



Scarborough Housing Stabilization
Planning Network

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DATE: Thursday October 18th, 2018

TIME: 10:00 – 12:00 pm

PLACE: Scarborough Civic Centre Committee Room 1 - 150 Borough Dr, Scarborough, ON M1P 4N7

PRESENT: Christine Hewitt (SCHC), Gagan Takher (SCHC), Victoria Lynn (Student SCHC), Jackie LeBlanc (MFRC), Latchmin Persaud (Student MFRC), Mina (Warden Woods), Salah Irandoust (Fred Victor), Warren Caney (Aboriginal Housing), Feng Chen (Student Aboriginal Housing), Michele Connell (City of Toronto), Michaela (Cota), Jacqueline Knight (John Howard), Ashley Drake (John Howard), Ambi Sinna (THHC), Kimone (Tropicana), Terry Pariseau (CMHA-TO).

REGRETS:

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions/Decisions
1. Welcome/minutes and agenda approval	- Everyone provides brief introduction.	
2. Agency Updates and Information Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gagan Takher (SCHC) LEAP Team annual barbeque (part of meal program for both 4175 & 4205 buildings) - Jackie LeBlanc (MFRC) Newcomer employment fair Symposium for enable access project- November 2nd 12-3:30 Free yoga classes- Saturdays 1 hour, certified instructor- Asking for donations of non-perishable food items to those who are attending New Program Director- Shawn - Warren Caney (Aboriginal Housing) Immense need for housing- nowhere to send them, too expensive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Going to have to move the narrative towards eviction prevention & stabilization - Michele Connell (City of Toronto) Holding a housing workers network meeting/forum – November 22nd (Committee Room 1, City Hall, Afternoon; looking for different venue) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wanting the network to be more of an engaged process rather than just sharing information (session on current housing situation, restructuring service models/change & focus, how individuals feel, support, updates, experiences, etc.) <p>Wanting a Management level network meeting in the New year- Talking about big picture RFP and program facings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashley Drake (John Howard) New Program: Home for Good Program- Innovative housing supports, as soon as housed will be providing case management for 1 year+ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting program up and running, looking at vacancies, etc. - Christine Hewitt (SCHC) Linda Mitchell- Scarborough Legal Clinic. Meeting November 2nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at laws (landlord & tenant laws etc.), help to refresh minds and advise tenants on rights and responsibilities, what can one do lawfully, avoidance & legalities of eviction & eviction prevention, etc. - Ask to switch focus to stabilization and eviction prevention <p>Daniel's Updates:</p> <p>Anti-Human Trafficking Program - \$150 Registration (useful for those working with newcomers, refugees, SPP, etc.)</p> <p>Open dialogue series- 2 Day free conference, North York Civic Center (Oct 31st & 1st). Focus on indigenous population</p> <p>Melbourne 42 Division Neighborhood Officers Meeting- October 25th</p> <p>Youth in Policing Initiative- Program for youth to work with police departments across the city (paid work)</p> <p>Vital Ideas and Leadership Program- Due Wednesday Oct. 29th Grand up to \$50,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed South Scarborough Focus Table for/in 2019 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4205 Mural Unveiling- Street Art TO; Looking for other projects 	
<p>3. Regional Housing Coordinator Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terry Pariseau 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terry Pariseau (CMHA-TO) - September 21st – Planning Form Quarterly Meeting (Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness & SSHA) Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shelter system update & refugee response Over 6000 users in the refugee response system, housed 3500 & moved the rest of them to hotels outside the city Facing lots of challenges with sheltering these refugees in the city - 24hr Respite site standards development Final report released November 15th - Winter readiness All respites open this year Ready in December, house 100 people each 24hr Call center and oversight team Look at asset issues (what spaces are available in every respite shelter), hiring team of 6 people Different on-call structure, doubling staff, new training (November 15th) - Enhancement to central intake and system oversight - Further research Evaluation plan for new shelter services model: help understand and manage a new model of shelter system (on HOLD) Low barrier shelters and services Evaluating the internal coordinated access system Project on family homelessness (deep dive) Rental options in the city (how much is being charged for rent) - System Mapping- End of October - Power in Community, Fighting for Affordable Homes in Scarborough 	

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	<p>Housing event/panel discussion- Stance on housing Quarterly “Scarborough Housing Stories” events focusing on different housing issues (Next event: rooming houses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Human Rights Group, Homecoming- Alliance to End Homelessness pulling in group as a working group - New Coordinated Access System Developments Hiring Consulate familiar with system issues across the city- how coordinated access will be interacting with bigger sectors (corrections, health, etc.) Meeting October 25th for proposal and possible forward movement. Goal: Increase supply of housing units - Case Conferencing Table Looking to service providers sitting at this table to attend with 2 units each & bringing 10 most complex cases to hopefully get housed 	
4. Training Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health First Aid Training- November 29th & 30th @ Scarborough Civic Center, Committee Room 1 	
5. Case Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tenant & Landlord education and advocacy 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NEXT MEETING: November 15nd - Time: - Where: Scarborough Civic Centre Committee Room 1 - 150 Borough Drive, Scarborough ON M1P 4N7 	