



## **Minutes for CFP Meeting – Wednesday, October 25, 2017**

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

Time: 8:00 a.m.

### **Attendance**

Kamloops and District Elizabeth Fry Society – Louise Richards, Janelle Borle, Erik Nelson, Madeline Genn, Janet Bakke

MCFD – Rebecca Cain

Thompson Rivers University – Terry Kading

City of Kamloops- Jen Casorso

Turnbull Humanitarian Foundation- Bill Turnbull

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction- Harleen Price

Salvation Army- David Hawkes

Pit Stop- Rick Windjack

KBIA- Pardeep Tiwana

United Way- Kristi Rintoul

Canadian Mental Health Association – Cheryl Mathieson, Alfred Achoba, Mary Moss

Ask Wellness- Kim Galloway

### **1. Announcements/ Introductions**

### **2. Homelessness**

City of Kamloops is working with CMHA to have a winter shelter in the Stuart Wood starting Nov 1 to Mar 31. The mission is to make sure everyone has shelter to go to this year.

They are still working with BCH for temporary modular and permanent modular homes for homeless individuals. Hopefully there will be something in the works in the next 18-24 months. An advantage to this type of housing is that there will be supports involved and they are very fast to build and have ready.

Arjun Singh mentioned and confirmed that well managed shelters work and they have less of a negative impact on the community.

BC Housing is looking for potential operators for the modular housing projects.

Coming soon will be a map and brochure for sharps disposal container locations. Also coming will be more information about a mini storage unit for homeless to store their belongings.

### **HPS:**

Call for proposals closes Nov 6. There are currently 2 applications to be funded.

- *Jen Casorso*



## **CMHA:**

The winter EWR shelter this year will be activated from Nov 1- Mar 31 every day. It will not be run by temperature this year. The shelter is working on a way to accept pets as there are more individuals not accessing shelter because they have a pet. There are 50 beds at the winter shelter and if more are needed BCH will be contacted. There are supports in place to help transition individuals from the winter shelter to regular shelter. CMHA is working with Ask Wellness to move clients from shelter to temporary housing. The shelter hours are 8:00 pm to 6:00am on a first come first serve basis. The shelter is trying to track data on homeless situation.

There is a clean-up coordinator on the premise and there will be a neighborhood discussion coming up.

- *Alfred Achoba*

## **Out of the Cold**

Starting Nov 1 Out of the Cold will be open every wed and Sunday. The shelter had a few hang ups over summer but all is working out now. Out of the Cold will be working with Pit Stop who will be making and supplying the soup on Sundays. So far the shelter is all ready to go.

- *Bud Forbes*

## **ASK Wellness- Kim**

ASK is working together with CMHA. They are in the 4<sup>th</sup> year with temporary hotel shelter (Star Lodge and Columbia Inn) with 40 beds to house 20 clients from Nov 1 to Mar 31. Ask Wellness already has the first 10 clients from the first-round intake.

The Maverick will be opening in early December. There will be 42 units available. The plan is for clients to take vocational training while in the housing and be able to transition out in 2 years.

- *Kim Galloway*

## **Youth Homelessness:**

A Way Home is continuing to work with safe suites and scattered housing under the direction from Katherine MacParland. Last week Todd Stone read to the council about youth homelessness.

- *Louise Richards*

## **3. Poverty Reduction Strategy**

An update from the Law Foundation: The government is going to re instate the Human Rights. Louise sent around a feedback form.

A link for good information is the Pivot Legal Society <http://www.pivotlegal.org/>



#### **4. Poverty Law**

Ministry of Social Innovation and Social Development update:

- Harleen Price handed out a bus pass fact sheet.
- Increased rates in dental
- Increase in disability by \$100.00
- Still looking for a legal way for an advocate to support clients. (Changing info on the client's behalf)
- Clients receiving assistance are now receiving an extra \$52.00

- *Harleen Price*

Erik handed out a short survey

#### **5. Life Skills Development**

Glenn and two Lived Experience Committee members are at the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. There will be an update next meeting.

#### **Upcoming events or news**

- BC Human Rights Commission – online public discussion to 17 November
- Christmas is coming! PitStop will be doing up a meal list and will send to Janelle to distribute.
- **Dec 10** – Pitstop Christmas Dinner
- CMHA and Ask Wellness are looking for linens, blankets, towels, pillows, queen size sheets, dish cloths, bath mats. Phone Alfred or ask for case management to drop off.
- BC211 Free online social service information session today at 10 at the Boys and Girls Club

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.**

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017**

**8:00 AM**

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