



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Community Advisory Board on Homelessness
October 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.
City Hall – Main Boardroom

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall, Main Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Present: D. McKee, co-chair
Councilor L. Bussey, co-chair
Dr. J. Corkal,
L. Fuller,
Mayor M. Heyck,
E. Shea,
V. Tompkins,
L. Elkin, and
I. Hamlyn.

Regrets: D. Anderson, and
N. Nadeau.

The following advisory members were in attendance:
M. Saturnino

The following representatives of the Federal Government were unable to attend via conference call:
K. Rapley, and
S. Glynnmorris.

The following members of Council were in attendance:
Dan Wong.

The following members of Administration staff were in attendance:
D.M. Hernblad,
G. White, and
C. Kida, Recording.

The following members of the Public were in attendance:
Shauna Morgan.



Call to Order

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

That the Minutes of September 9, 2015 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAB: meeting time, frequency, attendance and quorum

5. a) Committee previously discussed meeting times, as some members had difficulty attending at the scheduled time from noon to 2:00 p.m. Administration solicited the membership and brought back two possible times for meeting, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. or 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All members agreed to meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

b) Discussion was held on getting better attendance.

Action: Co-Chairs to go through the list of all members of the Committee to check their attendance and follow up in writing with any member that isn't adhering with the Terms of Reference.

- c) L. Fuller inquired if another member from the Seniors Group was invited to replace Jeff Renaud of Avens, A Community for Seniors.

Action: D.M. Hernblad to check with City Clerks to see if an invitation was sent to the Seniors Groups.

- d) L. Elkin inquired whether a member could participate in the meetings using an electronic meeting system, should they be unable to attend in person.

Action: Administration to check if it is possible to have an electronic meeting and send out an email to CAB members.

- e) Committee discussed if Social Services, ECE and Justice Members are part of the quorum. G. White read the Terms of Reference stating that "A quorum of the CAB shall consist of a majority of the Members." Members include those who are represent in the advisory capacity. Therefore Social Services, ECE and Justice members count as part of the quorum.



Motion

- a) L. Bussey moved,
V. Tompkins seconded,

That the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness recommend that Council amend its Terms of Reference to change the Department Responsible for Homelessness with the GNWT from a regular member to an Advisory member.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

- b) V. Tompkins moved,
L. Fuller seconded,

That the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness recommend that Council amend its Terms of Reference to indicate that Advisory members are non-voting members.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

- c) L. Elkin moved,
I. Shea seconded,

That the Community Advisory Board on Homelessness recommend that Council amend its Terms of Reference by deleting Section 11 and replacing therewith:

“11. No Member may appoint an alternate to represent that Member and act on their behalf during absences, with the exception of the representative for the GNWT Department responsible for Homelessness and those Advisory Members listed in Section 8.”

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2015 Yellowknife Point-in-Time Count Report

- d) Administration informed members that the 2015 YK PiT report will be completed by the Conservatory on Homelessness and available on October 26, 2015. The report will be available in print and electronic media to the public.

2016 National Point-in-Time Count

- e) Administration pointed out that the Federal Government is encouraging 61 designated communities that are eligible to receive additional funding to administer the National PiT Count within the first 60 days of 2016. Committee discussed whether to participate. It was noted that Administration contacted the other two Territories - Nunavut and Yukon, regarding their participation in the 2016 National PiT Count to determine whether the other Territories were participating and whether they would consider the possibility of collaborating on a Pan-



Territorial report to gain broader knowledge from across the north. Nunavut informed that, due to lack of employees, they will not be able to participate in the exercise. However, the Yukon is participating and are willing to collaborate with Yellowknife to develop a northern report.

D.M. Hernblad informed members that currently there are no CAB funds allocated for a PiT Count in 2016. The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) designated specific additional funding (outside the usual agreement) for the National Count in the first 60 days of the year *only*.

Motion

- f) L. Fuller moved,
J. Corkal seconded,

That the CAB dedicate its human and financial resources to Housing First work.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

HPS Housing First Pilot Project Update

- g) CAB members M. Saturnino, Dr. Corkal, E. Shea, N. Nadeau, R. Lau-a, met with D.M. Hernblad to discuss the project. They identified that GNWT Social departments are doing an intensive case management pilot project. Committee discussed whether to pool resources with the project. It was noted that the GNWT Social project is focusing/ targeting persons exiting corrections, on parole and/or probation clients. The GNWT showed interest in partnering and collaborating with CAB's pilot project.

D.M. Hernblad also met with a Private Business group that seemed interested in participating in a Housing First Pilot Project. The group is trying to get a storefront office that will be intended for a central intake, access, assessment and triage.

In response to a question from Committee, Administration advised that staff are meeting with the appropriate agencies within the GNWT to gather support and collaboration from other agencies to start and move forward with the Housing First project.

The intention of the CAB HF Pilot project is to start with approximately 10 chronically homeless *heads in beds* by March 2016. It was identified that additional staff positions would be necessary to make this project happen, such as a Housing First Team Leader (Case Coordinator), Nurse/ Clinician, Social Worker, Landlord Relations and Peer Support Worker. The full staff compliment, and their employer, have not been determined yet.

D.M. Hernblad also pointed out that the Fidelity of Model should be embraced as much as possible in order for this project to be successful, as Housing First is an evidence-based proven successful model, if adopted and implemented with the structured policies and principles.



Next Meeting

- h) Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 12, 2015 from 9:00 to 11:00 at City Hall, Upstairs Boardroom.

Adjournment

- i) The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared: October 21, 2015 DMH/ck