Minutes for CFP Meeting – Wednesday, January 24, 2018,
Location: Kamloops Alliance Church, Kamloops, B.C.
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Attendance

Kamloops and District Elizabeth Fry Society – Louise Richards, Janelle Borle, Abby Grinberg, Natalie Kennard Janet Bakke, Erik Nelson
Turnbull Humanitarian Foundation- Bill Turnbull
Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction- Harleen Price, Landen Lacroix
Salvation Army- David Hawkes
Canadian Mental Health Association –Alfred Achoba, Jennifer Smith, Karen Otway, Cheryl Mathieson
Interior Community Services- Val Janz
Kamloops United Church- Diane Stuart
Kamloops Food Bank- Cassie Chatten
St. Pauls Out of the Cold- Bud Forbes
Interior Health- Lisa Deol Rollo
Ask Wellness- Kim Galloway
MCFD- Rebecca Cain
Lived Experience Communtiy Member- Dennis Lee, Cynthia Travers
Life Skills Development – Kelsey Prinz
City of Kamloops- Jen Casorso, Brayden Wilson, Derek Decandole
Thompson Rivers University- Terry Kading
T' Kemlups te Secwepemc- Rhoda Tom
Lii Michief – Nakita Bock, Cheyanne
United Way- Kristi Rintoul, Theresa Thoms
Kamloops Communist Party Club- Beat Klossner

1. **<u>Announcements/ Introductions</u>**

- **Open House-** CMHA Kamloops, in partnership with BC Housing and the City of Kamloops, are hosting a drop in open house for 259 **Victoria Street West**

  Wednesday, January 24, 2018
  5:00 - 7:00 pm (drop-in)
  Valley First Lounge, Sandman Centre, 300 Lorne Street

- **Open House –** Ask Wellness, in partnership with BC Housing and the City of Kamloops are hosting a drop in open house for **317 Tranquille Rd**

  Thursday, January 25, 2018
  5:00 - 7:30 pm (drop-in)
  Mount Paul Food Centre, 140 Laburnum Street

2. **Housing and Shelters**

CMHA

Both Shelters Emerald Centre and the Stuart Wood have been full since start up, they are still seeing a high number of clients. Clients are starting to engage with the staff who are trying to find solutions for after the end of march. CMHA is working on plans for clients come April 1.

- *Alfred Achoba*

Out of the Cold

Out of the Cold is open every wed and Sunday evening. The shelter has been running well and been busy and consistently full. A concern for the program is at the end of march there will still be so many individuals without a place to stay.

- *Bud Forbes*

Ask Wellness:

Ask is working already on a plan come April 1 and working with the shelters to find housing for individuals.

Update on Maverick:

The Maverick is made up of 42 rooms. As of right now, there are 33-35 rooms that have been assigned for individuals to move in to for February 1. The Maverick also has 2 disability units and are taking referrals from other organizations. If anyone knows of anyone needing a wheelchair accessible suite please contact Kim.

- *Kim Galloway*

City of Kamloops:

Welcome Brayden as the new Housing & Homelessness – Project Manager.

There will be 104 new housing units coming to Kamloops 317 Tranquille Rd and 259 W Victoria St as part of the Rapid Response to Homelessness. Information will be provided to community members and neighbors. The housing project will have 24hour/ 7 days a week supports with room for transitional housing and space for EWR. The housing will offer a greater level of support and will have a 15-year operating contract.

- *Brayden Wilson*

Youth Homelessness:

A Way Home is continuing to work with safe suites and scattered housing under the direction from Katherine MacParland. The program is working on resources to house the most vulnerable youth.

- *Louise Richards*

3. **Poverty Law/ Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation**

Poverty- Residential Tenancy:

There will be a meeting with stakeholders to discuss changes:

1. Application for dispute resolution online
2. Closed leases and loop holes
3. Community legal assistance group
4. Recorded hearings

Erik will be sending out invite for community input.

- *Erik Nelson*

Ministry- The last provincial call was Jan 10.

Still work in progress to have advocates to be able to initiate information for clients.

The ministry is continuing to accept feedback you can provide at www.engage.gov.bc.ca

Harleen provided an update on Jan 1 transportation, the new health supplement, and on PLMS (Provincial Loss Management)

If you have any concerns please contact Harleen.

- *Harleen Price*

Changing the Face of Poverty

4. **Poverty Reduction Strategy**

Natika Bock (Aboriginal Youth Housing Manager from Lii Michif Optipemisiwak) spoke to the group about opportunities for groups.

- 100 small grants up to $100 for communities
- Friendship centres to hold some money for grants.

- *Natika Bock*

Areas of focus:

Childcare- Boys and Girls still working on locations
Employment – Been in contact with Jacqueline from the open-door group, still in progress
Transit- Looking at the Arch and Propass

5. **Life Skills Development**

Cynthia Travers updated on the Winnipeg Homeless Conference

- Looking for more Lived Experience members
- Over 50 lived experience people connected.
- Working on a youth homeless rights book
- Point in time count is looking for stories from the homeless

- *Cynthia Travers*

Lifeskills Network

Welcome Kelsey. Kelsey is looking into revamping the Lifeskills Network so if you have been involved you may be hearing from her or if you would like to be involved make sure you contact her.

Meeting adjourned 8:45am.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY FEB 28, 2018
8:00 AM
KAMLOOPS ALLIANCE CHURCH

United Way