



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE
Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
April 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.
City Hall – Downstairs Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a special meeting held on Friday, April 21, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: Councillor L. Bussey, chair,
W. Haley,
P. Betsina,
I. Hamlyn, and
L. Fuller.

The following advisory/alternate members were in attendance:

E. Shea, NWT Housing Corporation

The following guests of the Housing First Project were in attendance:

B. Denning.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:

G. White,
D.M. Hernblad, and
C. Kida.

Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

2. Committee agreed unanimously to amend the agenda to change the date of next meeting.

L. Fuller moved,
P. Betsina seconded,

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of March 15th, 2017 Minutes

4. W. Haley moved,
L. Fuller seconded,

That the Minutes for March 15, 2017 be approved as presented.

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Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) Existing Project Updates

5. *a. YK Housing First (HF)*
Bree Denning, YK Women's Society & HF project representative gave a brief update on the project as follows:
- a) Three more participants were housed between January and March.
 - b) The HF Project has currently 11 participants housed.
 - c) 50% of the participants are male and the other 50% are female.
 - d) 50% of the participants are First Nation and the other 50% are Inuit.
 - e) From the eleven participants, one participant required being re-housed, one participant is deceased and one participant is currently staying in a shelter until a more permanent solution is found to help the participant.
 - f) All participants are still working on having a more positive permanent situation in terms of jobs and education.
 - g) Staff is working with individuals to improve self-sufficiency.
 - h) In terms of Service Provision it was noted an increase in food security, reporting to income support, medical, tenancy and, legal advocacy.
 - i) In terms of Participant Service Use it was noted an increase in RCMP calls, mainly due to participants trying to protect their home from inconvenient guests. It was also noted an increase in noise complaints.
 - j) One of the challenges the program faces is the triage process. Questions about the intake criteria were raised. It was decided that the Intake Committee should meet to review the criteria and make recommendations to CAB.
 - k) The Quarterly Report is expected to be released next week.

b. Hope's Haven Housing for Youth and 24 hr (Youth) Sheltering Services

Iris Hamlyn, SideDoor Ministries Executive Director, gave an update on Hope's Haven Youth Housing program as follows:

- a) The program has 8 participants.
 - a. 4 participants have transitioned to permanent autonomous living, but still require housing supports.
 - b. 3 participants have been employed since March, 2017.
 - c. 2 participants are in school



- d. 2 participants are attending Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotic Anonymous (NA) and actively attending 'Living in Balance' course.
- b) The program has 11 full-time staff working with youth 24 hours. This model is very beneficial to youth
- c) The challenge SideDoor is facing is the huge gap in services to help youth overcome their issues.
- d) The next step is to initiate Housing First for Youth, utilizing the Anti-poverty funds.
- e) The 24 hour shelter is serving up to 14 youth daily, as well as providing breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. These numbers are up from 3 or 4 since implementing the 24 hour shelter services.

c. 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

Administration stated that the 10 Year Plan Mid-Term Report Presentation was well received by Council at the Municipal Service Committee (MSC) on April 18th. Administration further stated that Dr. Turner has a meeting planned for next week with the GNWT Ministers. CAB members are interested in knowing what entity will be responsible to manage this plan. Dr. Turner is returning to Yellowknife on June 12th to give her final presentation to council. The final report is expected to be ready by the end of June. CAB members unanimously agreed to have Dr. Turner's final draft presentation via Skype/phone to CAB on June 6, 2017.

Action: Administration to send CAB members a link with Dr. Turner's presentation at MSC.

Action: Administration to send invitation for Dr. Alina's presentation on June 6, 2017 to CAB members.

d. New RFP: Housing First for Families

Administration informed CAB members that the RFP received one applicant. Administration further informed that they are able to move forward with the proponent and that a contract will be prepared shortly.

e. New: Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) National Point-in-Time (PiT) count for 2018

Administration informed CAB members that the National PiT Count for 2018 shall be conducted between March 1 and April 30, 2018. There is \$32,000 available from the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) to conduct the PiT Count. Members briefly discussed the methodology of the count, considering whether or not we should follow the same model as the 2015 PiT count with two magnet events. Members established a PiT Count Sub-Committee formed by L. Fuller, E. Shea, I. Hamlyn and D. Hernblad.



6. I. Hamlyn moved,
L. Fuller seconded,

That the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness (CAB) conduct the National Point-in-Time count in 2018.

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Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Community Plan Annual Update (CPAU)

7. Administration informed CAB members that the Community Plan Annual Update is due in mid-June. Administration further informed that the actual details for the plan have not been released at this point but are expected to be available on April 27, 2017. Administration further informed that two CPAU webinar training events are taking place next week:
 - a) Monday, April 24 at 11:30 a.m., and
 - b) Wednesday, April 26, 2017.CAB members are welcome to join the webinars.

Action: Administration to send CAB members the details for the Community Plan Annual Update.

Update from the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Social Envelope Committee

8. E. Shea informed CAB members that she does not receive Social Envelope updates. E. Shea further informed that she may be able to provide CAB members with updates from the Integrated Case Management (ICM) group and that the ICM Initiative funding was renewed through GNWT for another 3 years. E. Shea further informed that the Community Engagement Survey was recently completed and that they will use the information to direct strategic plans and policies. E. Shea also informed this information will be shared with Dr. Turner in a timely manner to be included/considered in the 10 Year Plan.

Training in Yellowknife

9. Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) Confirmed: May 16, 17 and 18
Administration confirmed the dates for the Vulnerability Assessment Tool training for May 16, 17 and 18, 2017. May 16th is a Train the Trainer day, May 17th & 18th are regular VAT training days. Once we have Trainers in our community, we will be able to conduct our own VAT training when required. CAB members agreed on prioritizing the training to individuals that have not been trained before and to those who work directly with clients.

Action: Administration to send invitation for the VAT training to agencies.

Action: Administration to check the Family & Youth versions of the VAT assessment.



Next Meeting

10. Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom.

Adjournment

11. I. Hamlyn moved,

**That the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
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Prepared: April 25, 2017 DMH/ck