

Reaching Home: Community Advisory Board on Homelessness Minutes

DATE: January 16, 2025

Chair: Sonyia Taggart-Mint

Minutes Recorder: Niveria Oliveira

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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

	SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE:	NAME:	ORGANIZATION:
P	Chair	Sonyia Taggart-Mint	Stepped Care Solutions
R	Lived Experience	John T.	LECOH
R	Funder	Naomi Woodland	United Way British Columbia – Southern Interior
P	Provincial Government/Health	Sandra Robertson	Interior Health Authority
P	Housing / Shelter	Liz Talbott	NOW Canada
R	Provincial Government/Youth	Tracey Martin	Ministry of Children and Family Development
P	Indigenous Homelessness CAB-H representative	Jim Boysis	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
R	Mental Health	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association
R	Faith	Don Richmond	Evangel Church
P	Provincial Government/Housing	Janet Bertrand	BC Housing
P	Front Line Youth	Sarah Mackinnon	Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs
P	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	Funder	Kristine Bugayong	Community Entity/Central Okanagan Foundation
P	Funder	Niveria Oliveira	Community Entity/Central Okanagan Foundation
P	Funder	Jim Boysis	Indigenous Community Entity/Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
P	Funder	Karen Olson	Housing Infrastructure Communities Canada
Alternates:			
R	Cal Bryce	Mike Gawliuk	Canadian Mental Health Association
Guests & Observers:			
P	Observer	Katelin Mitchell	Kelowna Community Resources

AGENDA ITEM

1. Land Acknowledgement

Karen offers a land acknowledgement that recognizes that we are situated on the unceded, stolen and ancestral territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) peoples and that recognizes her commitment to equity and reconciliation.

2. Welcome and Introduction

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Sonyia welcomes everyone and introduces Kaitlin Mitchell, Executive Director for Kelowna Community Resources Society, as an observer.
3. Approval of January 16th, 2025 agenda
<p>Sonyia asks if there are any amendments to the September 19th, 2024 minutes, as presented. None noted.</p> <p>Sonyia presents a motion to approve the January 16th, 2025, agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept: Sonyia; Seconded: Sandra; Carried.
4. Approval of September 19th, 2024 minutes
<p>Sonyia asks if there are any additions/edits or comments/concerns to the September 19th, 2024, minutes.</p> <p>No additions/edits.</p> <p>Sonyia presents a motion to approve the September 19th, 2024, minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept: Sonyia; Seconded: Ian; Carried.
5. HICC Presentation
Karen presented the new Reaching Home Directives and shared her presentation for CAB Members future reference. There was a brief question and answer period regarding the new Directives and an explanation of the intended purpose of the Stabilization Funding.
6. CE Amendment Update and Funding Discussion
<p>Sonyia presented the Stabilization Funding envelope, the budget which accounts for the CE sub-project – the Pit Count, the CE administration fee and the remaining balance available to fund community sub-projects. Sonyia asks Kristine to present the rationale for the PiT Count being funded as a sub-project of the Designated Community Entity. Kristine presents and responds to questions from the CAB members.</p> <p>Sonyia presents a motion to approve the funding of the PiT Count 2024 and 2025 as sub-projects of the Community Entity. <i>This motion was sent by email on February 5th.</i></p> <p>Motion to accept: Wilbur; Seconded: Colleen; Carried</p> <p>Action item: Central Okanagan Foundation to allocate \$70K annually to fund the PiT Count for the fiscal years of 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.</p>

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Sonyia then reviewed the Funding Scenarios backgrounder which outlined the four funding framework scenarios that were provided to the CAB for consideration. CAB members discuss the risks and opportunities associated with each of the scenarios and the discussion leads to consensus that scenario 2 is the priority scenario.

Sonyia presents a motion to approve funding scenario 2, as referenced in the funding framework scenarios document, which stabilizes the 2024-2026 sub-projects based on the same percentage of total sub-project funding available, and grants awarded, in 2023. These sub-projects were previously recommended by the Project Review Committee and approved by the CAB on March 11, 2024.

Motion to accept: Sonyia Seconded: Wilbur; Carried

Action item: Niveria to move forward with notifying the agencies regarding the stabilization funding.

8. Community Roundtable

Members shared updates on their work and were able to ask questions of each other.

9. Final Summary – Close

Sonyia thanks everyone for their participation, recaps the decision made at the meeting, and expresses thanks to the members for their participation in the meeting. She also reminds everyone of the CAB appreciation event being held on January 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 AM.

Next meeting date: March 20, 2025 location to be confirmed