

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: December 8, 2022

Chair: Sandra Robertson

Minutes Recorder: Anna-Lyn Albers

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Sandra Robertson	Interior Health Authority
P	Vice Chair	Naomi Woodland	United Way British Columbia Southern Interior
-	<i>Education</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>Rehabilitation</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
P	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
-	<i>Provincial Government/Youth</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>Indigenous</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
P	Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H representative	Kody Woodmass	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Diversity/Community Information/Volunteerism	Ellen Boelcke	KCR – Community Resources
R	Mental Health	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association
P	Faith	Don Richmond	Evangel Church
P	Coordinated Access	Stephanie Gauthier	Central Okanagan Journey Home Society
-	<i>Corrections</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
P	Provincial Government/Housing	Janet Bertrand	BC Housing
P	Lived Experience	Elaine McMurray	Lived Experience Circle on Homelessness (LECoH)
P	Front Line Youth	Sarah Mackinnon	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
P	Municipal Government	Sue Wheeler	City of Kelowna
-	<i>Provincial Government/Income Assist</i>	<i>vacant</i>	Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
-	<i>Provincial Government / Rehabilitation</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>Metis Community</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>BC Landlords Association</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>Business Sector</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>Indigenous Housing</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
-	<i>LGBTQIA2S+</i>	<i>vacant</i>	-
Non-Voting Members:			
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Cheryl Miller	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Anna-Lyn Albers	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Service Canada	Karen D'Souza	Service Canada/Federal Government
Alternates:			
A	Provincial Government/Housing	Matthew Camirand	BC Housing
A	Provincial Government/Health	Andrea Antonishen	Interior Health Authority

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1. Welcome, introductions – Sandra Robertson

- Sandra welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance

2. Land Acknowledgement

- Sandra offered Land Acknowledgement that we are on the unceded territory of the Syilx Nation and emphasized her relationship to the water on this territory, as well as the Syilx Nation’s stewardship over the land that she is grateful to reside on.
- Sandra informed the CAB-H that Anna-Lyn had reached out to both Sandra and Naomi regarding the Land Acknowledgment. They wished to address the importance of ensuring the Land Acknowledgment is not gestural or symbolic and to carve out space for other members to place-make in our meetings. A suggestion to make the Land Acknowledgment volunteer-based was made. This would be a means to give everyone the opportunity to reflect and bring their own personal meaning to the Land Acknowledgement. Sandra acknowledged that some members may not be comfortable with this process, but that Naomi had brought forward an excellent information booklet on Territory Acknowledgments by the First Nations Health Authority. The resource will be provided to the CAB-H via email.
- Stephanie volunteered for the next meeting

3. Approval of September 29th, 2022 minutes

- Sandra asked for any comments or corrections to the September 29th, 2022 minutes
- Stephanie asked the minutes be revised to include her correct last name
- Motion to approve September 29th, 2022, minutes
 - Naomi, Seconded: Elaine

4. Approval of December 8th, 2022, Agenda

- Sandra presented December 8th, 2022, agenda.
 - New item added: Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H update to be provided by Kody, added under Item 8.C
- Motion to approve, December 8th, 2022, agenda: Janet Seconded: Liz
 - Brief introductions were welcomed prior to continuing forward with the agenda, all present members introduced themselves.

5. CAB-H Meeting Schedule for 2023/24

- Sandra addressed the virtual poll that was sent out by Anna-Lyn on October 19th, asking preference in meeting format.
- The poll results were as follows: Zoom (5 votes), In-Person (3 votes), Hybrid (2 votes)
- A meeting schedule for the next year has been created and is as follows (sent on October 19th):
 - March 23rd, 2023
 - June 22nd, 2023
 - September 21st, 2023
 - January 11th, 2024
- Open to comments/questions:
 - Kody thought at least one in-person meeting would be beneficial
 - Don agreed
- Suggestion to make next meeting on March 23rd, 2023 in-person; no objections
- Sandra asked if anyone present had capacity to hold space. Liz offered for the meeting to be held at New Opportunities for Women (NOW Canada). Sarah offered Boys and Girls Club of the Okanagan (BGCO) as a back-up. Ellen offered Kelowna Community Resources (KCR) as an additional back-up.

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- Ellen requested calendar invites for the meeting dates. Anna-Lyn said they would be provided after the meeting.

6. Terms of Reference Sub-Committee

- Sandra explains that the Terms of Reference state that the Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually or as required. The 2021 TOR Sub-Committee consisted of 6 members – 4 of which are no longer members, the remaining 2 were Stephanie Gauthier and Elaine McMurray
- Motion to have the Terms of Reference reviewed in 2023: Stephanie, Seconded: Naomi
 - Sub-Committee created that includes: Stephanie (Chair), Elaine, Sue, Anna-Lyn
 - Ellen suggested we encourage a new member to join so that fresh eyes can be put on the document
 - Decision to invite Ian and/or Wilbur to join the committee should their recommendation to be accepted into CAB-H be approved

7. CAB-H Recruitment Update

- Sandra notes that two applications have been reviewed by the Member Application Sub-Committee (Don, Elaine, Sue, and Kody) and that majority recommends approval for both applicants
- Sandra provides a brief bio-sketch of the applicants as below:
 - Wilbur Turner is the applicant for the 2SLGBTQIA+ position. He currently works for the organization Health Initiative for Men in Health Promotion as the Program Coordinator. He is interested in the 2SLGBTQIA+ sector representation because as a member of the local 2SLGBTQ+ community he is aware of the gaps in support for homeless members of the demographic, as well as the unique challenges and barriers they face. He has been working as an advocate for the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community for over a decade and this work involves enhancing the well-being of the queer community. He has held leadership roles in the sector including leading the Kelowna Pride organization, chairing the board of the Living Positive Resource Centre, and helped form the Etcetera program for queer youth that is now operated by The Bridge Youth and Family Services.
 - Ian Gerbrandt is the applicant for the Seniors position. He is currently the Executive Director of Seniors Outreach and Resource Centre. He is interested in the Seniors sector representation because he hopes to share information and insights from the Society's work in seniors' services and develop solutions for older adults living with late-life homelessness. He has been working on issues of housing and homelessness over the last 25 years in social services and has been part of collective impact initiatives to reduce homelessness in Winnipeg and Penticton. He is familiar with initiatives like Systems Planning, By Name Registries, Coordinated Access, Housing First, Cultural Safety, Impact Measurement and more. He has also managed social and rental housing, and therefore an also offer perspectives from a provider of housing and social services. With past roles, he has participated in Community Advisory Boards in Winnipeg, Kamloops, and Kelowna.
- Motion to approve the recommendation of the Member Application Sub-Committee to accept Ian Gerbrandt as the sector representative for Seniors: Janet, Seconded: Ellen: Motion Carried

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- **Motion to approve the recommendation of the Member Application Sub-Committee to accept Wilbur Turner as the sector representative for 2SLGBTQIA+: Stephanie, Seconded: Kody: Motion Carried**
- **Per the Terms of Reference, Sandra will be following up to meet with the new members prior to the next CAB-H Meeting**

8. Community Entity Update

- a) **Additional Funding Summary: Anna-Lyn provides a summary of the Additional Funding allocations as below and informs the CAB-H that the majority of agreements have been signed. The 2022-2023 projects became active on November 1st and the CE has already begun hearing success stories from sub-projects.**

The Boys and Girls Club of the Okanagan:

Upstream

- 2023-2024: \$100,000

Kitchen and Food Improvements

- 2022-2023: \$71,800

Canadian Mental Health Association Kelowna and District Branch:

Bright Mindz

- 2022-2023: \$81,254
- 2023-2024: \$97,842

TOTAL: \$178,096

Rent Bank

- 2022-2023: \$74,730
- 2023-2024: \$125,942

TOTAL: \$200,672

Central Okanagan Foodbank:

Community Full Spectrum Food Program

- 2022-2023: \$162,664

Freedom's Door:

Next Steps and Community Care Program

- 2022-2023: \$200,000
- 2023-2024: \$160,000

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TOTAL: \$360,000

John Howard Society of the Okanagan and Kootenays:

STEP House: Supported Transitional Housing with Embedded Programming

- 2022-2023: \$84,225
- 2023-2024: \$81,726

TOTAL: \$165,951

Karis Support Society:

Residential Recovery Program for Women

- 2022-2023: \$35,000
- 2023-2024: \$45,000

TOTAL: \$80,000

Kelowna Gospel Mission:

Outreach

- 2023-2024: \$90,000

New Opportunities for Women Canada Society:

The Essentials Program

- 2022-2023: \$33,598
- 2023-2024: \$70,000

TOTAL: \$103,598

People Employment Services:

Lived Experience Inclusion Project

- 2022-2023 \$50,000
- 2023-2024: \$50,000

TOTAL: \$100,000

Seniors Outreach Services Society:

SHINE: Seniors Housing Information & Navigation Ease

- 2022-2023: \$35,710
- 2023-2024: \$64,170

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TOTAL: \$99,880

National Society of Hope:

HOPE - Short Term Housing Supports

- 2022-2023: \$41,960
- 2023-2024: \$31,360

TOTAL: \$73,320

Westside Salvation Army:

Senior Meal Program

- 2022-2023: \$58,950

Central Okanagan Journey Home Society

- 2022-2023: \$80,850
 - 2023-2024: \$80,850
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- **Anna-Lyn invites Stephanie to share a Coordinated Access update, as Central Okanagan Journey Home Society (COJHS) acts as the Coordinated Access Lead.**
 - **Stephanie expresses development with streamlining processes with organizations who have signed an Information Sharing Agreements. Journey Home has completed and submitted a HIFIS readiness checklist, and they hope to be granted a HIFIS license so that they may continue to fulfill the Coordinated Access requirements. COJHS and the Community Entity had a recent meeting with the Homelessness Policy Directorate to address the March 2023 deadline for Coordinated Access Implementation. They were required to contribute a CE Action Plan. This plan outlines next steps and key milestones in Coordinated Access, much of which rely on the HIFIS license receiving approval. As well, COJHS looks forward to onboarding two new Master of Social Work Students to help develop the Resource Inventory.**
 - b) **PIT Count: Cheryl explains that the Community Entity has been getting inquiries about doing the PIT Count in 2023. She explains that the focus has been on Coordinated Access, particularly accomplishing the By-Name list and HIFIS instance.**
 - c) **IH-CAB Update: Jeremy has extended his leave until January so Kody will remain the Interim Community Entity Coordinator. Ki-Low-Na was able to gain support from Urban Matters in the call for proposals and have successfully finalized the process as well as their reports to Canada. The Additional Funding was allocated as below:**

Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society

KFS Outreach Services

- 2022-2023: \$187,548

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- 2023-2024: \$187,548

Helping Out People Exploited (HOPE Outreach)

Ally Program

- 2022-2023: \$40,360

PEOPLE Lived Experience Society

Okanagan Regional Library Indigenous Peer

- 2022-2023: \$20,384
- 2023-2024: \$63,086

A Place to Get Better

- 2022-2023: \$141,280
- 2023-2024: \$413,960

Urban Matters CCC

Indigenous Healing Centre: Project Vision and Business Care

- 2022-2023: \$33,500
- 2023-2024: \$45,500

Inspire with Horses Youth Development Society

Barefoot Performance Horsemanship Youth Leadership Program

- 2022:2023: \$90,338

Sandra Hinter

Youth Connection

- 2022-2023: \$15,251

TOTAL FUNDING FOR CCI: \$143,041.80

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9. Final Summary – Close
Sandra thanked everyone for their attendance, the meeting was adjourned.
Next meeting date March 23 rd , 2023. Location TBD.