



Minutes for CFP Meeting – Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Location: Kamloops Alliance Church, Kamloops, B.C.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Attendance:

City of Kamloops- Natalie Serl, Derek DeCandole
Elizabeth Fry Society- Louise Richards, Erik Nelson, Janet Bakke, Janelle Borle,
Kamloops Brain Injury- Pardeep Tiwana
LEC- Teresa Shayler, Patrick Coughtrey
Life skills Development Project- Glenn Hilke
Out of the Cold- Bud Forbes, Renee Stein
Phoenix Centre- Sian Lewis, Shae Ross
Pitstop- Rick Windjack
Turnbull Humanitarian Foundation- Bill Turnbull
United Way- Theresa Toms, Kristi Rintoul
Salvation Army- Tracey Thacker, David Hawkes
MCFD- Rebecca Cain
Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society – Chris Butcher
Kamloops City Councillor – Donovan Cavers
Kamloops United Church- Diane Stuart
PitStop- Rick Windjack
A Way Home- Katherine McParland
Kamloops Food Bank- Cassie Chatten
Community Response Network- Maureen Doll

1. Introductions and Announcements

- Salvation Army- Introducing Tracey Thacker as Director of Community Services. Welcome Tracey!
David Hawkes
- Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society- Funding for the ID renewal or Replacement has ended. There currently is no agency that has funding to help clients with replacing ID. (Birth Certificates, service card etc.)
- Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society- Will be looking after the operations of the mini storage units. They will be opening April 9.
- Kamloops Aboriginal Society- March 28, 2018, everyone invited to Open house BBQ 125 Palm Street.
Chris Butcher

Mini Storage:

- Opening date April 9 2018
- Capacity to hold 50-60 94Litre Rubbermaid totes max 50lbs
- Each person will have access to 1 single bin
- There will be a check in process staffed and organized by the Kamloops Aboriginal Friendship Society
- Clients will have to check in every few months to continue to keep their stuff in storage either by phone, 3rd party or in person
- There will be security protocols in place
- Eventually will have laundry: 1 washer 2 dryers
- There will be no storage for shopping carts
- Possibility of expanding to house mail services
- In the process of gathering information for hours of operation
- At a later date there will be opportunity for local agencies to set up tours

Natalie Serl

Community Response Network (CRN):

The Community Response Network is a group of community members who comes together to create a network of response to adult abuse, self - neglect and neglect. The network is for vulnerable community members and seniors.

The CRN participated in presenting a series of workshops: Shining a light on Domestic Violence, with the Kamloops Violence Against Women in Relationships Committee.

For workshop information and dates contact Maureen Doll 250-314-4672, email:

crnkamloops@gmail.com

The CRN will also be hosting a Seniors tea. Please contact Tammy Roche for dates.

April 4, 2018 - Informal luncheon for community to find out who other agencies are and what they do. A social gathering to bring community networks together. 12- 2pm John Todd Centre

Maureen Doll

2. Housing and Homelessness

A Way Home:

A Way Home is collaborating with organizations around the province to develop a provincial plan to end youth homelessness.

Youth (specific) Homelessness count: May 8-10 for SD73: survey will be mandatory for all grade 10 students.

May 10th – there will be a big BBQ, games and crash at the club (John Todd Centre)

Katherine McParland

Out of the Cold:

Tonight, is the last night for Out of the Cold shelter program. It has been a good year. There are concerns of what might be happening next for all the folks that attend the shelters after March 31. The Out of the Cold has been averaging about 20-30 beds a night Wednesdays and Sundays. They have been working well with Stuart Wood to make sure all folks needing a warm place to stay have been looked after. A positive note that there were no fentanyl overdoses this season at the Out of the Cold shelter.

Few changes to the program for next year. Bud Forbes will be stepping down as Board Chair and Renee Stein will be the new program coordinator.

Bud Forbes

Today is the National Point in time homeless Count, volunteers will be on the streets connecting with the homeless in Kamloops.

3. Poverty Law

In response to a letter sent to Honourable Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development, last fall by BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre (**BCPIAC**) the EAAT (**Employment and Assistance Appeal Tribunal**) is conducting a review and consulting with BC Legal Advocates and Non-Profit Legal Aid societies (CLAS, TAPS, TRAC) roughly along the lines of the points made in the letter to Mr. Simpson. The original letter was spurred by the alarming drop in successful appeals to EAAT over the last 13 years, from 38% to 7.6%.

Erik is also participating in the consultation as well.

Erik Nelson

4. Poverty Reduction Strategy

The Poverty Reduction Strategy committee is happy to have had Natika Bock from LMO join the group this month.

Continuing work on the following areas:

Employment: Living wage calculation in the works for late April.

Childcare: advocating for more choice (based on skills and interest) programming in schools

Transit: Ongoing back and forth looking for solutions for transit for low income users

Rebecca Cain/ Louise Richards

5. Life Skills Development Project

Just finished 1st year of funding from HPS. Areas of focus for the LSDP are

Lived Experience Committee- Working on launching the book "I May Not Have a Home but I Have Rights"

My Place- Still busy, people looking for housing

LSN- monthly meetings have been reinstated

Glenn Hilke

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 25TH, 8:00 AM,
KAMLOOPS ALLIANCE CHURCH**