

CV Coalition to End Homelessness
Agenda
May 4 2016
Courtenay Library
12 -1PM

Facilitators: Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn) and Betty Tate (ARNBC)

Recorder: Jolene McElwain (Coalition Coordinator)

Present: Elizabeth Shannon (CV Social Planning & Lush Valley Food Action Society), Kelly Broom (Volunteer/Parent), Tim Desaulniers (RCMP), Cynthia Zirkwits (Comox Valley Seventh Day Adventist), Pauline Lawrence (Seventh Day Adventist), Sabina Acheson (Comox Bay Care Society), Joyce Wilson (St. Georges United Church), Hugh MacKinnon (Town of Comox), Doug Hillian (City of Courtenay), Jonathan Kerr (Family Medicine), Helen Boyd (Comox Bay Care Society Care-A-Van), Heather Ney (Comox Valley Transition Society), Chris Goble (VIHA), Jody Macdonald (United Way of Central and Northern Vancouver Island), Bob Scales (Lions Club), Colleen Nelson (Courtenay Library), Sarah Sullivan (Aids Vancouver Island)

1. Agency Updates Regarding Housing Projects

a. Colleen Nelson – Courtenay Library

- i. Library has received a grant through the United Way of Central and Northern Vancouver Island to set-up a drop-in program offering services to vulnerable populations
- ii. Vision for the drop-in program is having a worker who spends a couple hours in the afternoon at the library connecting with people
- iii. Colleen is hoping to connect with other agencies in the community who might be interested in offering services during the drop-in hours
 1. A meeting will be set in late May, if you are interested in having your agency participate contact Colleen for more information
- iv. This drop-in program will act as a pilot project for a more permanent drop-in
- v. More money is required to fund the rest of the program

b. Vital Signs:

- i. Report on quality of life indicators for the Comox Valley
- ii. In mid May an online survey will be made available to residents in the Comox Valley to gain information on the priorities and perceptions of people living in the Comox Valley
 1. Important that all populations participate in this survey
 2. A link to the survey will be shared by the Comox Valley Record

2. Updates
3. BC Housing Proposal
 - a. BC Housing is looking for lots of applications from across the province and as the Comox Valley has so many needs the more applications received the better as it will show the wide variety of needs
 - b. If anyone is looking for clarification on the BC Housing Proposal questions can be sent to comoxvalleyhousing@gmail.com
4. Leadership Team 2016-2017
 - a. Not enough volunteers stepped forward to take on the role of the nominating committee so the Leadership Team decided that the Coordinator would take on this role for this year
 - b. If a representative from any of our Member Agencies is interested in taking on a role on the Leadership Team please email comoxvalleyhousing@gmail.com **BY May 15th**
 - c. The following Leadership Team members will be stepping down for this coming year:
 - i. Helen Boyd (Comox Bay Care Society Care-A-Van)
 - ii. Sarah Sullivan (Aids Vancouver Island)
 - iii. Elizabeth Shannon (CV Social Planning & Lush Valley Food Action Society)
 1. If there isn't enough interest from members to step on to the Leadership Team Elizabeth may stay on for another year
 - d. The following Leadership Team members will be staying on for another year:
 - i. Betty Tate (ARNBC)
 - ii. Heather Ney (Comox Valley Transition Society)
 - iii. Richard Clarke (Dawn to Dawn)
 - e. The new Leadership Team members will be determined at the June meeting
5. PiT Count
 - a. A Point in Time Count report will be released soon
 - b. The Point in Time Count is a snapshot of homelessness on a single night
6. Coordinator Hiring
 - a. A new Coordinator is being hired, the position has been re-advertised, it is a contract position until March 2017
 - b. The Leadership Team will be looking at applications and conducting interviews over the coming weeks
7. Fundraising Opportunity
 - a. Ride for refuge (Blue Sea Philanthropy)
 - i. Same organization that did the Coldest Night of the Year
 - ii. Intended to raise funds for disadvantaged populations
 - iii. One organization takes on the lead role, however multiple organizations can recruit teams and raise funds. Most of the funds raised by individual organization teams will go to their

organization with some from each team going to the coordinating agency.

- iv. Bicycle ride to happen on October 1st 2016
 - v. If anyone is interested in taking the lead Heather Ney has more information
 - b. Dawn to Dawn is no longer coordinating the Raise the Roof fundraiser
 - i. If anyone is interested in taking on this opportunity contact Richard Clarke for more information
8. Team Updates
- a. Public Awareness Team
 - i. Presentations have been given to:
 - 1. Courtenay Council, Cumberland Council, Comox Council, Cumberland Rotary Club, Glacier Probus Club, Chamber of Commerce (in Mid-May), Comox Rotary Club
 - ii. Planning on setting up a public display on the Coalition once a month in each of the communities
 - iii. Planning to release educational media articles in the newspapers in the coming months
 - iv. Possibility of setting up an information table at the farmers market
 - v. Considering ways to reach out to people who are homeless and also provide education on new and ongoing projects
9. Homelessness Prevention Team
- a. The Point in Time Count has been the main focus
 - b. Next steps are to go through the 5 Year Plan and make a plan for moving forward
10. Housing Development Team
- a. Meetings have happened with each of the planning departments of the municipalities to learn and share about the 5 Year Plan
 - b. Next Steps: meeting this month to share what was learned about the BC Housing Proposal program and what might be possible
 - c. Written to SD71 to meet and explore land options
 - d. Looking into Tiny Houses as an option
11. Funding and Fundraising Team
- i. Fundraising opportunity for agencies: Ride for Refuge (see above)
12. 5 Year Plan
- a. The 5 Year Plan is due in the early Fall
 - b. The Coalition is required to submit a request every year for Regional District funds
13. Responsible investing club
- a. The responsible investing club is looking at community investments and determining if Comox Valley community members would be interested in this
 - b. Community based investing has the potential to lead to funding for affordable housing projects, among others

Next Meeting: June 1st 2016, 12:00pm-1:00pm