**CRDCEH**
Community Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 2023
12:00-1:00 via Zoom

1. **In attendance:**
    a. Host - Madison Stewart - Strathcona Community Health Network (SCHN)
    b. Stefanie Hendrickson - Coalition Coordinator
    c. Paul Bertrand - Society of St. Vincent de Paul
    d. Carolyn Fast - Volunteer Campbell River
    e. Sean Smyth - City of Campbell River, Councillor
    f. Kaylin Fowler - MOUHSS, Liǧʷiłdaxʷ Health Society
    g. Joelle Samson - CR Library
    h. Monique Bois - MP Rachel Blaney's office
    i. Lisa Wilde - Rivercity Inclusion
    j. Chrystal Arnet - Habitat for Humanity
    k. Meredith Starkey - SRD
    l. ? - Campbell River Family Services Society (CRFSS)
    m. Shawn Decaire - Kwesa Place, Laichwiltach Family Life Society
    n. Jen Banks-Doll - Consultant for Coalition
    o. Jordan Campbell - AVI Health & Community Services (AVI)
    p. Mary Catherine Williams - United Way
    q. Melony Larre - Native Courtworkers & Counselling Association of BC
    r. Bailey MacKay - John Howard Society
    s. Ian Baikie - Community member & Hama?elas Community Kitchen
    t. Heather Brownhill - CR Advocacy
    u. Meg Maskell - Community member
    v. Meagan Wilson - AVI
    w. Kaitlyn Nohr - Wild Harm Reduction and Island Health
    x. Renée LaBoucane - SRD
    y. Grace Mukadzambo - John Howard Society
    z. Kristi Schwanicke - Vancouver Island Mental Health Society (VIMHS)
    aa. Joanne Watson - Campbell River Food Bank
    bb. Michaela Arruda - Campbell River Community Foundation (CRCF)

2. **Land Acknowledgement**
3. **Welcome and Meeting Introduction**

4. **Coalition Operational Updates** (Stefanie Hendrickson)
    a. PiT Count results
        i. See slides attached to email or reach out to info@crhousing.net for a copy of slides
    b. Strategic Planning update
        i. Resilience Planning is undertaking a strategic planning process with the Coalition
            1. Currently reviewing background material
            2. Next step will be interviews with some community partners

3. We are also considering how to engage others to provide feedback
c. System Inventory update
   i. Jen Banks-Doll hired to complete step 1 of a System Inventory
      1. Fact-finding phase to assess resources, capacity, current coordination (ex. Coordinated Access, databases - HIFIS, referral processes, etc…)
      2. Peer engagement and agency engagement will also inform what current journeys and challenges look like for people who are navigating the "system"
      3. Jen will present findings at the December Coalition meeting.
   ii. Our intention is that this is just the beginning of further work to support system coordination
      1. Reducing homelessness requires efforts from the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, as well as by community members and community-based agencies. System coordination at the local level is considered one of the most promising practices as to what communities can do at a local level to better support folks experiencing homelessness
d. School presentations - request for support
   i. Coalition is regularly asked to speak to school classes/groups about homelessness
      1. Generally we speak about anti-stigma, myth-busting, causes of homelessness, solutions, harm-reduction, data, etc… - to date this has been Kaitlyn Nohr, Shawn Decaire, and Stefanie Hendrickson
      2. Capacity is often limited with the three of us and it would be great if we had more people willing to do this work so that we can share the responsibility of teaching young people about homelessness.
         a. ACTION: If any agencies have interest in supporting this work, please reach out to info@crhousing.net
e. Current funding opportunities:
   i. NICHI - By-Indigenous-for-Indigenous housing
      1. https://nichi.ca/allocation-funding/
         a. Capacity & Organizational Development: Up to $1 million targeted to project development, on the ground assistance, operational shortfalls and other project development requirements such as modernisation and improvement needed to ensure project success/continuity.
         b. Capital Development: Project Funding requirements in excess of $1 million up to $10 million needed leverage further funding for large scale projects, major renovations, new builds, etc.
         c. Key dates:
            i. 16 November, 12-1pm Webinar – Call-out process explained with walk through application form, information required and the timing. Register here
            ii. November 24th – Funding applications open on the NICHI website
            iii. January 12th – Application process ends

    iv.  January 26th – (planned) Announcement of successful applicants
  ii. BC Housing - Community Housing Fund
    1. https://www.bchousing.org/projects-partners/Building-BC/CHF
    2. Funding for affordable rental homes for people with low to moderate incomes
    3. Deadline to apply - November 17th.
  iii. Reaching Home Rural & Remote
    1. https://www.pgnaeta.bc.ca/departments/reaching-home-canadas-homelessness-strategy/bc-rural-and-remote/bc-rural-remote-ongoing-application-call
    2. Ongoing application period - Funding to March 31, 2024
    3. Homelessness supplies, prevention, support funding (up to ~$100,000)

5. **Kwesa Place Shelter**
   a. 20-bed shelter - November 1 to March 31 - staff pending
      i. With cart storage, as this was a barrier last year
   b. Ready to go as soon as staffed!
   c. ==ACTION:== Please share job posting
   d. Doors open at 9pm for shelter - folks leave by 9am
      i. Breakfast open directly after for folks to stay warm before Kwesa Place opens
   e. Engaging peers to support the shelter and breakfast this year

6. **Wild Night Out Campaign** - Kaitlyn Nohr - 10-15 min
   a. Safer Partying Campaign
   b. See slides attached to email or email info@crhousing.net for a copy of the slides

7. **United Way Community Consultations -** Mary Catherine Williams - 5 min
   a. United Way engaging community to see where needs are so they can respond in the best way possible
      i. Register for an engagement session here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Fb1Mtc9DG0WhW_EGvHTciVb34HZ2jwpIjAZEo-bQA3tUMjU4N1JVODBDV0tXNU9JRjdPTDE0TTIHRC4u

8. **Good news stories, updates, and discussions** (host)
   a. Mary Catherine - United Way has Food Infrastructure Grants currently available for application
      i. https://uwbc.ca/program/food-security/
   b. Michaela - On October 30, BC government announced BC Non-profit day and significant funding for non-profits - much of which will be delivered through Community Foundations
      i. Campbell River Community Foundation has applied to be involved with how this rolls out.
      ii. Expect more information by the spring
   c. Joanne - Campbell River Food Bank is hosting a Christmas event
      i. Music, clown, kids get "Food Bank Bucks" to shop for gifts for their families

    ii.      November 28th 3-7pm. Please register

    iii.     Poster sent out with email or email info@crhousing.net for a copy of the poster

9.  **Next community meeting -** December 7, 2023 (Noon) - in-person, CR Library (We have room from 11:45-1:45pm to allow more time to mingle!)