

**Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
General Coalition Meeting
March 3rd, 2021**

Attendees: Bunny Shannon (CV Social Planning Society), Genoa Horsthuis (NIC Nursing), Jacquie Kinney (CV Division of Family Practice), Sue Finneron (Dawn to Dawn), Krista Smith (CV Family Services), Diana Marten (CV Transition Society), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity), Susan Auchterlonie (CV Community Foundation), Leah Read (Mental Health & Substance Use), Katie Barker (CV Division of Family Practice), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Centre), Lindsay Jennings (CV Head Injury Society), Shari Dunnet (Community Action Team), Hannah Spencer (NIC Nursing), Wendy Dyck (L'arche), Joyce Wilson (St. George's United), Carrerra Teal (CV Chamber of Commerce), Rachel Ducommon (John Howard Society), Destanee Harrison (CV Transition Society), James Taylor (Glacierview Lodge), Deb Prain (CV Transition Society), Colleen Holden (Salvation Army), Patti Alvarado (Indigenous Womens Sharing Society), Ally Reader (Indigenous Womens Sharing Society)

Facilitator: Heather Ney (CV Transition Society and Coalition Leadership Team)

Recorder: Andrea Cupelli (Coalition Coordinator)

Coalition Regular Business: 12:00-12:30pm

- 1. Welcome to newest Coalition member: Comox Valley Pride Society!**
- 2. Primary Care Network Patient Experience Survey – Jacquie Kinney**
 - a. The Comox Valley Division of Family Practice has a Patient Experience Survey open until March 31st, 2021
 - b. 10-20 minutes to fill out
 - c. Looking for individuals with lived/living experience to fill it out, can offer a gift card upon completion
 - d. Posters available upon request
 - e. <http://surveys.divisionsbc.ca/CV-PCN-PES.aspx>
- 3. Terms of Reference Changes**
 - a. Last updated was March 2019 – today we are covering Part 1 of the ToR
 - b. Combined aspects of our Mandate and Values & Operating Principles into Guiding Principles and a section for Roles & Responsibilities
 - i. Cleaned up, simplified, and added in some statements from our Housing Plan and Annual Report
 - c. Tidied up the rest of the terms – now linking things like EOI to the actual application and just keeping it to a simple paragraph explaining each section
 - d. Have put details in an Appendix which will be shared later
 - e. Leadership Team has gone over the ToR and are recommending we accept the changes
 - i. Coalition members to vote based on consensus by poll
 - f. Part 2 of the EOI will be discussed at the April meeting and includes questions about Coalition membership, Leadership Team requirements, and details around adding in a People With Lived/Living Experience Advisory

- i. NIC students will present their research on best practices including a few recommendations

g. 12 member agencies present for discussion: 100% consensus approval - ToR Part 1 is approved

4. CVRD Year 6 (2021-22) HSS Fund Update

- a. Presentation to CVRD board on Feb 9th went well.
- b. Question about rural communities and what the Coalition does to support housing/homelessness there
 - i. LT proposed that we set up a meeting with CVRD Area Directors to talk about rural affordable housing/homelessness needs and how Coalition can support
- c. Recommendations to the budget were approved to go forward to final budgetary approval!
 - i. \$200,000 total to:
 - 1. \$100,000 to CVTS for Tall Tree Place
 - 2. \$75,000 to Wachiy for their elders housing build
 - 3. \$25,000 to Habitat for their Piercy build
 - ii. \$35,000 to:
 - 1. \$5000 to go towards honorariums for People with Lived Experience to participate in the Coalition
 - 2. \$30,000 to go towards coordinator salary

5. UBCM Strengthening Communities Grant

- a. Members of LT met with CVRD and City of Courtenay to discuss the potential for this grant.
 - i. Lots of really great ideas from outreach to municipal staff training to storage to more hotel rooms and supports. Preliminary discussion.

6. HRT Update

- a. EWR Shelter Update
 - i. Full every night
 - ii. Guests have been positive and after a good night's sleep better able to make decisions and move forward
 - iii. Looking to extend the service past March 31st, 2021
- b. Motel, Connect/Showers have been busy. Lots of new phases
 - i. Some anxiety from residents of the motel as the tenant contract was set to expire March 31st. Waiting to hear back from BC Housing.

Poverty Reduction Assessment & Plan Self-Guided Session 12:30-1:30pm

1. 12:30-12:35: Overview - Andrea

- a. Understand your perspectives on the systematic challenges and changes that are required to reduce poverty in the region by 25% by 2025
- b. 3 groups led by facilitators; Heather, Richard and Roger
- c. Need a notetaker for each group – fill out google docs form or use a word document and email to comoxvalleyhousing@gmail.com
- d. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yMFCe5JSWlknV_OEVuBsno-QBDXTrc7ORKpHCb5Ec4c/edit?usp=sharing

2. 12:35-1:00pm: HOUSING

- a. Q1: How might we provide better supports and services for those who need assistance in acquiring housing? (6 mins)
- b. Q2: Why is this important? (6 mins)
- c. Q3: What's stopping us from providing better supports and services for those who need assistance in acquiring housing? (6 mins)
- d. Q4: What are some ideas or solutions you see that can provide better supports and services for those who need assistance in acquiring housing? (6 mins)

3. 1:00-1:25pm: LIVABLE INCOME

- a. Q1: How might we improve financial security for individuals in the CVRD? Think about things like employment opportunities, training or rental subsidies, for example. (6 mins)
- b. Q2: Why is this important? (6 mins)
- c. Q3: What's stopping us or from improving financial security for individuals in the CVRD? (6 mins)
- d. Q4: What are some ideas or solutions you can see to improving financial security for individuals in the CVRD? (6 mins)

4. 1:25 - 1:30: Final thoughts/wrap up

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 12pm via Zoom