

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting Agenda – Tuesday May 30th, 2017 at 6:00p.m.

Schedule

CLC Meeting 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. (Refreshments & Dinner will be provided by LOFT Kitchen)

Special Guest: Adriana Chang, Policy Advisor with the Ministry of Housing will be joining CLC member, Jason Burke, for a presentation and discussion on the Housing & Homeless system in Ontario.

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<p>1. Welcome & Review of April 27th 2017 meeting (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Community update:- Bloor court fest. Syrian soccer house league summer program in conjunction with Houselink, Desmond Rowley was guest speaker.</p>
<p>2. Update on shelter and drop-in operations (10 minutes)</p>	<p>Greg’s shelter report: Young: talked about the importance of equity plan in shelter system -issues on dealing with client’s needs</p> <p>3 success stories of refugees moving on from shelter. CONC helped 3 to find housing and jobs.</p> <p>Young: -Informed group about Kenny and his arrival experience to Canada and application for refugee status. Was able to get OW and is looking to upgrade education credentials as well as seek legal aid for refugee claim status. Kenny was discharged from shelter to transition housing in April. Kenny has been invited to work as a volunteer with the shelter as part of a peer support program for helping other refugees settle into Canada.</p>
<p>3. Discussion on the Housing & Homeless system in Ontario with Jason Burke & Adriana Chang (15 minutes)</p>	<p>Jason: mentioned: funding from municipalities. -rent geared to income -Ontario gov investing into affordable social housing -social housing: meant for poor (TCHC) -supportive house system: chronic homelessness (6 month or more) -4 focus groups: indigenous homelessness youth</p>

chronic: meaning person has been homeless for a period of 6 months or longer, consecutively

Adriana: policy advisor:

-47 service managers across province with funding. CHPI program (2013) community homelessness prevention initiative.

-4 usages of funding by service managers: shelter

supportive housing

street outreach/drop ins

prevention

-service managers allocate funding for these different programs

service managers: report back to gov on how funding gets used at various intervals

-service managers are affiliated with: non-profits and municipal entities

Q: are there any provincial networks that offer standard services?

A: Still attempting to resolve this issue and plan for a coordinated response to have a broader available service (centralized).

Adriana:

-**homeless numeration program**: statistic on amount of homeless people, working on guidelines for service managers to carry out this task. (2018 province wide).

Home for good program: 100 million dollars in federal funding, 6000 new spaces. 1500 will be actual units.

-Service managers must apply for access to funding. City of Toronto may apply as Service manager.

Ministry of housing website provides info on the aforementioned programs that were discussed by Adriana and Jason.

<p>4. Committee Member Forum for questions or concerns relating to shelter operations (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Comments: by committee members: -entire homeless systems support seems very complicated and overwhelming</p>
<p>5. Scheduling of June Meeting (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Monday 26th of June 2017</p>
<p>6. Continued Organization of Volunteer Projects: -Bloorcourt Summer Festival Day Plan, August 26th 2017 -Division of Day Duties -Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities</p>	<p>-music and dance lessons -involvement of drop-in clients -attempt to demonstrate to community what the shelter provides and who it benefits. -two planned events: face painting, dancing. -Will advise group of roles closer to the date. -Confirm with drop-in for all-day adult colouring book activity -Samantha will add group to google doc with schedule and update throughout the month leading to the next CLC meeting -Library group with Cam and Alison will continue on a semi-regular basis -Samantha will speak to Erika with drop-in to arrange for signs ups for the group before the next date is confirmed -Advised that Library group works best for newcomers to Toronto or Canada.</p>
<p>7. Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Group spoke to housing at the Bickford Centre and the priorities of the city upkeep when it comes to different populations. Asked Angela Burns to provide update on housing idea memo from April CPLC meeting that supported the idea of social housing being built in existing City of Toronto owned property that is being underutilized.</p>