

NWCPRC

Date: 24 September 2020

Time: 10:30am -12:00pm

LIVE MEETING or Dial-in:

Attendees: Christopher Koth (NW Library), John Stark (CNW), Lisa Paterson (MCFD), Murray Baker (FSGV), Betina Wheeler (NW Homeless), Erin Daly (Fraser Health), Elliot Rossiter (Douglas College), Pauline Emery (Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction).

Regrets: Tristan Johnson (CNW)

Agenda/Meeting Notes

ITEM	TIME	PRESENTER	MATERIAL	DECISIONS/ACTIONS/COMMENTS
1. Introductions/regrets	5 mins	LP		
2. Community Action Network (CAN) – Lived Experience	5 mins	JS	Project update	The CAN project is now actively recruiting.
3. BC Community Poverty Reduction Grant – Arts Project update and Financial Empowerment and Literacy update	15 mins	JS/MB	Poverty Reduction Strategy	Arts project will link to developing a renewed Poverty Reduction Strategy as the strategy was endorsed in 2016. Through the Poverty Reduction Planning and Action Program Grant, (FSGV) will facilitate increased access to financial empowerment, income boosting and tax filing services beginning Oct. Plans to work with NWPL.
4. Short-Term Action Plan – discuss new actions for 2020/2021	5 mins	ALL	Draft short-term action plan	16-month action plan, some actions carried over from previous plan. Committee will support or add value to actions when another group is leading on an action. <u>Review of draft actions:</u> Fed Gov has announced Reaching Homes funding to prevent homelessness during Oct. BW suggested exploring #5 and #7 in relation to this.

#5 – promoting alternative short-term, low-interest loan products. City could re-look at zoning for pay day loan companies. Douglas College are interested in advocacy around the issue of pay day loans. JS to find out if he can circulate the policy briefs for UBCM.

#10 Through Homelessness coalition explore if can assist with voter registration. Betina will contact her board re: a strategy to do this.

#12 call for expressions of interest for an artist coordinator and 2 mentors is in process. Project due to begin in Oct. Douglas College will provide some evaluation.

#13 Suggestion for an intervention to support isolated families and parents. COVID 19 is increasing stress on families. (Friendly calls?). Food insecurity will be added to the plan.

5. [International day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) Proclamation

5 mins

ALL

JS to prepare a proclamation for October 5 Council meeting, 2020.

6. Other business

If you are interested in working on any of the short-term actions or joining a working group please contact Lisa.

Next meeting – TBC.

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