



Journey Home Task Force Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, February 21, 2018
Location:	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society 442 Leon Avenue, Kelowna, BC
Task Force Members Present;	Co-Chair, Martin Bell, Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Ann Howard (BC Housing), John Yarshenko (Interior Health Authority), Theresa Arsenault, QC, Gaelene Askeland, Diane Entwistle, Mike Gawliuk, David Krysko, Scott Lanigan, Carrie McDonald, Lisa McHaffie, Pam Moore, Brenda Plitt, Shane Worman, Tina Larouche (Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society) and Diane Roy (Westbank First Nations)
Task Force Members Absent:	Cheryl Miller (Central Okanagan Foundation), Harleen Price (Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction), Jennifer Houde (Okanagan Nation Alliance), Superintendent Brent Mundle (RCMP), Tom Dyas and Kelly Taverner
Staff Present:	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, Jaime Rogers (Turner Strategies); Belinda Jackson (A Way Home Kelowna) and Gerard Joyal* (Lived Experience Coordinator)

(* denotes partial attendance)

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

The Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Theresa Arsenaault/Seconded by Diane Entwistle

THAT the Minutes of the January 24, 2018 Meeting of the Journey Home Task Force be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Provided an overview of the Agenda.

3. Lived Experience Sharing (Co-Chairs/Carrie McDonald)

Task Force Member, Carrie McDonald:

- Shared her personal lived experience as a parent.

Guest, Gerard Joyal, joined the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Co-Chair, Martin Bell, provided comment regarding the lived experience and how it impacts the journey home.

4. Lived Experience Circle Update (Gerard Joyal)

Guest, Gerald Joyal, Lived Experience Coordinator:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Lived Experience Circle on Homelessness.
- Advised that there have been 3 Lived Experience Circles completed to date.
- Provided an overview of the discussions that took place during the Lived Experience Circles.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

5. Communications Approach Update (Staff)

Staff:

- Made reference to the "Key Messages" document that was shared with the members.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.
- Requested that the Task Force Members utilize the online tools available, particularly if they are not able to attend the next Task Force meeting.
- The City will be conducting a social media campaign next month.
- Encouraged the Task Force Members to use #JourneyHomeKelowna when utilizing social media.
- Provided an overview of the Public Engagement Survey statistics to date. The survey is open until March 6, 2018.
- Provided an explanation of "elevator speeches".

The Task Force Members divided into groups of 2-3 to practice "elevator speeches". The Task Force groups shared their speeches with the entire Task Force.

6. A Way Home - Kelowna Update (Belinda Jackson)

Guest, Belinda Jackson, A Way Home Kelowna:

- Provided an update regarding the A Way Home - Kelowna activities.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

7. Formation of Sub-Committee regarding Implementation Funding (Co-Chairs)

Co-Chair, Martin Bell:

- Provided an update regarding the formation of a sub-committee on implementation funding.

Moved by Theresa Arsenault/Seconded by John Yarshenko

THAT the Journey Home Task Force form a sub-committee to focus on the implementation funding for the Journey Home Strategy.

Carried

The Task Force Members were asked to put their names forward to the Co-Chairs if they are interested in participating on the sub-committee.

8. Updates from Task Force Members

Task Force Member, Ann Howard, BC Housing:

- Provided an update regarding the implications of the Provincial Budget on housing in BC.
- Provided an update regarding BC Housing's projects.
- Advised that the biggest challenge for BC Housing is zoning and land costs in the different municipalities.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

Task Force Member, Theresa Arsenault:

- Provided an update regarding her attendance at a recent Chamber of Commerce event wherein homelessness and businesses were discussed.
- Provided an update regarding the Community Court initiative.

9. Meeting Break

The meeting recessed at 6:27 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

10. Journey Home Design Labs (Jaime Rogers, Turner Strategies)

Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Introduced the Consultant, Jaime Rogers.

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- Provided a debrief of the first three days of design labs.
- Provided an overview of the upcoming design labs.

- Overall, there has been good, active engagement during the design labs.
- Provided an overview of how the information shared during the design labs will be evaluated and brought forward for consideration.

A discussion took place amongst the Task Force Members regarding their perspectives and takeaways from the design labs they participated in.

11. Systems Approach Overview (Jaime Rogers, Turner Strategies)

Consultant, Jaime Rogers:

- Provided an overview of the Medicine Hat experience with respect to:
 - the evolution of the Plan and its current status;
 - the community highlights and lowlights; and
 - the lessons learned (people, program, policy & politics).
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

12. Proposed Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Task Force is proposed for April 10, 2018.

13. Termination

The meeting was declared terminated at 7:45 p.m.

Martin Bell, Co-Chair

Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Co-Chair

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