



CRDCEH

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 4 2020 12:00 - 1:00

1. Welcome and Introductions -

- 18 attendees on the call

2. New Advisory Agency-

- Advisory organizations - Marion and Runyon Law Office

3. Leadership Team Nominations -

- Elaine Bakstad with John Howard Society North Island & Glenn Cooper with Willow Point Seniors Living Society are nominated for the 2 spots on the Leadership Team
- Coalition decision by consensus to approve both nominations

4. Funding Update

- Campbell River Community Foundation awarded the Coalition \$2500 for equipment and supplies in support of taking our meetings online in response to COVID-19
- Strathcona Community Health Network supported a funding request to Emergency Management of BC for Coalition coordinator funding of \$3000 for the month of June for vulnerable populations planning in community

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

- City has cancelled planning and implementation of a camping response for addressing homelessness (news release issued last week)
- Continually addressing emergency housing planning & increased access to resources

6. Fire Evacuee Working Group Update-

- BC Housing has purchased Heritage River Inn motel for Rent Geared to Income housing for remaining fire evacuees (40+) to move in mid June
- Working group continuing to meet to coordinate supports, transition planning and work with BC Housing, City of CR and property managers to support tenants
- Four people who were displaced moved into Linda's place - new build on 9th Ave with CR Head Injury



7. Housing Committee-

- Within the process of new housing opportunities, Coalition look coordinate community process with available housing and community identified people in need of housing
- For this initial process, Coalition to liaise with property managers at Heritage River Inn with remaining units available
- Email invitations to go out once process confirmed and initial tenants settled in building
- BC Housing supportive of this process for remaining units
- This process similar to other communities who have coordinate housing lists for supportive housing, etc...
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8. Agency updates & agency needs

- AVI Health & Community Services - will be open Monday - Friday upon closure of Overdose Prevention Services (OPS)
- Vancouver Island Mental Health Society - Sobering Assessment Centre under renovation - community organizations can call Kevin at the Centre to arrange viewing of new OPS space
- Samantha with Ehattesaht First Nations - community reopening over next few weeks; local office in CR moved to Ironwood St.
- CR Head Injury- waiting on occupancy from City for their new building, Linda's place
- John Howard Society North Island - reopening at half capacity
- North Island Employment Foundation Society - opening by appointment only for people with barriers/access to equipment
- MP Rachel Blaney's office - access via phone, email & moving to new location- child tax & CERB support provided
- CR & NI Transition Society - low demand from women for showers; reopening slowly with support groups online; development permits for Eagle Harbour (new build) in progress -36 second stage units for women (and children); 21 permanent housing units (with a focus on senior women)
- Evergreen Shelter - funding for community integrated intake process for clients accessing shelter and other org's
- Island Health - Gold River hospital social work role - new to the Coalition and connecting around housing needs in rural community

9. Good News Story

- Thank you to Alynne (Sasamans Society), Tracy (Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction), Elaine and Andrew (John Howard Society North Island) who completed 35+ applications for BC Housing in a day with fire evacuees to support the process to move into the Heritage River Inn
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Next Coalition Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, July 9th from 12:00- 1:00



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