



CRDCEH

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 7 2020 12:00 - 1:00

1. Welcome and Introductions -

- 29 attendees on the call

2. New member and advisory agencies-

- Member organization - Grassroots, Kind Hearts
- Advisory organizations - North Island Medical Clinic & Volunteer Campbell River (VCR)

3. Fire evacuee update & community working group -

- 37 relocated/found locations; 47 people in hotel (24 rooms)
- 1 room at anchor in; 1 person unaccounted for
- quiet front at moment - once housing found, will need to seek furniture etc for helping relocation
- Sub-committee coordinating community responses (donations, storage, etc..)
- Not a great response for moving donated items (Pick-up, delivery, etc)
- Taxi (Kevin) may be able to assist progressing transport assistance
- Please contact Mary Catherine with VCR with questions/responses for this working group - execdirect@volunteercr.ca
- A Coalition sub committee has formed to discuss further housing plans - with City and member organizations advocating to federal & provincial governments for extensions in hotels
- ESS provided 3 further days in April, City covering remaining days in April, and BC Housing covering the month of May.
- Concern for tenants experiencing discrimination while attempting to secure residence
- Sarah from Marion's law office offering assistance persons believing discrimination is a barrier to their accessing shelter - violation of Residential Tenancy Act

4. Secondary Suites - Letter to City Council -

- Will revisit our request to City Council, to provide solutions for the long term
- Letter of intent and request for City support has been drafted and pending best timing
- Implementing housing solutions to Council need to incorporate the connection to downtown core problems
- Submission to be made to City Council at meeting two weeks from now for secondary housing.
- Follow up with Coalition around further ideas to support advocacy to the City



5. Vulnerable Populations Working Group/ Emergency Response Planning Update -

- ongoing for past two months
- please reach out to coalition regarding any new information on vulnerable people
- Continually addressing emergency housing planning & increased access to resources

6. City Update-

- responding to emergencies in real-time, while planning for long term housing
- Supportive Housing land nearly secured; modular build
- CR & NI Transition Society - 50 units - at development permit stages for second stage housing for women and children
- These projects hoped to start within next three months - these are long-term subsidized solutions - this is not a stop-gap but we need more long-term solutions which will take longer time to address many related issues with many stake-holders
- City to provide update on plans regarding vulnerable population - to be announced soon

7. IH update- vulnerable population & COVID screening process-

- Covid Screening - Accessing for the vulnerable population -
- 30 persons screened - all negative - population very willing
- Hotels secured for self-isolation
- Contact Coalition or Kurt with Island Health for document outlining process for screening vulnerable population

8. Agency updates & agency needs

- Discussion of Vulnerability Assessment Tools & Training for supportive housing
- Training through BC Housing, via virtual training
- Doing the VAT is quite personal and invasive - doing it without shelter close at hand is not the best plan
- 1-day training plan for VAT trainer, each VAT assessment takes about 30-90 minutes
- To discuss further @ next Coalition meeting

9. Leadership Team nominations -

- To take place at next Coalition meeting in June
- Adrian from Radiant Life and Kristi in UWCNVI role stepping off team leadership
- looking for two nominees for Leadership Team - 1-2 hour meeting once per month
- Strategic Planning a key focus for this team
- Contact the Coalition to nominate yourself or someone; Leadership Team Terms of Reference attached
- Leadership Team members must be from Coalition member organizations



10. Social Media

- Working with a contracted agency to support social media
- See Instagram page at @crdcoalitionhomelessness
- Find us on Facebook at Campbell River & District Coalition to End Homelessness

11. Good News Story

- We have social media!

Next Coalition Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, June 4th from 12:00- 1:00

Thank you to Chris for taking minutes!