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**Reaching Home – Community Advisory Board (CAB)**

**May 27, 2021, 5:00 pm -7:00 pm, via Microsoft Teams**

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**PRESENT:** Angela Wignall, Kelly Roth, Bo Grbavac, Sinan Demirel, Aly Essa, Allison Ashcroft, Cyril Morris, Don Elliott, Donna Wingfield, Heidi Hartman

**STAFF:** John Reilly, Gina Dolinsky, Jerry Michael (recorder)

**REGRETS:** Karen Tunkara, Jaimee Eggar, Jason Chadwick, Evan James, Pat Griffin,

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

**1. Territorial Acknowledgment**

Angela Wignall provided the Territorial acknowledgement.

**2. Approval of agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

**MOVED** by Angela Wignall      **SECONDED** by Kelly Roth      **CARRIED**

**3. Approval of February 11, 2021 meeting minutes**

Motion to approve February 11, 2021 meeting minutes as presented

**MOVED** by Aly Essa      **SECONDED** by Angela Wignall      **CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising from the minutes**

a. No questions brought forward by CAB members on scoring documents shared with them.

b. CAB members were informed that CRD procedures do not allow committees to vote on motions online outside of formal meetings.

**5. CAB Membership**

Motion to approve Suzanne Bradbury as a member of the Reaching Home Community Advisory Board

**MOVED** by Angela Wignall      **SECONDED** by Heidi Hartman      **CARRIED**

**6. CAB Terms of Reference**

a. CRD staff worked to add conflict of interest statement to CAB Terms of Reference

Motion to approve Terms of Reference as presented to the Reaching Home Community Advisory Board

**MOVED** by Sinan Demirel

**SECONDED** by Kelly Roth

**CARRIED**

b. On advice from CRD Legislative Services department, the Terms of Reference will be updated in the Fall of 2021 to ensure CAB appointments are presented to and approved by the CRD Board.

## 7. Staff Report: Designated Communities Investment Plan & Funding Priorities

CRD staff have been informed by the Government of Canada of potential upcoming increases in funding to the Reaching Home program. Even though the proposed increase still needs parliamentary approval, in order to expedite mobilizing the funding, the CRD as Community Entity wishes to prepare a Call for Proposals. CAB members considered a report from CRD staff outlining an updated Investment Plan and offering options for setting specific priority program areas to direct any proposed new funding.

Motion to approve the Investment Plan presented by CRD staff; recommend Reaching Home staff to extend existing Sub Project Agreements that expire on March 31, 2022 providing incremental increases to address cost escalations in the programs; and recommend staff develop Call for Proposals documents based on the priorities identified.

**MOVED** by Angela Wignall

**SECONDED** by Heidi Hartman

**CARRIED**

CAB members asked CRD staff to consider including coordination of harm reduction services as part of Call for Proposal documents.

## 8. Program Updates

### a) Coordinated Access and HIFIS

Community Planner provided CAB members with update on work plan presented to the CAA Advisory Committee and the plan to form two working groups for implementation of Coordinated Access and HIFIS in the region.

### b) Reaching Home

#### 1) Community Homelessness Report

ESDC requires the Community Homelessness Report be submitted by CE's before June 30, 2021. CRD staff informed CAB members on process for data collection and how the implantation of HIFIS will increase overall data the CE is able to report on in the future.

Motion: Approve the Community Homelessness Report for April 1 2019-March 31 2021 as presented.

**MOVED** by Kelly Roth

**SECONDED** by Sinan Demirel

**CARRIED**

#### 2) COVID-19 Update

Reaching Home COVID-19 Administrative Coordinator provided summary to CAB on the 25 contracts managed through the pandemic, including three with First Nations to support capital projects. A great deal of the \$3.1 million of funding provided through the Designated and Indigenous streams went to basic needs, prevention and shelter diversion.

### **3) Administrative Update**

Reaching Home Program Coordinator updated CAB members on staffing changes within the department. The CE also recently submitted a report on Project Details to ESDC. Currently the CE is managing 10 sub projects, 7 under Designated Communities and 3 under Indigenous Homelessness.

## **9. Coordination of Shelter, Housing and Services (GVCEH)**

Kelly Roth provided details on engagement and research ongoing by GVCEH staff and how it supports the Community Plan. Once health regulations allow GVCEH is planning to host an engagement between GVCEH Board and Reaching Home CAB, targeting Fall 2021.

## **10. Update on Indigenous Homelessness CAB**

ESDC updated the CAB on progress towards creating an Indigenous CAB (ICAB). Members have come forward and the first meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2021. Cyril Morris has agreed to act as a liaison between the Designated Communities CAB and the ICAB. The ICAB members would like broader outreach with Indigenous community groups, and will begin work on Terms of Reference and discussing future direction of Reaching Home Indigenous Homelessness.

## **11. Agenda Building and next meeting**

Next meeting will involve a review applications for the call for proposals and update from GVCEH on engagement between the GVCEH and CAB. Tentative date is September 23, 2021 9:00-11:00am.

## **12. Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn

**MOVED** by Angela Wignall      **SECONDED** by Aly Essa

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.