

**Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes**

DATE: February 24, 2022

Chair: Phil Bond

Minutes Recorder: Sonyia Taggart-Mint

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets

	<b>SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION:</b>
P	Chair	Phil Bond	UBC Okanagan
A	Vice Chair	Stephanie Ball	Central Okanagan Journey Home Society
P (1.30pm)	Funder	Naomi Woodland	United Way-Southern Interior BC
A	Rehabilitation	-	Brain Trust Canada
P	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
-	Provincial Government/Youth	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
-	Indigenous	-	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H 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>
R	Provincial Government/Housing	Nanette Drobot	BC Housing
P	Lived Experience	Elaine McMurray	Lived Experience Circle on Homelessness (LECoH)
P	Front Line Youth	Jared Hidber	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
-	Provincial Government / Rehabilitation	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
-	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
-	<i>Metis Community</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
-	<i>BC Landlords Association</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
-	<i>Business Sector</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
-	<i>Indigenous Housing</i>	<i>vacant</i>	<i>vacant</i>
<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>			
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
<b>Alternates:</b>			

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- CAB-H Members

- Meeting called to order at 1.05pm

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<b>1. Welcome, introductions - Phil</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phil welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.</li> <li>• Sonyia Taggart-Mint gave a land acknowledgment that we are on the unceded territory of the Syilx Nation.</li> <li>• Phil called the meeting to order at 1.05pm February 24, 2022.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Approval of February 24, 2022, Agenda and August 23, 2021, minutes</b>
<p>Phil asked CAB-H members if they had any items they would like added to the February 24, 2022, agenda. No new items were raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to approve February 24, 2022, agenda: Stephanie Seconded: Sandra</li> <li>• Motion to approve August 23, 2021, minutes: Elaine, Seconded: Kody.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Coordinated Access Update – Stephanie Gauthier</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journey Home has entered into formal partnership as the sub-project for Reaching Home Coordinated Access with the Central Okanagan Foundation - to work on embedding Coordinated Access in our community.</li> <li>• Undertaken work on consulting with other communities who are further along with their Coordinated Access work, including participating on the BC-15 planners' group.</li> <li>• Engaged a privacy consulting firm to do work around information sharing, impact risk assessment, consulted with the Lived Experience Circle on Homelessness on the communication strategy for rolling this out.</li> <li>• Preparing to roll-out a pilot By-name list in the coming months starting with the 5 Reaching Home funded organizations, and then extending to organizations not funded through Reaching Home with a view to have a one-system approach to data in the community for individuals experiencing homelessness.</li> <li>• Next step to undertake engaging with the community stakeholders about how the Coordinated Access implementation will look – Byname list, HIFIS, privacy and what the onboarding and labour for organizations is going to look like, what Journey Home's role will look like.</li> <li>• Looking to set a joint meeting with both the IH CAB-H and DC-CAB-H to share what the Coordinated Access strategy roll-out looks will look like, including an overview of plans of a HIFIS roll-out later this year.</li> <li>• Excited to be at the stage looking at Coordinated Access informs individualized planning for all the agencies and also for the broader picture for predicting investment and housing needs and monitor our impact on a month-to-month basis.</li> </ul> <p>Phil thanked Stephanie for providing this update.</p>

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**4. Community Entity update and membership – Sonyia Taggart-Mint**

1. Sonyia in the role of Community Entity Coordinator provided an overview of the Fall Economic Statement – Incremental funded projects that the DC CAB-H approved between October 1, 2021, to February 24, 2022.

- Funding was provided to 24 projects, 12 - COVID-19 response focus and 12 - all other eligible activities focus.
- Dispersed a total of \$1,139,579.81.
- 6 capital projects including an agency wide moving vehicle, a refrigerated food truck, and renovation projects
- 10 projects focused on Client Support – Basic Needs
- 4 projects focused on prevention and diversion – court liaison, shelter diversion training
- 3 projects focused on Health and Medical Services

2. The Community Entity Coordinator now sits on the Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H as a non-voting member and has attended 2 meetings in this role.

3. CAB-H membership:

There are currently 24 active seats on the DC CAB-H, 13 of these positions are currently filled.

The Community Entity encouraged CAB-H members to put forward names of individuals they believe would be good fits for the Board to the CAB-H Board Chair.

The Community Entity confirmed they will circulate the current membership list, for CAB-H members to review vacancies.

**Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H**

Kody gave the update on behalf of the Indigenous Homelessness CE.

IH CAB-H meeting few times a month, 4 voting members still actively looking to grow the board. Have just recruited a new member with Lived experience.

Indigenous Homelessness Reaching Home funded projects:

- Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society – Outreach services – using Indigenous Homelessness Reaching Home Base funding and some Fall Economic Statement funding (incremental funding).IH-CAB-H has approved the base funding to continue until March 2024.
- Funded Central Okanagan Food Bank in partnership with Kandu and Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society for food security care packages. These are bi-weekly care packages.
- Barefoot Performance Horsemanship – to support individual at risk of homelessness. application was funded.
- Kelowna Indigenous Coordinated Access research with HelpSeeker to review the Coordinated Access system, with an Indigenous focus. Just had first Design Lab for “Indigenous voices for Indigenous choices” – this is a sub-group from the original local Coordinated Access group. - Potential for new assessment tool to replace VAT that is created and designed by Indigenous populations. 16 members of

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the community have joined these design labs for various sectors including the Hospital, Metis Society, CMHA, John Howard, the Bridge, Ki-Low-Na friendship Society and more. There will be an external stakeholder meeting in late March.

- Peer navigator program through PEOPLE'S

**Still \$47,345.00 remaining to be allocated, still accepting applications.**

**Phil thanked Kody for this update.**

**Naomi Woodland joined at 13.30pm and was welcomed by Phil as Chair.**

## Incremental funding - Discussion

**Wayne Ackerman provided a high-level update:**

Wayne confirmed that the City of Kelowna will receive additional funding for the fiscal year 2022-2023 to allocate. Wayne stated he does not have the additional funding amount, or when this will be available.

The Incremental funding slippage amount to be discussed is: \$121,961.53

- \$17,916.00 from COVID-19 response activities
- 104,044.00 from all other eligible activities

**Phil asked members of the group who are in a conflict of interest to exit the meeting Jared Hidber, Liz Talbott and Mike Gawliuk, Stephanie Ball and Ellen Boelcke left the meeting.**

Phil confirmed the Community Entity will circulate outcomes to the CAB-H committee.

Phil outlined 2 options for discussion:

- **Put the \$121,961.53 funding out for proposals on its own**
- **Wait for the additional 2022-2023 funding and add the \$121,961.53 to any funding awarded assigning in the Community**
- I just wanted to say that we are preparing for an unprecedented number of individuals are going to exit shelter and become homeless when the Winter shelter's close March 31, 2022, it was confirmed that there will be at least 71 individuals exiting the shelter system onto the street. Also, the UBCM Strengthening Communities Services round 2 grant did not provide funding to continue extended outreach.

The CAB-H members discussed that the identified immediate needs in the community and that combining the \$121,961.53 funding with unconfirmed amount of additional funding in the new fiscal year may limit organizations from accessing funding that could be of immediate benefit.

**Cheryl M confirmed that if the funding is combined with any additional funding for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and a call for proposal process is undertaken, the process from Call for Proposals to allocating the funding can take 8-10 weeks.**

- We could put the current \$121,961.53 out for proposals now.

A CAB-H member expressed they support not combining the current \$121,91.53 with the new funding in the new fiscal year as they echo the issues raised in regard to the shelters closing.

- *"There are no vacancies, nowhere to go and as of April 1, 2022, around 75 individuals will have nowhere to go and no give on this. Even if the funding is used on purchasing tents, there is projects that can be brought on very fast for these identified needs. "*

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Two other CAB-H members expressed support of these views.

Cheryl M clarified that if the CAB-H would like to go forward with a Call for Proposal process for the existing funding, this could still take 2 months to be received by organizations and outlined the process historically for a Call for Proposals.

Cheryl M raised that the CAB-H would need to determine the timeframe for this process.

Wayne A mentioned the process used for the Incremental funding and applications being reviewed by CAB-H via email.

Sonyia in the role of Community Entity confirmed that if the CAB-H would like to continue with the current process for the specific amount of \$121,961.53 based on how the process has been going, would likely provide a quicker turn-around on applications and awarding funding than a Call for Proposal.

- I support using the current process, that has been utilized for the Incremental funding, based on the gaps in emerging community needs.
- I also support ensuring the money gets to where its most needed and raised focusing on being as innovative as possible.

The CE confirmed they will use the existing 2-page funding template, as this meets the needs in regard to time sensitivity.

A question was raised on project period eligibility. Wayne A confirmed that the Incremental funding slippage could be eligible for projects in the next fiscal year April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023 – if this is what the CAB-H decide.

The Community Entity asked the CAB-H to confirm which directives they would like to target for this funding, with a focus on the community needs that have been raised.

Housing Services and Client Support Services were identified as the most appropriate eligible activities to be applied for, based on current emerging community needs, and would meet the immediate needs of individuals exiting shelter.

- We could also include “and any other emerging needs” in the directive requirements.
- I don’t feel comfortable with this suggestion as it is too broad and using eligible directives should encapsulate the emerging needs.
- I think we need to sharpen our focus for the short-term and get the money to where it belongs.

Wayne A raised the question to the group of the geographical boundaries, as the current working directives are still applicable to geographical flexibility from Peachland and Lake country.

After discussion, based on the specificity of the emerging needs in the City of Kelowna with the Doyle Avenue Shelter closing, CAB-H members agreed the City of Kelowna would as the geographical boundary for this \$121,961.53 funding.

***Phil requested the Community Entity Coordinator to recap the new option for motion being discussed: The remaining \$121,961.53 open for applications focused on only a. Housing Services and d. Client Support Services as eligible activities. Utilize the same review process as previously used for reviewing Incremental funding applications, to be reviewed by CAB-H members via email vote. The eligible project period is April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023, and the eligible geographical boundary is the City of Kelowna.***

**Phil invited feedback from CAB-H on the summary of the discussion, no concerns were raised.**

**Phil presented the vote to approve the motion outlined by the CE (voting members present to vote – 7):**

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All in favor: 6

All opposed: 0

Did not vote: 1

**Motion approved**

**Sandra Robertson accepted; Seconded: Kody Woodmass**

**Motion passed.**

Phil thanked everyone for their attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 14.16pm.

**Next meeting date and time – not scheduled.**