

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes			
DATE: September 24, 2020			
Outgoing Chair: Ellen Boelcke, New Chair - Phil Bond & New Vice - Chair Stephanie Ball			
Minutes Recorder: Richard Roy, Central Okanagan Foundation			
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP			
P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets			
	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
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
R	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	Tina Larouche	
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
R	Faith	Don Richmond	Evangel Church
	Corrections	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
R	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
Non-Voting Members:			
R	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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Alternates			
Guests			
P	United Way-Southern Interior BC	Naomi Woodland	Interim ED for Reanne maternity leave

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Zoom Meeting called to order at 10:17 am

AGENDA ITEM

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 the September 24, 2020 Agenda – Ellen Boelcke

Motion for approval September 24, 2020 agenda: Motion to Approve; Stephanie Ball, Seconded; Elaine McMurray

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

4. Approval of the July 22, 2020 Minutes – Ellen Boelcke

Motion for approval September 24, 2020 agenda: Motion to Approve; Reanne Holden Amadio, Seconded; Elaine McMurray

Vote: Passed/Unanimous

5, Central Okanagan Poverty Reduction Strategy – Reanne Holden Amadio

Reanne provided an overview Central Okanagan Wellness and Poverty Strategy project including its history and current mandate. She also asked if we could include the following in these minutes:

On behalf of the region and building on community work since 2017, RDCO has applied for and received funding to develop a Central Okanagan Wellness and Poverty Strategy. The strategy aims to provide a regional framework (as well as an implementation and evaluation plan) that is actionable and reflective of the individual priorities of communities in the region as it relates to wellness and poverty. It will build on and integrate existing plans, programs and initiatives already underway throughout the region, including the significant work to date around housing and addressing homelessness. United Way SIBC is working with RDCO as the program entity responsible for the strategy development and deliverables. Currently, we have hired staff to support different aspects of the project and are looking ahead to forming the Leadership Committee and Action Teams around priority strategy areas, as well as community engagement planning. Below are a few links with more information and ways to stay involved. If you have any questions or want to know more about the project, please connect with Naomi Woodland (naomi@unitedwaysibc.com).

- To stay informed on opportunities to get involved, community engagement events etc please sign up here (under Stay Involved): <https://unitedwaysibc.com/wellness-poverty-strategy>
- We are looking for people with diverse experiences and knowledge around wellness and poverty to join the Leadership Committee, which will provide strategy oversight to the strategy development process.

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Applications are being accepted here: <https://unitedwaysibc.com/leadership-application/>

- Action Teams on priority areas in the strategy will be forming in the fall around areas such as Youth, Employment and Income, Housing and Homelessness, Food Security, Childcare and Education, Community Engagement and Inclusion, Food Security (and others still to be formed!). If you are interested in joining or learning more about any of the Action Team areas please connect with Naomi (naomi@unitedwaysibc.com)

6. Announcement of Ellen Boelcke , stepping down as Chair of the CAB-H

- Ellen announced her resignation after serving as Chairperson for one and a half years and will continue on the board on behalf of KCR – Community Resources as sector representative for Diversity/Community Information/Volunteerism
- The Board members wished to thank Ellen for her contribution .

7. Announcement of Phil Bond as candidate for Chairperson and Stephanie Ball as Vice Chairperson for CAB-H

Ellen announced the candidacy of Phil for Chairperson and Stephanie Ball as Vice Chairperson.

8. Board positions for Chairperson and Vice Chair open for nominations and voting.

Ellen called for nominations for Chairperson and / or Vice Chairperson 3 consecutive times with pauses which were followed by no response

Subsequently a vote was called for Phil Bond to assume the role of Chairperson by a show of hands, which passed unanimously.

Ellen asked if Phil would like to assume his duties as Chairperson or have her complete the voting process. Phil asked Ellen to continue.

Ellen then called a vote for Stephanie Ball to assume the role of Vice Chairperson by a show of hands, which passed unanimously.

9. Community Entity Coordinator - Recent funding/updates, discussion

Richard provided an update on 4 COVID-19 Response Funding projects funded with proceeds realized by the returned funding by John Howard Society and the balance on hand. The meeting was then opened for updates and discussion by members.

Stephanie commented on the need to be very intentional in the deployment of further funding in the sector.

Sue and Stephanie advised members of initial discussions with the city regarding the Emergency Shelter Design Lab and a desire to engage stakeholders in the near future for the possibility of forming a community plan around the future operation of emergency shelters.

Mike advised that the Ministry of Health had reached out to the BCNPHA (of which he is a director), to inquire regarding feedback on a draft document they had put together on healthcare, mental health and substance abuse in supportive housing for feedback. This was followed by a roundtable meeting attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, BC Housing and Service Providers from across the Province asking about what’s working, what’s not, what’s needed, what is the integration between health and housing and what does that need to look like? It was encouraging as they were looking at an array of housing models and clinical services. Fingers crossed for improvements in approach in this area. Mike also advised that they (CMHA) are working with Interior Health on providing clinical services on site at Ellis Place modular housing allowing for capability providing for those with more complex needs. Details to follow.

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Sue offered that a lot of work is underway for winter sheltering plan with the Journey Home, The City and BC Housing and others. Details should be forthcoming shortly. Sarah asked that OBGC be included in the plan early on as they have a capacity to shelter 19-24-year old's that can assist with capacity at the other shelters. Richard mentioned that he would be in touch with the Terms of Reference & Membership Review Committee members to review the work completed to date and proceed.

10. Closing remarks.

Phil and members wished Reanne good luck with her maternity leave. With no other business the meeting was adjourned