

## **CRDCEH**

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 4, 2021 - 12:00-1:00pm

#### 1. Attendance:

- a. Stefanie Hendrickson Coordinator, Coalition
- b. Sue Moen Salvation Army
- c. Sue Bukta interested citizen
- d. Jason Locke Manager of Planning, City of Campbell River
- e. Valery Puetz ED, CR & North Island Transitions Society (CRNITS)
- f. Heather Gordon Murphy Chair, BIA
- g. Tracy Armstrong Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- h. Heather Brownhill Legal Advocacy
- i. Andrew John Howard Society North Island (JHSNI)
- j. Claire Moglove Councillor, City of Campbell River
- k. Ian Baikie volunteer and advocate, Hama? Elas Community Kitchen
- I. Marc Kitteringham Campbell River Mirror
- m. Don Kattler ED, Mental Health Recovery Partners
- n. Sheena Campbell Island Health Harm Reduction Coordinator, NI
- o. Lisa Wilde CR and District Association for Community Living (CRDACL)
- p. Gwen Donaldson Coordinator, Community Action Team (CAT)
- q. Madison Stewart Coordinator, Urban Indigenous Housing and Wellness Coalition
- r. Mary Catherine Williams ED, Volunteer Campbell River
- s. Joelle Samson Manager, Campbell River Library
- t. Leanne Wingert AVI
- u. Susan -?
- v. Cheryl Stinson Seniors Hub Coordinator, Volunteer CR
- w. Alison Liebel Community Engagement Manager, Habitat for Humanity VIN
- x. Call in user -?
- y. Courtney Harrop First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)
- z. Taryn O'Flanagan ED, Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
- aa. Kristi Schwanicke VIMHS
- bb. Michelle Downey -
- cc. Linda Nagle City of Campbell River and volunteer at Hama?elas
- dd. Shelley Kernovich CRNITS



## 2. Land Acknowledgement - (Sue Moen - Salvation Army, host)

## 3. Welcome and Meeting Introduction (Sue)

- a. Anyone new?
  - Jason Locke Manager of Long Range Planning and Sustainability came from Kamloops, now with City of Campbell River

## 4. Coalition Updates (Stefanie Hendrickson, Coordinator)

- a. People with Lived/Living Expertise (PWLLE) Advisory Committee update
  - i. See attached recommendations
- b. Clothing, blanket, donations question
  - i. Please let Stefanie know if your organization can accept blankets, clothing, toques, mitt donations lots of requests anyway
- c. Security meeting
  - i. Coalition would like to meet with City, bylaws, and security to ensure enforcement is being done in a way that is kind, trauma-informed, etc...
    - 1. Coalition will see if we can support in finding trainings for these enforcement officers (naloxone, cultural sensitivity, mental health first aid, etc...)
  - ii. Heather Gordon-Murphy announcement
    - 1. Blackbird Security no able to provide overnight security due to staffing concerns
    - 2. And as an FYI Port Alberni has some interesting short-term solutions as well (to build on the ones mentioned in the PWLLE recommendationsRural & Remote homeless count methodology
- d. Rural and Remote Housing Count
  - i. Coalition with Urban Indigenous Housing and Wellness Coalition and Strathcona Community Health Network undertaking a Rural and Remote Homelessness Estimation via a "Housing and Service Needs Survey" using the Rural Development Network (RDN) methodology
  - ii. This is to help gain knowledge of regional and remote needs as a step to strategic planning
  - iii. We would like to include Campbell River in count as well. We understand this is burdensome and another survey to ask people to fill out but we feel like it would be beneficial to get a big picture of the entire community
    - 1. RDN's methodology is longer term (a month at least)
    - It is also a customizable survey so we can get answers to unique questions such as Urban Indigenous populations, accessing specific services, etc...



- 3. Also, RDN provides report-writing, delegation, and recommendation services that we feel could be an important 3rd party view of the community
- iv. Can your organization support this by helping get surveys to people who are unhoused, precariously housed, or unsuitably housed?
- v. Contact Stefanie for more information or comments or concerns
- vi. Info on RDN can be found here:

  <a href="https://www.ruraldevelopment.ca/publications/step-by-step-guide-to-estim-ating-homelessness">https://www.ruraldevelopment.ca/publications/step-by-step-guide-to-estim-ating-homelessness</a>

## 5. Emergency Weather Shelter discussion and update

- a. Working group no solution found yet
  - i. Ideas welcome send to Coalition email
- b. Leanne Wingert is Laichwiltach in working group? What about their gym?
  - . Yes, they are in working group
- c. Stefanie Release from Government of BC .....
- d. Heather Gordon-Murphy Where is the "tin can" from years ago? Demolished because uninhabitable
- e. Madison in chat do we know if BC Housing would fund minimal infrastructure required for a parking lot and security?
  - i. Heather waiting to talk to BC Housing about what they will fund

## 6. Update from City of Campbell River (Jason Locke) - 5-10min

- a. City looking at zoning for social services downtown
  - Based on Downtown Safety Committee's \$75,000 incentive to move services from downtown
  - ii. City looking at Ironwood "flats" area
  - iii. Current services would have some grandfathering rights
  - iv. Council have moved discussions forward to public and stakeholder consultation
  - v. Question: Valery Puetz reasoning behind relocating kitchen and warming centre downtown
    - Jason Finding a better location for services to operate and a more appropriate facility. Also to help address some of the concerns downtown (security, etc...)
  - vi. We will have opportunities for feedback in consultation process with City.
  - vii. Mary Ruth Question: The thought of kitchen moving to location that would accommodate larger facility...would that include Food Security discussion as well?



- 1. Heads nodding yes, it could
- Jason Speaking from Kamloops experience, a blended model of Food Security, Food Bank, etc... has worked quite well in Kamloops
- viii. Sue FYI A Food Security Coordinator (Madison Stewart) has been hired and she will be looking at the entire picture and how food security coordination can be looked at altogether.

# 7. Update from Volunteer Campbell River, UBCM training funds (Mary Catherine Williams) - 5 min

- Part of UBCM funds are focussed on training and increasing capacity and skills for people working with people experiencing homelessness - Volunteer CR has agreed to manage this training piece
- b. Culturally safe environments and trauma-informed practices will be considered
- c. Deadline is mid-July to make this happen
- d. Please be patient, working on a work plan now and will be contacting agencies regionally in the near future.
- e. Contact us with any questions, specific training requests, etc...

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

- a. Linda Nagle big shout out to peers on Monday nights and Courtney Panas (JHSNI). It is working so well and we would love to see more peers in kitchen
  - i. Mary Catherine yes, we are exploring some options to support peers in the kitchen (Sue, Mary Catherine, and Ian help support Joanne as kitchen lead in Hama?elas and are currently working on this peer piece).
- b. Gwen CAT have just brought on Ken from KDC to help with some Peer Coordination in the community. He could help support this type of project!
- c. Sue By-Name List Community team working closely with BC Housing around data collection and management
  - We have worked out a way to make ownership of By-Name List local.
     This is a test-run as we are a pilot community
  - ii. By-Name List is critical and the bedrock of getting to functional zero homelessness
    - 1. Lots of municipalities around the country are using By-Name Lists
  - iii. There are currently some capacity issues both with BC Housing and agencies but we are moving forward
- d. Sue 4-units at Riverside are opening CAA (Coordinated Access) was able to look at lists and were able to assess individuals for those 4 units
  - i. Good news!



9. Next meeting - December 2, noon