

## **Red Deer Housing Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 – City Hall, Crimson Star Room

### **In attendance:**

Cathy Lavers – AHS – Addictions & Mental Health

Mickey Warkentin – CMHA

Roxana Nielsen Stewart – City of Red Deer

Twila Harris-Olson – EPSS

Arlana Tanner – Brian Injury Assoc. Of AB & Dress for Success

Shae Godden – AEI

Shea Mullen – SHS

Raye St. Denys – Shining Mountains

June Finlay, Chris Thomas – Schizophrenia Society of AB

Kevin Barnes – CMHA – Buffalo

Lynn Cwiklewich – PDD

Shannon Boyce-Campbell – Red Deer County

Sherry Albrecht, Jackie McCallum – CSS

Charlie Turnbull – CAWOS

Norma Chitrena – Housing and Urban Affairs

Donna Nye – Red Deer Housing Authority

Kelly Dodds – CIRS – Landlord & Tenant

Rose Hatfield – Youth and Volunteer Centre

Sheralle Graystone – Red Deer Native Friendship Society

Stacey Carmichael – RDDCF

Geoff Olson – Piper Creek Foundation

Jennifer Vanderschaeghe, Jackie May - CAANS

**Chair:** Jennifer Vanderschaeghe

**Recording:** Jackie May

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Roundtable introductions.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

- **Motion:** To approve agenda as presented.  
M/S/C Charlie/Chris/Carried

### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2009**

- **Motion:** To approve minutes as presented.  
M/S/C Charlie/Sherry/Carried

#### 4. **Learning from Each Other: Financial Supports**

Shae Godden – AEI

##### Emergency Eviction Benefit & Damage Deposit

- 3 criteria: 1) Serious health risk 2) Situation beyond their control & 3) No other resources
- Not allowed to receive both benefits at same time
- Accessed via information line (403-340-5485) with an appointment
- Do not have to be on income supports to access
- Some questions about how program operates in other centres
- Some questions about the program and its support for chronic homeless

Donna Nye – Red Deer Housing Authority

- 298 family housing units
- 13 in Innisfail
- 7 in Sylvan Lake
- Point score application based on need, other supports and income
- Rent supplement fluctuates depending on income
- Offer 3 rent supplement programs
- Currently 615 people on direct rent supplement
- Single people on AISH can access this funding

#### 5. **New Business**

##### **5.1 Community Service Delivery Plan (CSDP)**

Jennifer and Stacey introduced the Community Service Delivery Plan and a handout was also provided. A CSDP in regards to homelessness will provide a road map for our community on how to approach the decisions that must be made about planning, developing, and delivering comprehensive homeless and housing services in the community. Housing and Urban Affairs recently informed communities that in order to access Provincial Homelessness funding they would need a CSDP in place approved by the City Council. The Red Deer and District Community Foundation is facilitating the development of a CSDP on behalf of the community and will present it to Council for approval in June 2009.

Jennifer explained the process today will be to answer two questions in relation to the development of the CSDP: 1) Current bridge programming – should it be sustained at current levels for remainder of fiscal year? and 2) What are the housing related priorities for the RDHC?

Discussion took place regarding both questions with a brainstorming session and then each person was provided with three dots to identify their three priorities.

**Discussion:**

- Aboriginal housing research will be included in this document.
- Housing 1<sup>st</sup> programs – should we continue to fund? Buffalo and SHS
- Some programming has been bridged –should this be sustained at current levels until end of fiscal year? Currently this includes: SHS, CCOT, & Potter’s Hands
- We should decide 1<sup>st</sup> on \$ to existing organizations.
- Initially these were all pilot projects – do they meet ongoing criteria?
- Something new or something we already have or combination of both?
- Outreach – community connections – do housing 1<sup>st</sup> work for outreach workers.
- Rapid Re-Housing
  - build collaborations with landlords – facilitating collaborations – rapid re-housing – local group went to Calgary to see it in action
- Supports for people who are in housing (ie. Cleaning, maintenance, repairs)
- Increase funds to the bridged programs
- Increase to other outreach programs/supports (capacity) external to bridges
- \$ for planning (ie. Pilot projects, \$ for planning for housing)
- Institutions and discharge planning
- Recovery Home
- High risk youth – 14 – 17 (shelter, permanent housing, supports)
- Housing 1<sup>st</sup> Additional
- Keeping people at home and supporting people to maintain housing – supported independent living
- Housing 1<sup>st</sup> for Seniors
- Link into services for seniors with complex needs – supports still needed for seniors – mental illness and addictions don’t go away at 65.
- Specialized service providers/services for seniors – transition experts
- Emergency funds to maintain housing
- Accessibility issues for existing rental units

**Priorities:**

A: Housing 1<sup>st</sup> Programs, SHS Harbour House and Buffalo

B: Bridged Programs sustained at current levels

Using a dot-mocracy method, all members identified top 3 priorities with dots and below is the result:

- C: Rapid Re-housing project (11 dots)
- D: Supports for Seniors re: staying in their home (10 dots)
- E: Housing Maintenance (Fixing, supporting, cleaning) (8 dots)
- F: Increase to other outreach supports (capacity) other than bridged (7 dots)
- G: High risk youth (6 dots)
- G Recovery Home/Treatment (6 dots)
- I: Emergency funds to sustain housing (5 dots)

## **6. Community Representatives**

### **6.1 Housing Management Committee**

- Increased funding request denied but ongoing amount approved.
- It was suggested a membership fee be considered in the future.

### **6.2 EveryOne's Home Committee**

- Preparation for meeting today.
- Community planning and facilitating funding denied again.

### **6.3 Community Leadership Initiatives**

#### **6.3.1 Social Marketing Project**

Funding approved. Struck a steering committee that includes the City, AHS (new AADAC), RDDCF, and CAANS to support project.

#### **6.4 Events**

Turtle Awards for Aboriginal Community – June 19<sup>th</sup> at Red Deer Lodge from 11:30-1:30. More information to follow by email.

### **7.0 Community and Government Reports**

- Kevin - grand opening on May 22 went well. Continuing with renovations. Potter's purchased Valley – June 1, 2009 affordable housing will be available. Vested Interested – lots of interest – downtown cleaning underway and doing well.
- Stacey – RDDCF accepting Women of Excellence nominations
- Sherry – Eleanor's Place – in progress
- Chris – restructuring. New ED appointed. Come join us parade day for pancakes.

- Shae – housing will be available for small family or women. Increase in different population – new faces we haven't seen before.
- Arlana – Dress for Success opening soon
- Roxanna - recent announcement re: new funding will be good for us but will be delayed due to lack of social housing agreement with feds. Likely we will see an RFP in July.
- Jennifer – new faces on the scene, 3 bad dates listed and currently undergoing 3 year evaluation and review process.

**8.0 Next Meeting Date & Time – June 30, 2009 at 1:15 pm**

**9.0 Meeting Adjourned**