



CRDCEH

Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday August 5, 2021

12:00-1:00

1. Attendance

- a. Heather Gordon-Murphy - Downtown Campbell River (BIA)
- b. Alison Liebel - Habitat for Humanity Vancouver Island North
- c. Gwen Donaldson - Community Action Team (CAT)
- d. Audrey Wilson - Laichwiltach Family Life Society (LFLS)
- e. Steve Ayers - JHSNI
- f. Kaitlyn Nohr - Island Health, Gold River
- g. Ian Baikie - Hama?Elas Community Kitchen
- h. Sean Feagan - Campbell River Mirror
- i. Taryn O'Flanagan - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
- j. Michele Vanderwoude - MLA Michelle Babchuk
- k. Emily Post – Impact Team at United Way in Nanaimo
- l. Madison Stewart – urban indigenous housing coalition
- m. Christine Colbert (CR & District Division of Family Practice)
- n. Courtney Panas (?)
- o. Kimberley Toonders (?)
- p. Kaitlyn Nohr (Vancouver Island Health Authority, Gold River)

2. Land acknowledgement - (Alison Liebel, host)

I am calling into this meeting as a settler on the traditional and unceded territories of the Ligwilda'xw people.

The leadership team would like to state that the Coalition is committed to decolonizing through our words and actions. Any feedback given to the Coalition regarding this will be accepted freely and taken seriously. We recognize that we will make mistakes and are genuinely appreciative of any opportunities to do better. We would also like to acknowledge the indigenous people are significantly over-represented in homelessness and housing insecurity.

3. Welcome (Alison)

Any newcomers to the meeting who would like to introduce themselves? None.



4. Call for agenda items

We have some space in the agenda this month. No new additions made.

5. Coalition Updates

- a. People with Lived/Living Expertise (PWLLE) An invitation for discussion around how to ensure that the information gathered is used, distributed and representative of the perspectives of the individuals affected:
 - i. BIA does get the updates from CRDCEH and shares with its board but not membership. Heather Gordon Murphy reiterated that anything that brings people together into a space is good such as the Walk with Me project.
 - ii. Gwen Donaldson expanded on the [Walk With Me project](#) that the Community Action Team (CAT) is working on with the CV Coalition. This project involves hosting public walks starting September 27 to October 31st running Saturday and is an example of awareness/sharing of information gathered from People with Lived Experience. Currently they are in the story acquisition phase.
Description from website for more context
“The project has thus far unfolded in three concurrent ‘lines’ of activity – all of which are reflected in the gallery below. Cultural Mapping involves sitting together with people with lived experience, family members and front-line workers in a process of sharing and discovery. Community Sharing is the process of taking the stories gifted to the project to a wider community. Here we host story walks and sharing circles designed to enable deep reflection, and to generate dialogue leading to change. Systems and Policy Change brings the insights of the project into play with key systems responsible to address the overdose crisis – such as in emergency departments, health care settings, policing departments, etc. We also develop policy reports drawing upon our research that are presented to community and organization decision-makers with intent to facilitate change.”
- b. Overdose Awareness Day is Aug. 31. 2021 in Spirit Square and is to raise awareness of the effects of the drug poisoning crisis in our community, and to honour those who have lost their lives during this public health emergency. At the event, there will be community partners on-site with education stations, pop-up naloxone training, community art-making, and resource tables. Gwen invited the CRDCEH to have a table at this event.
- c. Us & Them Documentary screening September 16, at 7:00pm. The CRDCEH has booked the Tidemark Theatre for a blended in-person/virtual screening of the Us & Them Documentary. The documentary will begin at 7pm and runs approximately 1.5 hours. It will be followed by a panel discussion and community conversation for



1-hour after the screening. This panel will feature the filmmaker (Krista Loughton) and one of the people featured in the film as well as some local representation.

- i. This is meant to be an anti-stigma piece and so we want as many people to be able to watch it as possible. As such, it will be free with donations accepted at the door to help cover costs. Outstanding costs will be covered by the Coalition, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Strathcona Regional Health Network.
- ii. We are asking for your help to spread the word far and wide once our marketing is ready to go out (mid-August). Also, please consider if your organization might benefit from hosting a virtual screening party to help broaden the reach even more or give your staff and/or clients the opportunity to participate.
- iii. Promotion materials available shortly and will be distributed to the membership.

2. Meeting time/date for Coalition meetings?

- a. Discussion around the time of the meeting. Does having the meeting during lunch hour devalue the work? Is lunch time the best time for this meeting. There was general consensus that the time of the meeting is fine and doesn't devalue the work.

3. Urban Indigenous Housing and Wellness Coalition Service Mapping (Madison, Coordinator for the UIHWC)

- a. Madison would like to ask the Coalition table about any support/contact information they are able to give for a service mapping project she is undertaking. The idea is to create a brochure and/or information for some community websites that has all of the information on programs and services in the community, particularly for those people who are new to the community and may be unfamiliar with what is available. Madison has found that looking through brochures, a lot of information is outdated ie. contact information is often incorrect. What is the best platform for service mapping? Is it digital brochure, website, printed brochure, or some other format?
 - i. Ian Baikie of Hama?Elas Community Kitchen suggested a poster on the bulletin board at the Kitchen is a good place to meet people where they are at.
 - ii. Christine Colbert suggested to look through Fetch under provincial organization named pathways as well. Can add a logo/link (<https://pathwaysmedicalcare.ca/resource/campbell-river-fetch/>)



- iii. Street survival guide is another source for information (<https://campbellriver.fetchbc.ca/assets/Street-Survival-Guide-CR-Women-Centre.pdf>)
- iv. Gwen also mentioned that MCFC is also doing a list. Also peer support worker in the ER are there to help navigate services for individuals. Advice is to keep it simple because the big databases are already there.
- v. Michele Vanderwoude mentioned that [Campbell River Violence in Relationships \(VIR\) Committee](#) has also done some service mapping as well and may be able to help with process.

4. Good news story and member updates - from the floor!

- a. Kimberley Toonders from the Food Security Coalition recently received United Way Mainland funding for a Food Security Coordinator and will have job description shortly. If you know of anyone with community engagement & food security experience, please share info. Report on the current status of the work will be shared.
- b. Gold River Food Network has taken over the Foodbank location starting August 18th and will offer food twice a week. Got some private funding to help with drop-in service. Jumped from 26 to 52 hampers per month and it has been well utilized.
- c. Gwen – Walk With Me project has collected some stories from the community. It has been well received in the community and lots of attention from the peer community and they are excited to invite everyone to hear stories in late September. (See details in item 5ii)
- d. Ian Baikie mentioned that he is interested to see BC Housing people interviewing guests at Hama?Elas Community Kitchen. He just brings it forward as awareness. It could be By Name project that is looking to identify individuals by name to access services.
- e. Audrey Wilson – the Witness Blanket exhibition is coming to Campbell River. It is a large-scale art installation by Carey Newman made from pieces of history – hundreds of items reclaimed from residential schools, churches, government buildings, and other cultural structures all across Canada. The exhibition will be shown in the Laichwiltach Family Life Society gym and will open in September 20th. Promotions are just being developed and will be launched soon. This exhibition is in partnership with the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, the Vancouver Island Regional Library, the Campbell River Arts Council, and the Museum at Campbell River.
- f. Christine Colbert (CR & District Division of Family Practice) is excited to announce they are about to hire a nurse practitioner and social working position for outreach.



They will be positioned on the Moose. They will be up and running in early September.

5. In camera (no media, confidential) - regarding request for a discussion at the Coalition table

- a. The hospital is interested in having a larger discussion regarding concerns about discharging people from the hospital who are experiencing homelessness. Is this a conversation that the Coalition feels is suitable to have at a Coalition meeting? Or does anyone have any ideas as to the best way to approach this request?
 - i. General consensus was if it's not us then where would this discussion happen? Several of the organizations recognized this need and commented seeing individuals at their services that need ongoing wound care. It is best to have this discussion sooner rather than later.
 - ii. Michelle from the MLA's office suggested her office might be able to facilitate this discussion. She will consult and connect directly with Christine Colbert to coordinate a separate discussion. Taryn O'Flanagan is interested in being a part of this discussion as well as Gwen Donaldson.
 - iii. **OUTCOME:** The CRDCEH is asked to assist with distributing an invitation to this separate meeting to its membership. The MLA office will host and Christine Colbert to coordinate.

6. Next meeting - September 2, noon