



Journey Home Task Force Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Location: Okanagan Regional Library - Kelowna Branch
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); Theresa Arsenault, QC; Gaelene Askeland; Tom Dyas; Mike Gawliuk; David Krysko; Carrie McDonald; Lisa McHaffie; Pam Moore; Brenda Plitt; Kelly Taverner; and Shane Worman

Ann Howard (BC Housing); Sheila Lewis (Okanagan Nation Alliance); Diane Entwistle; and Scott Lanigan

Divisional Director, Active Living & Culture, Jim Gabriel; Social Development Manager, Sue Wheeler, Long Range Policy Planning Manager, James Moore*; Communications Advisor, Amanda Lamberti*; and FOI-Legislative Coordinator, Sandi Horning

(* denotes partial attendance)

1. Call to Order

The Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

The Task Force Members that were not present for the inaugural meeting were introduced.

Task Force Member, John Yarshenko, joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Tom Dyas/Seconded by Shane Worman

THAT the Minutes of the September 27, 2017 Meeting of the Journey Home Task Force be confirmed as circulated.

Carried

3. Wishing Wall (Co-Chairs/Task Force Members)

3.1 Review of Wishing Wall Responses/Themes

Co-Chairs:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Wishing Wall Responses/Themes.
- Advised that the common themes were:
 - o Ensure that everyone in Kelowna has a place to call home and that every individual's needs are met; and
 - o Engage the whole community in collaborating together to address homelessness.
- Circulated recipe cards to the Members and asked them to write down "What would make you proud that the Task Force was able to achieve?"

3.2 Task Force Agenda Planning Input

Co-Chairs:

- Displayed a PowerPoint Presentation.
- Advised that they want to create an environment for sharing.
- Inquired as to any of the Members have suggested topics, speakers or format that they would like the Task Force to consider.
- Inquired if there are any opportunities outside the Task Force Meetings that Members may want to be involved in.

Task Force Members:

- The Members would like to see the following matters considered during the Task Force Meetings:
 - o How has homelessness been dealt with by other communities (best practices)? This could be done by way of reading material or video presentation;
 - o A subscription to the Homelessness Hub would be beneficial as information is gathered from across Canada;
 - o CMHA - Videos on "Housing First" concept;
 - o What is expected of the Task Force Members? Specific direction and advanced planning would be appreciated;
 - o Would like to form small working groups which can meet in between official Task Force Meetings and then report back at the official Meeting;
 - o What is happening locally?
 - o Role clarity - Role of Task Force Members vs. Role of City Staff vs. Role of Consultant;
 - o Would like to learn from other communities how they addressed the stigma of homelessness;

- Need to hear from the 'voice of the lived experience' - Responses need to be informed by the experience;
- Work on a valley-wide solution, not just a 'made in Kelowna' solution;
- What services are already being provided?
- Ongoing review of the homelessness statistics;
- Overview of the 2009 plan, Home for Good;
- Overview of the funding environment - funding allocations of local government/provincial government/federal government.

5. Journey Home Request for Proposals (Staff)

5.1 Outline of Process

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Provided an overview and background with respect to the outline of the strategy development process.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

5.2 Deliverables and Timelines

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Provided an overview of the deliverables and timelines:
 - Community Priorities Plan;
 - Systems Coordination Framework;
 - Integrated Information & Data System Development;
 - Request for Proposals closes November 2, 2017;
 - Consultant is expected to be in place by end of November 2017;
 - Strategy completion - End of June 2018.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

5.3 Consultant Role

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Provided an overview of the Consultant's role.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.
- Provided an overview of the Request for Proposal process and selection process.

Co-Chairs:

- Provided additional comment on the Request for Proposal process.

4. Communication Tool Introduction - Get Involved Kelowna (Staff)

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Provided an overview of the communication tool, Get Involved Kelowna.

- Advised that the tool is only file sharing and that no decisions are to be made in the forum, only at official Task Force Meetings.
- If any of the Members would like to share a document (.pdf format), they can email it to journeyhome@kelowna.ca and it will be uploaded to the Get Involved Kelowna site.
- Confirmed that the Get Involved Kelowna site is also accessible to the public.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

6. Break

The meeting recessed at 6:07 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

7. Housing (Staff)

7.1 Healthy Housing Strategy

7.2 Housing Needs Assessment - Overview

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation.
- Provided an overview of the Healthy Housing Strategy.
- Provided an overview of the Housing Needs Assessment Report.
- Provided an overview of the identified gaps that relate to Journey Home.
- Provided an overview of the recommendations that relate to Journey Home.
- Responded to questions from the Task Force Members.

8. Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness - 2017 National Conference - Insights and Learnings (Staff/Task Force Members)

Staff:

- Provided an overview of the takeaways from the National Conference.

Task Force Member, Mike Gawliuk:

- Provided an overview of his takeaways from the National Conference.

Task Force Member, Cheryl Miller:

- Provided an overview of her takeaways from the National Conference.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the Task Force is scheduled for November 29, 2017.

10. Termination

The Co-Chairs provided closing comments. The meeting was declared terminated at 7:08 p.m.

Martin Bell, Co-Chair

Dr. Kyleen Myrah, Co-Chair

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