

Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
General Coalition Meeting Agenda
September 11th, 2019

Attendees: Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn), Tori Cliffe (RCMP), Donna May (Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction), Marcy Remington, Aymen Shymko (CV Recovery Centre), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity), Heather Ney (CV Transition Society), Betty Tate (CV Nurses and Nurse Practitioners BC), Ashley Hancock (AVI), Joyce Wilson (St. George's United Church), Natalie Robinson (Today N Tomorrow Learning Society), Steve Stewart (Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Association), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Julia Doknjas (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Rosanne Lyster (Island Health Brain Injury Program), Rachel Ducommum (John Howard Society), Angie Prescott (John Howard Society), Catherine Thompson (DCBIA), Deb Prain (CV Transition Society), Vicky Brown (Village of Cumberland), Jesse Ketler (Village of Cumberland), Melanie McCollum (City of Courtenay), Julie Keumbehdjian (Chamber of Commerce), Scott Issler (Addicts & Allies), Maddison Alexander (AAHA), Greg Gulas (VI Regional Library), Pamela Willis (CV Senior Support), Linsay Jamieson-Powell (CV Head Injury Society)

Facilitator: Richard Clarke (D2D)

Recorder: Andrea Cupelli (Coalition to End Homelessness)

Welcome Back! 😊

1. Nomination of new Leadership Team members

- a. Wendy Dyck – L'arche Comox Valley
- b. Roger Kishi – Wachiay Friendship Centre
- c. Vicki Luckman of John Howard Society to step down
- d. Sarah Sullivan is on a leave of absence, and her role will remain until it is over
- e. Consensus agreement on new Leadership Team members.

2. Designated Community Phase 2 Application Update/Discussion

- a. Outline of application/Roles/Responsibilities
 - i. Community Entity – CVRD
 - ii. Community Advisory Board – Coalition
 1. Expansion of membership to include folks with lived experience, Indigenous, youth, Seniors, veterans, newcomers
 - iii. Community Plan = 5YP
 - iv. Coordinated Access requirement by 2022 – HRT/VAT table is a good start to this
 - v. Funding can be used for programming or housing
 - vi. Specific allocation for indigenous programming
 - vii. 1.9 million the first year split between 4-6 communities, 3 million after
- b. Letters of Support due by Sept 18
- c. Application due September 21st and we expect to hear back sometime in February 2020

- 3. 5 Year Plan Update 2020-25/Year 5 HSS Funds**
 - a. Year 5 EOI for HSS Funds to be sent out to Coalition member agencies in October
 - b. Please send any updates to be included in the 5YP to Andrea
- 4. HRT Update**
 - a. Activity Report meeting coming up with Leadership Team, RCMP and City Council and staff
 - b. We will be outlining recommendations on protocols around encampments, outreach, coordinated access etc
- 5. Day Centre Update**
 - a. Experiencing roadblocks on finding a space
 - b. Will be applying once again for the Provincial Civil Forfeiture grant to go towards operating costs for a day centre
 - c. Train station not a viable space as cost is prohibitive as it is a designated heritage building
 - i. The location is too close to CVRC, Pidcock Shelter and the Junction
 - d. Kona hostel is for sale, but restoration costs after fire may be prohibitive
- 6. Seniors Housing Needs Update**
 - a. Glacierview Lodge has partnered with Coalition and Health Network to engage the community and find out what kind of affordable housing could be built on site
 - b. VIU Masters Planning program will be doing community engagement, including open houses and design charettes
 - c. Survey on Seniors Housing Needs has been developed and will be shared soon
 - d. Ideally would have a plan for the land ready to go in March before the BC Housing announcements
 - e. St. Joes site is going through a similar process
- 7. CVRD Housing Needs Assessment Update**
 - a. Mandated by Provincial government
 - b. Our community is doing more, getting more qualitative data to tell the story of housing in our community
 - c. Hoping to have it done by the end of the fiscal year
- 8. Federal Election**
 - a. October 21st has been called
 - b. Briefing Note has been drafted and is being finalized
 - i. CVCHN is endorsing the briefing notes from several different agencies and organizations
 - c. We will be setting up meetings with the candidates if they are interested
 - d. Check out www.ahomeforeveryone.ca for housing info for Federal election
 - e. Voting and ID requirements
 - i. Need confirmation of residence letter for individuals who don't have a fixed address, they can get a designated agency, transition, shelter, soup kitchen etc to sign

- ii. Roger will confirm the process for agencies to be registered to provide confirmation of residence
- f. All candidates' meetings
 - i. Oct 9th Chamber of Commerce – Courtenay-Alberni
 - 1. Submit questions in advance to: questions@comoxvalleychamber.com
 - ii. Oct 9 – United Church – Comox-Powell River
 - 1. submit questions beforehand
 - iii. Oct 4th - Climate Change
 - iv. Oct 10th - Eat Think Vote at Lewis Centre 11:45am-1pm hosted by CVCHN and LUSH Valley for both ridings focused on poverty and food security

9. Other Updates

- a. **AHERO Resource Fair - Oct 30th 10am-2pm**
 - i. Tables from social service agencies, free table, food, health care, haircuts etc
 - ii. To register your table, go to the WorkBC website: www.ceas.ca under the Employers tab
 - iii. 4 \$10 grocery store gift cards are the registration fee
- b. **Comox** received development application from High Street Properties to build a 4 story building with 260 units
 - i. 90% rental and 10% ownership – comes with property managers in the building
 - ii. 26 units of affordable suites – plus amenity contributions
- c. **Habitat for Humanity** is planning for 12 units or 30 more homes in the next 4 years
 - i. Won a new truck through a foundation award by Nissan
 - ii. Hiring a part-time family services manager 20-24 hours a week
- d. **Comox Valley Transition Society**
 - i. Opened 8 new units (two 4plexes) including the assistance of a tenant support worker
 - ii. The housing is for women and children fleeing domestic violence, building has security features and is permanent housing at rent geared to income or shelter rates - \$570/mo for a 2 bedroom
 - iii. Tenants moved in in July
 - iv. Working on BC Housing Second Stage Housing
- e. **John Howard Society - The Station**
 - i. Approved as a Lifeskills program by MCFD to hold on to youth aging out of care. This program is eligible with an agreement for young adults
 - ii. Vacancies exist currently
- f. **Dawn to Dawn**
 - i. Working with Comox Rotary on a housing project retrofitting 4 containers of housing at Maple Pool
 - ii. Richard has stepped down from president and Sue Finneron is the new president

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 12-1pm at the Courtenay Library in the meeting room