



Notes (Quorum was not met)

FOOD & SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 27, 2014 - 2:00 p.m.,
City of Hamilton – City Hall, Room 193
7171 Main St. W., Hamilton

Present: Chair: Medora Uppal
Members: Scott Jones, Denise Arkell, Katherine Kalinowski, Loretta Hill
Finamore and Don Jaffray

Absent with

Regrets: Carol Cowen, Larry Huibers, Anne Wilson, Fernando Forero, Laura
Workman, Karen Efron and Maria Christina Pelaez

Also Present: Jennie Vengris, Senior Policy Analyst and Michele Attard (minute
taker), Program Secretary/Housing Services Division; Mara Fortino,
Service Canada, Amanda DiFalco, Manager Homelessness Policy &
Programs and Clair Lechner, Manager Chronic Disease Prevention,
Councilor Sam Merulla, City Councilor – Ward 4

Guests: Lena Bassford (ED, Food4Kids) and Carmen Bian, Senior Policy
Analyst, Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives.

1. WELCOME

Medora welcomed everyone to the meeting informing members that guests will
be arriving at 3:00 to talk about the Food4Kids program.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Declarations of Conflict of Interest)

None

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approval of minutes for February 13, 2014; deferred.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Community Homelessness Prevention Update

Amanda informed members that a Community Consultation was held on March 6th on Housing First and Prevention and yesterday a Community Check-in was also held to let the community know what was we heard from the consultations.

All this information will inform the Community Plan going forward.

5.2 Homelessness Partnering Strategy Update

Amanda mentioned that City staff are waiting for approval of the Community Entity application from Service Canada for the continued funding to March 2019.

Mara informed members that Service Canada is seriously looking at feedback from the community that is why there is a delay in sending information to the City. An information session is being held on May 7th, regarding Housing First, invitations will go out to the community soon.

Members mentioned that they would like to be invited to the May 7th information session.

6. Food4KidsFood4Kids Program

6.1 Overview of Food4Kids Program - Lena

Lena gave an overview of the Food4Kids program for Hamilton, Halton and Niagara. The program was developed because barriers to healthy food impacts immediate, short and long term development of children. The program provides healthy food for children ages 5 – 14 who are referred by the schools with limited access to food in their homes; they have limited food or no food during the weekend. The school submits a referral form and a signed parental permission form.

The program is very discrete and the food is placed in the child's backpack during the school day.

The program has been in operation for 2 years, Food4Kids is providing 470 children in the school system with healthy food.

A pilot program is being implemented for the summer to feed these children, providing targeted outreach to ensure children from low-income homes have access to healthy food during the summer months.

Members thanked Lena for all the good work. Concerns were raised about collaboration and coordination of services with the rest of the emergency food sector and asked how this committee can support such collaboration and coordination.

Members were concerned that the whole family was in need of food and not just the children, and how can we address these issues in the community.

7 DISCUSSION ITEMS – FSAC 2014 Work Plan

See attachment

7b 2010 – 2014 EVALUATION

Jennie distributed copies of the Evaluation Tool to be completed by this committee and submitted to Clerks Office.

Members reviewed the document and felt that a doodle poll would be best to get feedback from all members due to the fact that they did not meet quorum. Medora offered to send out the survey to members for the evaluation to be completed.

7 UPDATES FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

8 NEXT MEETING

To be determined, Jennie will send out a poll of member's availability.

Loretta would like to discuss the Housing First for Youth at the next meeting.

9 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:10