

ACPD's Housing Working Group Meeting Notes

March 19th, 2024

Virtual Teams Meeting

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Members in Attendance: Lance Dingman, Robert Westbrook, James Kemp, Paula Kilburn, Hargun Kaur

Members Absent: Ben Cullimore

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approval of March 19th Agenda: Agenda was approved with the addition of the Housing Guide Review in Other Business.

3. Approval of February 20th Meeting Notes: Meeting Notes were approved.

4. Nomination of Vice-Chair: We discussed one of the new members becoming Vice Chair with the eventual goal of taking over housing within the year. Chair was asked to prepare a brief description of the duties of a

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Housing Chair. We will discuss again at a future meeting.

5. Review of 2024 HWG Work Plan: We reviewed the changes made to the work plan. Chair removed all references to equality and replaced it with equity. Agreed that Vision Statement is fine as is. Removed the word “Issues” from the working group title. We discussed adding a reference to the four pillars of IDEA in the mandate. Robert suggested adding a section on shelters and homeless as it directly relates to people with disabilities and the Chair will come up with something. Hargun asked to see the word safe added to the Mission Statement. We will review the updates at the next meeting.

6. Review Outstanding Business List: We reviewed the current outstanding business list for the benefit of new members. Robert mentioned that he is connected to Indwell and may be able to get someone to come and speak to us about their approach to Housing. When we got to transitional housing, Hargun mentioned that she is connected with individuals that do transitional housing in Toronto. While it won't be quite the same as in Hamilton, it may give us purchase to approach equivalents here. She has offered to connect us and we accepted.

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7. Discuss RCF Action Plan: We began this discussion with the Chair giving the members a brief overview of the RCF system. We then highlighted the five major areas that need to be addressed: Personal Needs Allowance, Air Conditioning, Privacy, Recreation and Internet Connectivity and Job Training/Avenue to Leave. Chair mentioned putting forth a delegation to Council as a reminder of the forgotten people.

8. Other Business: Chair brought up the Housing Guide Review and explained that in the previous term, we began this review and quickly discovered that the Housing Guide is flawed. It seems to be more focused on explaining disabilities to people that have no experience with them than helping those with disabilities find housing. We will do a major overhaul and probably split the current guide into two separate sections.

9. Adjournment