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Reaching Home – Community Advisory Board (CAB)

June 6, 2022, 2022, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm, via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: Bojan Grbavac, Allison Ashcroft, Aly Essa, Sylvia Ceacero, Jason Chadwick, Lois Gabitous, Angela Wheeler, Suzanne Bradbury, Don Elliott (ex-officio), Donna Wingfield (ex-officio), Karen Dsouza (Guest),

Jason Chadwick joined the meeting at 1:45 pm

STAFF: Melanie Hope, Jerry Michael (recorder)

REGRETS: Eunice Joe, Heidi Hartman, Cyril Morris

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm

1. Territorial Acknowledgment, welcome and roll call

The chair provided a Territorial Acknowledgment and welcomed CAB members to the meeting. CRD staff recorded members in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOVED by Sylvia Ceacero

SECONDED by Don Elliott

CARRIED

3. Approval of February 10, 2022, meeting minutes

Motion to approve February 10, 2022, meeting minutes as presented.

MOVED by Aly Essa

SECONDED by Sylvia Ceacero

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the minutes

No business to review.

5. Presentation – Community Plan and Priorities

CRD Staff provided a short presentation providing an overview of the Reaching Home Program and current projects as well as priorities for additional funding expected, based on community feedback.

- Sylvia Ceacero shared background of GVCEH engagement and how it supports the priorities being brought forward for discussion.

6. ESDC Update on Indigenous Homelessness CAB

As of March 7th, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC) signed an agreement with Canada to be the Community Entity for the Indigenous Homelessness Funding. This is the result of over two years of engagement with the Indigenous community, and the Indigenous Community Advisory Board. Like the Designated Communities CE, VNFC will also be receiving an amended agreement with additional funding in 2022-23 and 2023-24 fiscal years.

7. CE Administrative updates:

CAA/HIFIS

CRD Staff provided an update on implementation of CAA/HIFIS:

- The CRD was approached by BC Housing to discuss a HIFIS pilot in the region. This was a preliminary discussion, and staff will be meeting again in June to understand the scope and goals of BC Housing's proposal.
- The CRD is contracting Delaney & Associates to facilitate community engagement to develop a Coordinated Access process model. This is meant as a basis for diving deeper into the CAA processes and to provide a roadmap for HIFIS development.
- CRD staff completed CAA Governance Report and CAA Goals and Principles documents and had them approved by the CAA Advisory Committee. The Goals and principles document is the result of a successful engagement with the homeless servicing community, people with lived experience and ACEH.
- CRD staff continue to work on the housing and supports resource inventory and system mapping for the region.

CAB members took a break from 1:50 pm to 2:05 pm

8. Report – Investment Plan

Motion: The Reaching Home Designated Communities Community Advisory Board approves the updated Investment Plan in Attachment 2 with increased investment in Coordination of Resources and Data Collection and:

- Delegate responsibility to CRD staff to enter into an agreement with a contracted agency for a community PiT Count in 2023 following the CRD Procurement Policy in selection of an organization; and
- Set aside \$150,000 in 2023-24 for Monitoring and Evaluation of CAA and HIFIS, once implemented.

MOVED by Suzanne Bradbury **SECONDED** by Sylvia Ceacero

CARRIED

Members Opposed: Allison Ashcroft, Lois Gabitous and Jason Chadwick

9. Report – Priorities for Call for Proposals

Motion: The Community Advisory Board recommends CRD administer a Call for Proposals process to allocate approximately \$3,189,216 in Designated Communities funding towards the following priorities as supported by the Reaching Home Designated Communities Investment Plan:

- Coordination of Resources and Data Collection to support training to build capacity and strengthen community networks in the homelessness serving sector.
- Prevention and Shelter Diversion, Housing Services and Support Services to support successful tenancies, particularly programs to support woman fleeing violence, youth experiencing homelessness and Indigenous people experiencing homelessness.

MOVED: Sylvia Ceacero

SECONDED: Jason Chadwick

CARRIED

Members Opposed: Allison Ashcroft and Jason Chadwick

Adjudication of Call for Proposals:

CAB members requested more time to review and score eligible proposals than provided previously. CRD staff committed to provide proposals to CAB members for review, a minimum of one week before due.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn.

MOVED by Sylvia Ceacero

SECONDED by Jason Chadwick

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm