



Journey Home Task Force

Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Location:	Pushor Mitchell 1665 Ellis Street
Members Present	Co-Chair, Martin Bell, Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Ann Howard (BC Housing), Cheryl Miller (Central Okanagan Foundation), Harleen Price (Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction), Superintendent Brent Mundle (RCMP), Theresa Arsenault, QC, Tom Dyas, Diane Entwistle, David Krysko, Scott Lanigan, Carrie McDonald, Lisa McHaffie, Pam Moore, Brenda Plitt, Shane Worman, and Diane Roy (Westbank First Nations), Kelly Taverner
Members Absent	John Yarshenko (Interior Health Authority), Jennifer Houde (Okanagan Nation Alliance), Gaelene Askeland, Mike Gawliuk, and Tina Larouche (Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society)
Staff Present	Neighbourhood Development Coordinator, Glenda Cooper, Social Development Manager, Sue Wheeler, Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture, Jim Gabriel, Communications Coordinator, Lisa Ruether, and Legislative Coordinator (Confidential), Clint McKenzie
Guests	Alina Turner via Skype (Turner Strategies), Gerard Joyal (Lived Experience Circle Convener), Belinda Jackson (A Way Home Kelowna), and Jordan McKenzie (Point In Time Coordinator)

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

The Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Co-Chair, Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Thanked Task Force Member Theresa Arsenault, and Pushor Mitchell for hosting the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Diane Roy/Seconded by Pam Moore

THAT the Minutes of May 23, 2018 Meeting of the Journey Home Task Force be confirmed as circulated.

Carried**3. Journey Home Draft Strategy Review (Alina Turner via Skype)**

Alina Turner, Turner Strategies:

- Led the Task Force in review of the draft strategy highlighting the following areas:
 - Include additional agency progress and community strengths;
 - Reference availability of housing first over the last few years;
 - Highlight Existing Housing First infrastructure and the great work happening;
 - Sobriety options to be highlighted;
 - Link to opioid work completed;
 - Key collaborators to be highlighted;
 - Bands to be identified as an implementation stakeholder group;
 - Consider identifying a percentage of the budget for youth;
 - Strengthen the alignment/role of the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness in the implementation plan; and
 - Identify support for the BC Housing coordinated access approach.

The Task Force Members discussed key points to highlight in the strategy to increase its readability by the public including the Lived Experience testimonials and graphics.

Co-Chair Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Reviewed the funding commitments to date going towards the Backbone organization.

4. Meeting Break

The meeting recessed at 6:24 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

5. 2018 Kelowna Point in Time Count Results (Jordan McKenzie)

Jordan McKenzie, Point in Time Coordinator:

- Reviewed the background and purpose of the Point in Time Count as a count to identify the number of people in Kelowna experiencing absolute homeless on one night and to survey the homeless population.
- Provided an overview of the recent count:
 - Took place on March 6, 2018 from 6 to 10 p.m. with 84 volunteers;
 - The count identified at least 286 people experiencing homelessness in Kelowna;
 - Shelter enumeration increased by 43% from the 2016 count;
 - An overrepresentation of indigenous women is shown at 34% of the total number of women experiencing homelessness;
 - Average days living without a home increased from 192 days in 2016 to 241 days in 2018; and
 - Newcomers to Kelowna decreased by 3% from 29 to 26%.

6. Update: Stakeholder Pledge (Co-Chairs)

Co-Chair Dr. Kyleen Myrah:

- Provided feedback on who has signed on to the Stakeholder Pledge to date.
- Confirmed that the Stakeholder Pledge encourages sign-up from agencies and businesses as well as individual pledges in the community.

7. Proposed Transition Team Update (Co-Chairs)

Co-Chair Martin Bell:

- Outlined the role of the committees and the areas of work moving forward:
 - Backbone agency - organizational structure and governance body;
 - funding/advocacy; and
 - supporting coordination/collective efforts.
- Noted that a new Chair will be selected for each committee and reminded Task Force members of the opportunity to consider continuing with the Transition Team.

8. Termination

Co-Chair Martin Bell:

- Highlighted upcoming dates:
 - June 20th – Taskforce Meeting
 - June 25th – Final Strategy Presentation to Council

The meeting was declared terminated at 7:37 p.m.

Martin Bell, Co-Chair

Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Co-Chair

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