People Employment Services in applying for and awarded a Health Canada the substance use and addictions grant for just under \$700,000 over 3 years. The program will train and deploy Peer navigators to be the first people at several agencies to assist clients as they first access services.

Ellen: If there are no more updates; thank you for attending this meeting is adjourned.