MINUTES: Food, Shelter and Housing Advisory Committee
Approved
April 8, 2010
Thursday, February 11, 2010 - 2:00 to 4:00pm

Location: Good Shepherd Family Centre, 143 Wentworth St. S.,

PRESENT: GSC: Carmen Salciccioli, Neighbour to Neighbour: Denise Arkell, St. Matthew’s House: Wendy Roy; Mission Services: Tom Heeney, Wesley: Thom Davies, Housing Help Centre: Larry Huibers; Hamilton Food Share: J. Santucci;

REGRETS: G. Roman, SPRC, Jeff Wingard, Salvation Army; Vaden Vincent, McQueston Legal: Bob Wood, A. Jones,

Also Present: MCSS: Colleen Hardie; Housing Division: Betty Lou Purdon, Brian Kreps and Michele Attard,

Welcome: Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
   - Urgent items to bring forward: None
   - Additional items: None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
   - None

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   - September 10, 2009 and October 8, 2009.
   Approval must be 1st and 2nd by voting members who attended meeting of September 10, 2009 and October 8, 2009.

   Minutes approved moved by Wendy Roy and seconded by Carmen Salciccioli.

4. **CONSENT ITEMS**

   4.1 Recommendations for Planning for Homelessness Services
Ron read the quote from Calgary: “The Calgary Homeless Foundation is moving forward on implementing Calgary’s 10 Year Plan in partnership with the many homeless serving agencies, the private sector, our government partners, the faith community, other foundations and all Calgarians to end homelessness in Calgary once and for all”.

Members felt that this captured partially what Hamilton is trying to accomplish with the emphases on prevention. Also members asked to delete the “once and for all” recognizing that homelessness may not be eliminated but at least if we can make a difference.

There were questions around the table regarding the “Human Services Plan” with the City of Hamilton and how does this fit into the picture of homelessness.

It was suggested that Christine Gallimore who is currently working on the Human Services Plan for the City of Hamilton be invited to the next meeting in March to discuss this.

4.2 Update regarding HPS Planning and Evaluation Committee
Brian gave an update of the progress of Planning and Evaluation Committee; city staff have convened several meetings with committee members to discuss the recommendations to be presented before the Community Advisory Board at their February meeting. The recommendations were to allocate funding for 1) Trusteeship Evaluation, 2) Emergency Food System Plan and 3) the larger System Planning piece. The Community Advisory Board recommended that the Trusteeship and Emergency Food System plan go forward and asked for more details regarding the larger System Planning piece which included system mapping, HPS timelines and outcomes analysis, system planning tools, outcomes for homelessness in the community, capacity building, literature reviews, and communications planning.

Larry mentioned that the planning sub group was very engaging with some good clear thinking around the table.

5. BUSINESS/Standing ITEMS
5.1 Affordable Housing Flagship (AHF) – Jeff Wingard
No updates

5.2 Emergency Food Action Committee (EFAC)
Joanne informed members that the Emergency Food Planning Committee has been established which includes members from Food Banks, Ontario Works and Public Health.

5.3 Emergency Shelter Report
Betty Lou gave an overview of Transitions to Home of integrated case management, mentioning that Dean Waterfield is the new Program Director.

5.4 Homelessness Partnering Initiative (HPI) –
City staff are in the process of conducting community forums with several different themes.

Brian asked members if they had any suggestions of topics or suggestions for guest speakers to send him an email.

The Community Advisory Board on Homelessness agreed to allocate funding for evaluation and planning. They are in the process of forming a group to discuss this, and they would appreciate any feedback from the FSHAC.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Attendance at Food Shelter and Housing meetings
Attendance has been an issue in the past but due to the fact that there was a great turn out at this meeting; hopefully we can continue.

6.2 2010 Workplan
The work plan will be deferred to the next meeting

6.3 OW Food Voucher Pilot Project
Members asked about the food vouchers distributed at Ontario Works; it was mentioned that 50% of Ontario Works clients are in need. Members asked what the best practices are; some clients are returning to the food banks for a second time.

Brian will follow up with Program Managers at Ontario Works regarding the usage.
6.4 Christmas Debrief
Members mentioned that there was an increase in usage at the food banks and also an increase in food hampers distributed over Christmas.

7. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next Meeting
Thursday, March 11 2010 2:00 – 4:00
Good Shepherd Family Centre, 143 Wentworth Street South
Topics for discussion:
Human Services Plan – Brian will invite Christina Gallimore to our next meeting to discuss this.