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The Regional Municipality of Durham

Minutes

Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness (DACH)

Tuesday December 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness was held on Tuesday December 21, 2021 via Microsoft Teams at 1:00 PM.

1. Attendance

Present: Alyssa Skan, Cornerstone
Chris Bouchard, Durham Youth Services
Christina Barrow, John Howard Society Durham
Denise Knee, Fred Victor, Women's Hostel
Doreen Hume-McKenna, Regional Housing Coordinator
Heather Hofmann, Brian Injury Association Durham
Hermia Corbette, CDCD
Jessica Hanson, United Way Durham Region
Jessica Robinson, Community Living Durham North
John Henry, Regional Chair
Kimberly Lepine, CAREA
Marla Walters, Christian Faith Outreach Centre
Maureen Bandola, John Howard Society
Mona Emond, North House
Nathan Gardner, Community Development Council Durham
Rev. Roy Graves, Foundation of Hope
Rob Brglez, Cornerstone
Stephanie Skopyk, Canadian Mental Health Association Durham
Tracy McGarry, Participation House
***all members of the committee participated electronically**

Staff

Present: Alan Robins
Alyxandra Riddell
Cindy McCreight
Jocelyn Siciliano
Megan Hueser-Shields
Mtaness Shaloufe
Stephanie Ross
Tracey Tyner Cavanagh

2. Homelessness Initiatives Team Update

- At the end of October, there were 238 people in Durham who are experiencing homelessness. Of those, 122 people have been homeless for 6 months or longer (chronically homeless).
- There were 16 move-ins (8 chronic).

- Total year-to-date move-ins: 197.
- We will be exploring those who are aging into chronic homelessness.

3. Presentation: Mission United Clinic

- Attachment #1 “Macro dosing on Suboxone”
- The Back Door Mission was the lead in developing onsite service hubs in downtown Oshawa during COVID. There are ten agencies offering services onsite.
- Stephanie is the clinic’s Nurse Practitioner.
- Mission United has been doing some research on a continuum towards housing.

4. Presentation: Durham Region’s Housing Focused System

- Attachment #2 “Durham Region’s Housing Focused System”
- Durham Region will remain housing focused using real time data through 2022.
- At the end of this year, we will have our first full calendar year of data that will be presented to DACH in January.
- OrgCode is currently conducting a review of our Homelessness Support/Coordinated Access system which will ensure our system is housing focused and dedicated to driving reductions in homelessness.

5. Discussion: 2022 Funding

- The Hubs, CFOC Shelter, CAREA Street Outreach and the DRIP Program will continue to be funded by CHPI SSRF through to March 31, 2022.
- Further funding from the federal and provincial government for 2022/2023 has not been announced.

6. Discussion: 2022 Project Planning

- Attachment #3 “2022 Committee Project Ideas”
- Three categories to be focused on in 2022 are:
 - 1) System Coordination
 - 2) System Improvements and
 - 3) Coordinated Access.
- The sub-committees will develop work plans to address issues.
- Feedback should be forwarded within the next two weeks.

7. Bright Spots & Partner Updates

- The Micro Home Project has an anticipated February occupancy with the units being installed in early January.
- CAREA’s Welcoming Streets team successfully housed 4 individuals.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday January 25, 2022.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.