

Comox Valley Coalition to End Homelessness
Agenda
April 6, 2016

Facilitators: Elizabeth Shannon (CV Social Planning and Lush Valley Food Action Society), Helen Boyd (Comox Bay Care Society Care-A-Van)

Recorder: Jolene McElwain (Coalition Coordinator)

Present: Jody Macdonald (United Way), Roger Kishi (Wachiay Friendship Center), Bob Scales (Lions Club), Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn), Cliff Boldt (School Trustee), Vicki Luckman (John Howard Society), Ian Cooper (Cumberland Committee for Affordable Housing), Joyce Wilson (St. Georges United), Jessica Hawkens (Lush Valley Food Action Society), Kathy Duperron (Cumberland Committee for Affordable Housing)

Regrets: Bob Wells (City of Courtenay), Pat McKenna (Habitat for Humanity), Jeff Townsend (Dawn to Dawn), Jonathan Kerr (Family Physician), Heather Ney (Transition Society), Betty Tate (Comox Valley Network of Association of Registered Nurses of BC),

1. Agency Updates

- a. Comox Valley Transition Society
 - i. Projects: Interested in building a 4-plex unit
 - ii. They have found a site but are still working on funds
- b. Waichay and M'akola
 - i. Braidwood – site assessments have been completed, assessment on the house still need to be done
 - ii. Starting to negotiate a memorandum of agreement between M'akola, Wachiay and the City
 - iii. More community consultation on the building design and services to be offered
 - iv. Still planning on having 30 units built
 - v. To be left in year 2 of the Coalitions 5 Year Plan
 1. Leave in year 2/3 of our plan? YES
 - a. More of community consultation stage and community design
 - vi. M'akola has been approached by private developer in the valley, might be other projects M'akola will be involved in
- c. John Howard Society
 - i. Still hoping to develop a 4-6 plex building for youth transitional housing with support services on site for youth 16-19 years old
 - ii. Looking for a building that can accommodate their needs somewhere between the downtown core and 26th Street, or in the Ryan Rd. area

1. These are designated as prime areas for youth housing
- iii. Project has funding in place for the program support worker
- d. The Lions
 - i. Lions Valley View Estates needs repairs done on the buildings
 - ii. The Lions want to expand the 15 units on Balmoral that they have to a 59 unit building because of available space
 - iii. Looking in to buying property to build 30-40 units
 - iv. Priority are the repairs to current buildings that need to be done
 - v. 55+ is the demographic they serve
2. Updates
 - a. CVRD Board passed Homelessness Support Service
 - b. The Coalition is updating the 5 Year Plan and looking at year 2
 - c. Looking for agencies that have projects that could be part of the Year 2 of the Plan
3. Volunteers for Nominating Committee for Leadership Team June 2016-2017
 - a. Members of the Nominating Committee will go to Leadership Team members to ask who is stepping down and then will approach representatives from the Coalition's 17 members to see who wants to step on to the Leadership Team
 - b. In May nominating committee reports back to the General Coalition
 - c. Next Steps:
 - i. Volunteers are needed for the nominating committee, if you are interested email comoxvalleyhousing@gmail.com
4. Final Approval of revised Coalition Terms of Reference
 - a. Terms of Reference approved
5. Point in Time Count and Event
 - a. Point in Time Count happening on April 12th
 - b. Surveys will also be happening starting on April 12th and going until April 19th in Service Agencies who want to participate
6. Reports from Teams
 - a. Housing Development Team:
 - i. Cumberland Committee for Affordable Housing has invited the Housing Development Team to their next meeting on the 20th of April
 - ii. Looking at what land is available in the Comox Valley Regional District
 - b. Public Awareness Team:
 - i. Presentations happening with Courtenay, Comox, and Cumberland Council
 - ii. World Community put on a film "Low Down Tracks", Heather Ney spoke about the Coalition and Coalition flyers were handed out
 - iii. Presentations to Service Clubs and Probus Clubs are being set up

- iv. Presentations are intended to increase awareness on the Coalition and the work being done
 - c. Homelessness Prevention Team:
 - i. Organizing the Point in Time Count
 - d. Funding and Fundraising Team:
 - i. Haven't met recently
- 7. Vital signs:
 - a. A report for our community that looks at identifying high quality replicable indicators that provide a check-up on our community
 - b. Not as comprehensive as Quality of Life report but does give a picture of our community
 - c. Launch of the report is October 4th
 - d. Goal is to do the Vital Signs report every 2 years, as well there are opportunities to build community conversations on specific topics

Next Meeting: May 4, 2016, 12:00-1:00 at the Courtenay Library