

1. **Call to Order** – Abe Oudshoorn, Chair
2. **Mission Statement** - The London Homeless Coalition exists to advise, shape and coordinate community responses to homelessness, and related needs to the London area.
3. **Introduction of and Welcome to those in Attendance**
Abe Oudshoorn, Chair; Melissa Hardy-Trevenna, LStar; Michelle Lynne Goodfellow; Stanislav Rajic, CNRC; Brenda Ryan; Adaptive Cooking; Gordon Russell, Mission Services; Deb Peckham, London Housing Advisory Committee; Trevor Johnson, Homeless Prevention, City of London; Cheryl Wituik, Women’s Rural Resource Centre; Shelley Yeo, Women’s Community House; Justine Caroter, RISC;
Betsy Odegaard, London Housing Advisory Committee; Mirella Bryant, Youth Opportunities Unlimited; Sheila Kipping, St. Leonard’s Community Services; Martha Connoy, Mission Services; Susan Macphail, CMHA Middlesex, My Sisters’ Place; Charlotte Dingwall, The Salvation Army Centre of Hope; Shelley Milos, London Housing Registry; Lorraine Stuyt, Addiction Services of Thames Valley; Walter Lenny, Siloam United Church, Jan Richardson, Homeless Prevention, City of London; Mara Fortino, Service Canada; Michele Reid, Homeless Prevention, City of London; Laura Cornish, Homeless Prevention, City of London; Cathy Nolan, Street Level Women at Risk Program; Juli McGrenere, John Howard Society; Gene Mercer, Independent; Kelly Wright, Regional HIV/AIDS Connection; Margaret Richings, Street Peer Support; Martha Ludlow, The Salvation Army Centre of Hope; Tammy Lewis, Independent; Jan Regan, Homeless Prevention, City of London, Recording Secretary
4. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion: To approve the agenda for June 13, 2016.
Moved: Melissa Hardy-Trevenna
Seconded: Shelley Yeo
Carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes of The General Membership Meeting April 4, 2016**
Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting held May 2, 2016.
Moved: Michelle Lynne Goodfellow
Seconded: Melissa Hardy-Trevenna
Carried.
6. **Presentations**
 - i) Crisis Response – Lori Hassall, Director of Crisis & Short-Term Intervention Services, CMHA Middlesex

Lori provided an overview of the [Mental Health and Addictions Crisis Response Centre](#). The Centre is located at 648 Huron Street and is open 24/7 for walk-in crisis assessment and support. Individuals can also call the crisis response line at 519-433-2023 or 1-800-933-2023.



Crisis Services
Presentation June 2

Abe advised that HPS funded agencies will be invited to provide an update on their project/program. Presentations will be provided by: Rotholme Women’s & Family Shelter; St. Leonard’s Community Services; London CAREs; The Salvation Army Centre of Hope; and, Youth Opportunities Unlimited.

7. Business Arising from April 4, 2016 minutes

7.1 Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty – Abe Oudshoorn

The Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty final report, "London for All: a Roadmap to End Poverty" identifies 112 recommendations that are grounded in the best available research, the Social Determinants of Health and work already happening in London and across the country, and are the result of extensive public consultations. The goal of these recommendations is for London to reach its full potential by ending poverty in one generation.

Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty: www.london.ca/city-hall/mayors-office/Pages/Mayor-Advisory-Panel-on-Poverty.aspx

Abe provided a brief update on ideas and initiatives that are currently underway for each of the recommendations put forth for Homeless Prevention and Housing. The membership was asked to consider the recommendations to determine which ones the London Homeless Coalition can best take the lead in, or contribute to.

Discussion

The membership discussed several recommendations and what potential actions could be initiated. It was noted that more information is needed to have a clearer understanding of the responses.

Action:

- i) The Steering Committee has invited Betsy Odegaard to join them at their next meeting, June 20th, to help draft a letter to the City of London regarding secondary dwelling units and inclusionary zoning.
- ii) Invite Steve Giustizia, HDC Executive Lead, to a future meeting to provide an update on the Housing Development Corporation.
- iii) Michelle Lynne Goodfellow will circulate the MAPOP recommendations under Homeless Prevention and Housing to the membership. Individuals are asked to provide an update on any current or upcoming initiatives related to the recommendations.

7.2 Communications Update

No report.

7.3 Local Poverty Reduction Fund – Call for Proposals – Deadline to submit a proposal - June 29, 2016 at 5:00 pm

The Province of Ontario, Local Poverty Reduction Fund has released its' proposal call. The Government of Ontario has partnered with the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). OTF's primary role is to provide a range of supports to organizations interested in submitting project proposals.

There are several funding streams available:

1. General
2. Homeless Related Proposals
3. Indigenous-led projects

There is dedicated funding under the general stream for homeless prevention related projects.

Organizations were advised to consider [London's Homeless Prevention System – A Three Year Implementation Plan](#) when drafting their proposals.

Organizations that submit homelessness related projects must include a letter of support from the local service system manager (page 15 of the 2016 Call for Proposals Application Guide). The City of London, Homeless Prevention is the Service Manager.

Contact Jan Richardson, Manager, Homeless Prevention to request a letter prior to submitting your proposal. Jan can be reached at jrichardson@london.ca or 519-661-2500 ext. 5228.

For full details and to apply visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/local-poverty-reduction-fund>

8. Standing Items

8.1 City Updates/Homeless Prevention Update

Jan Richardson, Manager, Homeless Prevention provided an update.

i) Homelessness Partnering Strategy:

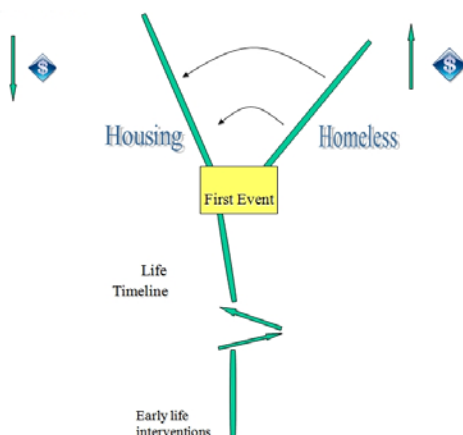
On June 8, 2016 the City of London received a letter from Service Canada, Homelessness Partnering Strategy confirming that “to enhance the ongoing work to combat homelessness, an additional \$256,607 per year for 2016/17 and 2017/18 has been allocated to the Designated Communities funding stream in London through Budget 2016. This additional funding is intended to enhance the continued implementation of Housing First and complementary initiatives in your community. The supplemental funds may be used to increase funding to existing programs and services or to fund new projects in accordance with your Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan priorities”.

The City of London, as the Community Entity, continues to request that the Homelessness Partnering Strategy consider London as an Aboriginal Designated community.

The City of London has prepared the HPS Annual Report and has submitted it to the Steering Committee for review. Highlights will be shared with the general membership at a future meeting.

ii) Homelessness to Housing Strategy

Jan provided a graphic illustration of the experience of homelessness noting that the longer an individual remains homeless the poorer their health outcomes, there is a higher use of emergency, health, justice and correctional services, and it will take more time, resources, and likely a longer term commitment, to achieve housing stability. This helps to explain why the current priority is chronic and persistent homelessness in the Homeless Prevention Implementation Plan. The focus of the current plan is with chronic shelter users, street involved sex workers, Urban Indigenous People, along with focussed efforts on youth to prevent youth moving into chronic homelessness.



Efforts Underway

- Voluntary reduction in emergency shelter beds from 360 to 320
- Decrease in the number of users of emergency shelters, and a decrease in long-term users
- SPDAT (Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) - Shelters have completed a SPDAT on chronic shelter users and are working together on collaborative case management
- London CArES has housed over 100 individuals
- Street Level Women at Risk Program is operational
- New Housing First Youth Shelter approved for funding

iii) Stationary Needle Bins

Seventeen stationary needle bins are currently installed at strategic locations in downtown and priority areas to assist with the collection of discarded drug using equipment. An additional four needle bins will be installed along the Thames River between Ridout and Wellington.

iv) Missing Persons Policy

A Missing Persons policy specific to street involved sex workers has been approved by the Street Level Women at Risk Collaboration Advisory Group. The policy is being forwarded to Homes 4 Women for comment and will then be provided to the Homeless Coalition. It is expected that the Homeless Coalition policy will be generalized.

v) Staff Announcements

- i) Trevor Johnson, Homeless Prevention Team has been appointed to a new role in Social Services as Manager, Employment commencing June 27, 2016. Trevor will continue to champion homeless prevention and poverty reduction in London.
- ii) Dan Catunto, Ontario Works Manager, is replacing Cheryl Patience and will support the emergency shelters.

8.2 Update from Steering Committee

No report.

8.3 Memorial Committee

There was no meeting held in June. No report.

8.4 Updates from Other Committees that Members Serve on

No report.

9. General Announcements

- i) Adaptive Cooking Classes
A new program will start September 8, 2016. There is no charge to participate.
- ii) Women's Community House – [Grand House Party](#) – Friday, June 24, 2016
Visit <http://grandhouseparty.ca/> for more information or tickets.
- iii) London Housing Registry – Fundraiser – September 12, 2016 – McGuiness Landing
For more information call 519-434-3344

Michelle Lynne Goodfellow reminded the membership that they can submit events and information to her for inclusion in the newsletter.



10. Other Business

None noted.

11. Date and Time for Next LHC General Meeting - Monday, July 4, 2016 – 10:00 am - 11:30 am,
Central Library Stevenson & Hunt Room, Main Fl.

The membership was asked to consider which summer meeting date to cancel: July 4 or August 15. A vote was held and **it was agreed** to cancel the August 15th meeting.

12. Adjournment at 11:30 am

London Homeless Coalition Steering Committee: Abe Oudshoorn, Deb Peckham, , Melissa Hardy-Trevenna, Mirella Bryant, Susan Macphail, Shelley Yeo, Michelle Lynne Goodfellow, Jan Richardson, Marcia Gardiner, Charlotte Dingwall