



Journey Home Task Force Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, January 24, 2018
Location:	Okanagan Regional Library - Kelowna Branch Lower Meeting Room 1380 Ellis Street, Kelowna, BC
Task Force Members Present:	Co-Chair, Martin Bell, Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Cheryl Miller (Central Okanagan Foundation), John Yarshenko (Interior Health Authority), Harleen Price (Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction), Superintendent Brent Mundle (RCMP), Gaelene Askeland, Tom Dyas, Diane Entwistle, Mike Gawliuk, David Krysko, Scott Lanigan, Carrie McDonald, Lisa McHaffie, Brenda Plitt, Kelly Taverner*, Shane Worman, Tina Larouche (Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society) Ann Howard (BC Housing), Jennifer Houde (Okanagan Nation Alliance), Theresa Arsenault, QC; Pam Moore and Diane Roy (Westbank First Nations) Social Development Manager, Sue Wheeler; Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture, Jim Gabriel; Neighbourhood Development Coordinator, Glenda Cooper; Communications Advisor, Lisa Ruether; and FOI-Legislative Coordinator, Sandi Horning
Guests:	Consultant, Dr. Alina Turner (Turner Strategies), Belinda Jackson (A Way Home Kelowna) and Gerard Joyal

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions (Co-Chairs)

The Co-Chair, Martin Bell, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Tom Dyas/Seconded by Shane Worman

THAT the Minutes of the December 13, 2017 Meeting of the Journey Home Task Force be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

The Co-Chair, Martin Bell, noted that Council appointed representatives from Westbank First Nations and Ki -Low-Na Friendship Society to the Task Force and acknowledged the attendance of Task Force Member Tina Larouche who is representing the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society.

Member, Tina Larouche, introduced herself to the Task Force and provided background information about herself. Brief introductions by the Task Force Members and City staff were conducted.

Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah, provided an overview of the meeting's Agenda.

3. Lived Experience Sharing (Co-Chairs/Brenda Plitt)

Task Force Member, Brenda Plitt:

- Shared her personal life experience.

4. January 22, 2018 Task Force Update to Council (Co-Chairs)

4.1 Task Force Membership

Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Provided an overview of the Task Force Membership and the rationale for adding a representative from First Nations and the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society.

4.2 Update

Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Provided an overview of the update that was provided to Kelowna City Council on Monday.
- Council reinforced its commitment to this priority.
- Will be updating Council again in April.

Co-Chair, Martin Bell:

- Provided additional comment regarding the update to Kelowna City Council.
- Need to change the 'narrative' of homelessness and build capacity within the community.

5. Journey Home Events (Alina Turner, Turner Strategies)

5.2 Journey Home Summits - Debrief and Key Implications

Consultant, Dr. Alina Turner:

- Provided an overview of the presentation given to Kelowna City Council on Monday.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

Guest, Belinda Jackson:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Journey Home Summit with a focus on 'A Way Home Kelowna'.

Consultant, Dr. Alina Turner:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the Journey Home Summits and their outcomes.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

The Task Force Members had a discussion regarding the City of Kelowna's 'red zone' and its implications.

Consultant, Dr. Alina Turner:

- Provided several questions for the Members to consider.

6. Meeting Break

The meeting recessed at 6:39 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

7. Journey Home Events - continued (Alina Turner, Turner Strategies)

Task Force Member, Kelly Taverner, left the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Consultant, Dr. Alina Turner:

- Provided context to the questions posed to the Task Force Members.

The Task Force Members broke into small groups to discuss the various questions. A spokesperson for each group reported back to the Task Force on the matter question and possible solution discussed. A discussion took place amongst the Task Force Members regarding the solutions posed.

9. Task Force Communications (Staff)

9.1 Survey and Outcomes

9.2 Proposed Communications Approach

Staff:

- Distributed a handout and displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Journey Home Communication approach of:
 - o Collaborative Communications;
 - o Journey Home Voice and Branding;
 - o Addressing Stigma;

- Organization of Information;
- Being Champions.
- Provided an overview of the Communications Survey results.
- Provided an overview of the proposed Communications approach.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

11. Proposed Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Task Force is proposed for February 21, 2018.

Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Advised that any Agenda item not dealt with will be addressed through the online tools.

12. Termination

The meeting was declared terminated at 7:44 p.m.

Martin Bell, Co-Chair

Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Co-Chair

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