



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2012-JUL-03, 4:45 PM
IN THE NANAIMO AQUATIC CENTRE, 741 THIRD STREET

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terre Flower, Chair
Suzanne Andre
Elizabeth Forrester
Ralph Meyerhoff
Angelika Valchar

Val Alcock-Carter
Diane Brennan
Linda McCandless
Jan Tatlock

MEMBERS ABSENT:

George Anderson
Dot Neary

Zeni Maartman
John Neville

STAFF PRESENT:

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Diana Johnstone

Fred Pattje

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of 'New Immigrant Reception' under New Business.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes from 2012-Jun-05 be adopted. The motion was carried.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Suggestions to Agencies applying for Grants

The Committee inquired whether suggestions from the last meeting were passed along to the agencies in question. In particular, it was suggested that St. Paul's Anglican Church use their grant for an outreach venture rather than a food venture; and that St. Paul's, Island Crisis Care Society, and Nanaimo Men's Resource Centre work together. J. Horn advised that the agencies had not been advised of SPAC's suggestions yet. The Committee suggested that SPAC bring the organizations together again so that these suggestions, as well as other topics, can be discussed.

It was moved and seconded that criteria for future grants state that extra consideration will be given to organizations that work in partnerships. The motion was carried.

5. DELEGATIONS

J. Horn advised that as per the Committee's directive from the last meeting, Jan Tatlock of VIHA would be an ex-officio member of SPAC.

Introductions were made and J. Tatlock advised that she is the Director of Community Programs, Public Health & CYF Services for VIHA.

Ms. Tatlock provided an overview of the *Local Health Area Profile Nanaimo (68)* which was prepared by VIHA's Planning and Community Engagement Department in July 2011. The document provides key highlights and statistical information on Nanaimo in the following categories:

- Geography
- Demographics
- Social Determinants of Health and Wellbeing
- Health Status
- Health Service Utilization

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion was carried.

6. STRATEGIC PLANNING

a) SPAC's priorities for the next three years.

It was moved and seconded that 'SPAC's Priorities' be the sole agenda item at the 2012-Sep-04 meeting. The motion was carried.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Grants to Neighbourhood Associations

The Committee discussed a suggestion from the last meeting that one of the grant rounds be directed to neighbourhood associations. One concern raised was the fact that some associations are less formal than others, and if they are not registered non-profits would they be eligible, and who would administer their grant? J. Horn noted that organizations that are not registered as non-profits can have another organization who is a registered non-profit sponsor them and have the funds flow through them.

It was moved and seconded that the next round of Community Service grants be directed to neighbourhood associations, to address determinants contained within VIHA's *Local Health Area Profile Nanaimo (68)*. The motion was carried.

J. Tatlock will send J. Horn an outline of public health initiatives to assist in preparing the criteria for the grant round.

Advertising will be done in August, with applications due in the middle of September, for review at SPAC's October meeting.

b) Budget Line for Food Provision

Deferred to next meeting, as it may flow out of 'Priorities' discussion.

c) Welcoming Reception for New Immigrants

Deferred to October meeting to start planning for a reception in January 2013.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a) Inquiry from Nanaimo Addiction Foundation re Partnering in Grant Funding

Deferred to next meeting, as it may flow out of 'Priorities' discussion.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL UPDATE / INFO ITEMS

a) Grants Advisory Committee – No report.

b) Safer Nanaimo Advisory Committee – J. Horn advised that residents of the Terminal Park area attended the last SAFER meeting and advised of a spike in opportunistic theft in their neighbourhood. Committee members will meet with the residents to discuss possible solutions, and enhancements to the neighbourhood.

c) Nanaimo Working Group on Homelessness – J. Horn advised that a Call for Proposals will be sent out within the next two weeks for funding received from the Regional District of Nanaimo for the purpose of addressing homelessness.

d) Council Update – (June 25) – No report.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2012-Sep-04. (No meeting in August)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.