

Kelowna Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: January 11th , 2024

Chair: Sonyia-Taggart Mint

Minutes Recorder: Anna-Lyn Albers

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

P = Present, A = Absent, R = Regrets, G = Guest

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Sonyia Taggart-Mint	Stepped Care Solutions
R	Funder	Naomi Woodland	United Way British Columbia – Southern Interior
P	Provincial Government/Health	Sandra Robertson	Interior Health Authority
R	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
A	Provincial Government/Youth	Tracey Martin	Ministry of Children and Family Development
A	Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H representative	Jennifer Palma	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
R	Provincial Government/Housing	Janet Bertrand	BC Housing
P	Front Line Youth	Sarah Mackinnon	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
R	Municipal Government	Colleen Cornock	City of Kelowna
P	Seniors	Ian Gerbrandt	Seniors Outreach Society
P	LGBTQIA2S+	Wilbur Turner	Advocacy Canada: LGBT
Non-Voting Members:			
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Cheryl Miller	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Kristine Bugayong	Community Entity/Foundation/Funder
P	Central Okanagan Foundation	Anna-Lyn Albers	Community Entity/Foundation / Funder
P	Service Canada	Karen Olson	Service Canada/Federal Government
Alternates:			
P	Jeanne Legua	Naomi Woodland	United Way British Columbia

AGENDA ITEM
1. Land Acknowledgement
Sonyia offers a land acknowledgement that recognizes that we are situated on the unceded, stolen and ancestral territory of the syilx (Okanagan) peoples and that we are privileged to work, live and gather together today on their lands.
2. Welcome and Introductions
Sonyia initiates the meeting at 10:05am.
Roundtable introductions ensues:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeanne Legua is present as Naomi Woodland’s alternate. Cheryl Miller introduces Kristine Bugayong, Executive Director of the Central Okanagan Foundation. Kristine will be participating after Cheryl’s retirement March 29th, 2024. Kristine introduces herself.
3. Approval of December 18th, 2023 minutes
Sonyia asks if there are any additions/edits or comments/concerns regarding the December 18th, 2023 minutes. No additions/edits.
Sonyia makes a motion to approve the December 18th, 2023 minutes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seconded: Wilbur; Carried.
4. Approval of January 11th, 2024 Agenda
<p>Sonya asks if there are any additions/edits or comments/concerns to the January 11th, 2023 Agenda. No additions/edits.</p> <p>Sonya presents a motion to approve the January 11th, 2024 Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept: Seconded: Ellen; Carried.
5. 2024-2026 Reaching Home Funding
<p>Anna-Lyn summarizes the Dec.18th's decision-making outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 year base-funded organizations in receipt of \$665,820 for each fiscal year • Call for proposals each fiscal year: \$836, 870.95 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. They explain applications for the Call for Proposals will be due January 31.2024 at 4:00pm
6. Winter Top-Up
<p>Cheryl explains that we received notification from Canada on December 22nd, 2023 that there would be top-up funds for winter/cold-weather homelessness response. These funds need to be spent by April 30th, 2024 and are able to be retroactive from November 1st, 2023. Cheryl and Anna-Lyn met with organizations earlier this week to determine needs in the community as we do not have a cold-weather specific response plan in Kelowna. There are 5 projects that appear to be a viable option for the investment plan. Cheryl will submit recommended amounts for each project on the investment plan, requested by Infrastructure Canada, and will wait to hear from Canada on whether the funds are approved.</p> <p>Cheryl asks Karen what the timeline may be on the funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarifies the investment plan is meant to outline the intent of use on the funds and what activity you would spend them in. Karen touches base with each CE, if they can cash manage before the major amendment is done and if funds are needed right away to go out the door, she would do a minor amendment and get those funds to the CE immediately. Right now, the investment plan simply needs the intent and what area it will be expense. It is very important for the minister that INFC collect results on these funds. <p>Cheryl clarifies these funds do not need CAB-H approval but we will be sure to inform the CAB-H.</p> <p>Sonya asks if there were criteria for allocating the funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl: Yes, there is. 1) Applying it to the cold-weather response plan (and its relevant program/services) a given community may have. 2) If no cold-weather response plan in a community, a CE may ascribe it to any of the Reaching Home Activities.
Project Review Committee
<p>The CE has recruited 5 people. Unfortunately, since confirmation 1 of the 5 people have been unreachable. As such, we may have to recruit a new person if they do not respond. As of today we have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Li – UBC Okanagan and is also on the Kelowna Homelessness Research Committee • Avril Paice – Works with the Bridge • Mark Betteridge– A business-person, past board member (12 years) of Covenant House in Vancouver

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- Joanne Carey – UBC Okanagan, Board present for cool arts, extension knowledge reading, writing, and vetting grants
- John T. – Lived Experience Homelessness Committee (This is the member we are unable to contact)

If you have suggestion for someone to replace John they can contact Cheryl.

- Sonyia: Does the individual need to be a member of LECOH or do they just need to have lived experience?
 - Cheryl: Yes it can be anyone with lived experience, and ultimately we may not be able to fill that seat.
- Sonyia: What dates would they need to be available?
 - Cheryl: There are a few important dates so if you have someone in mind you can give them my contact and I can provide them the information.

Sonyia asks if there is an opposition prior to presenting a motion.

Sonyia makes a motion to approve the project review committee and the 5 identified current members.

- **Seconded: Jeanne; Carried.**

7. Community Plan Draft

Sonyia explains that Anna-Lyn had shared via email the investment plan which was informed by community engagement including in-person meeting and a questionnaire. The investment component has been approved via email by the CAB-H. Today we will be looking at the remaining sections of the Community Plan for approval.

Sonyia reviews the document with the CAB-H and asks if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Community Plan.

Sonyia presents a motion to approve the updated community plan for Reaching Home 2024-2026

- **Seconded Wilbur; Carried.**

8. Community Roundtable

No updates.

9. Final Summary – Close

Sonyia thanked everyone for their attendance, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Don will provide the land acknowledgment at the next meeting. Anna-Lyn and Sonyia will meet to determine quarterly schedule for CAB-H meetings.

Next meeting date: Undetermined – Likely March 11th.