

The Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness

COVID-19 Homelessness Response Network

January 12, 2021

In Attendance:

Councillor Bob Chapman	Chair
Cindy McCreight	Region of Durham
Jocelyn Sicilliano	Region of Durham
Kelly O'Brien	Region of Durham
Regional Chair John Henry	Region of Durham
Rileigh Bint	Region of Durham
Stephanie Ross	Region of Durham
Adrianna Vanderneut	Durham Youth Services
Alison Heron	Local Health Integration Network
Alyssa Skan	Cornerstone
Ashley McDonald	Community Development Council Durham
Barb Fannin	United Way Durham
Billie Dobereineer	Service Canada
Christine Robinson	Community Living Durham North
Doreen Hume-McKenna	Regional Housing Coordinator
Rev David Moore	Simcoe St. United Church
Heather McMillan	VHA Home HealthCare
Hermia Corbette	Community Development Council Durham
Jessica Hanson	United Way Durham
Lucie Hager	VHA Home HealthCare
Marla Walters	Christian Faith Outreach Centre
Maureen Bandola	John Howard Society
Mona Emond	North House
Nathan Gardner	Community Development Council Durham
Rob Brglez	Cornerstone Community Association
Shirleen Weekes	Christian Faith Outreach Centre
Sueanne Balgobin	Scarborough Health Network
Tracey Hardinge	Canadian Mental Health Association Durham

Update on Durham Region's By-Name List and Coordinated Access

- An update on Durham Region's By-Name List and Coordinated Access as of December 2020 was provided.
 - Actively homeless increased by 17 in November for a total of 138.
 - Chronic homelessness increased by 8 in November for a total of 86.
 - The gender breakdown is as follows:
 - Female 44 (24 of those chronic)
 - Male 92 (60 of those chronic)
 - Transgender 2 (both chronic)
 - The age category breakdown is:
 - Adults 91 (61 of those chronic)
 - Families 16 (11 of those chronic)
 - Youth 31 (14 of those chronic).
 - Move-ins increased by 1 in December for a total of 17 (9 of those are chronic which has increased by 2 from November)
 - There have no "return from housing" into homelessness or "age-in" to chronic homelessness in December.

COVID-19 Funding Allocations

- The following agencies and projects were approved for funding;
 - CDCD (Community Development Council Durham) approved for development of a website to provide one destination for housing & homelessness services.
 - Victim Services has been approved for a Housing Support Worker.
 - The Salvation Army has been approved for the Ajax Locker Project.
 - CDCD has been approved for Chalmers staff support.
 - First Light Foundation of Hope has been approved for a warming centre.
 - VHA for additional staff for the hub.
 - Durham Mental Health Services for technology for clients.
 - Kids on Wheels for transportation.
- DHAN (Durham Homelessness Advisory Network) reviewed and approved the following proposals for funding;
 - Canadian Mental Health Association Durham
 - CDCD
 - Back Door Mission
 - Gap Committee
 - Kids on Wheels
 - Durham Mental Health Services
 - Christian Faith Outreach Centre

OrgCode Communications Strategy Report

- Feedback on the OrgCode Communications Strategy Report is requested by the end of January. Your feedback is to be submitted to Erin Valant.

- DAHN will prepare a workplan based on the final report from OrgCode, this will then be flowed back to DACH.

OrgCode Training Opportunities

- DACH members wishing to participate in any of the OrgCode training opportunities should email Stephanie Ross with the details of the course and number of staff to attend.

Bright Spots

- Durham Mental Health Services has a new crisis worker that works in conjunction with the Safe Sleep Area at the Back Door Mission.
- Telus has provided 100 iPhones that include a 6-month plan to the Ajax Hub for distribution.
- Victim Services also has some cell phones available; Maureen will contact to obtain some for the Back Door Mission.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday February 23rd, 2020
- Meetings will be scheduled monthly on Tuesday from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Send any agenda items and/ or Good News Stories to Alyxandra.Riddell@durham.ca by end of day Thursday to be added to the following Tuesday's agenda.