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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**December 14, 2010**



**PRESENT:** Paul Armstrong, John Bennett (Chair), Katherine Blackwood, Councillor Henry Clarke, Gayl Hutchison, Rosemary O'Donnell, Melinda Rees, Linda Saunders,

**STAFF:** Susan Bacque, Rebecca Morgan Quin, Dorothy Olver, Sally Samis

**REGRETS:** John Martyn, Christine McKay, Sarah Tate,

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**1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved by consensus

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES November 9, 2010**

**Motion:** That AHAC approve the minutes of November 9, 2010 as distributed.

**M.** Rosemary O'Donnell      **S.** Paul Armstrong

**Carried**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

None

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1. Property Standards Working Group RFP**

Melinda Rees corrected Nov report in that the RFP document was with the Mayor. The Legal division has revisions to be proposed. Next step will be for the Service sub-committee to finalize, based on the Legal division's revisions.

**5.2. Nov. 23 –CMHC involvement in Celebration of Housing Success Stories**

Susan Bacque said the event went very well with approx 50 people in attendance.

**5.3. Short Term Rent Support Program(New)**

Rebecca Morgan Quin said the Housing Division received MMAH approval for Direct Delivery on Friday Nov. 10. We are currently waiting for the transfer agreement.

- Households will receive \$200/month and this will be paid to the landlord. Referral agreements will be set up with service agencies to refer clients to HRC.

**5.4. Community Consultation on Housing Stability**

- Dorothy Olver said that the framework and scope are being developed and should see something in the New Year.
- Susan Bacque said that Cheryl Lyon did a good job on the Housing Strategy community consultations and we need to look at how to use the pillars from that data and the housing and homelessness recommendations to bring them forward. Susan suggested bringing the discussion to the January meeting.
- In light of developments in the last few months and the arrival of the provincial affordable housing strategy, the draft housing strategy as we know it will not move forward, but the Planning act still requires a housing strategy.

**5.5. Improving Communications for services**

- Rosemary O'Donnell gave Councillor Henry Clarke a brief overview of Reducing Rural Poverty and Homelessness program.
- John Bennett said he had been working on a website for the Ontario Rural Housing Action Network, [www.orhan.ca](http://www.orhan.ca) in which he represents AHAC.

## **6. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **6.1. Community Education - *Housing is Fundamental* township information sessions**

- Paul Armstrong said they are starting to collect documents and data for 2011. HIF will have strong rural content and they will be working with Rosemary O'Donnell, and HRC. Paul met with members of the arts community to see how HIF info could be conveyed through artistic expression. The play by Robert Ainsworth, "Frozen Dreams" could be produced for National Housing Day, 2011 and used as a fundraiser.
- Township information sessions will be planned for the New Year.

### **6.2. Services**

Highlights of discussion re: Service Protocol that was passed Friday Dec. 10, 2010.

- Dorothy Olver met with the Brock mission and YES to ask them to not evict any clients after hours.
- Rosemary O'Donnell said a community plan is needed (when all else fails), for the few individuals who may present housing challenges at the shelters and she is concerned about having a protocol in place over the break when everything is closed. She suggested that an emergency package be supplied that included bus tickets, taxi fare, a list of places offering meals.
- John Bennett encouraged everyone to keep their minds on the issue and to contact Dorothy Olver, Social Services with any ideas. Dorothy and the staff were commended for what they are doing.
- Dorothy said she would post the consent forms used for homeless individuals on the City website so that others could see what is required..

### **6.3. Supply**

No Report

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Social Services-Orientation for Townships**

Deferred to January

## **8. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

- Linda Saunders said that CMHA and Fourcast have received funding from the LHIN for 8 addictions units. CMHA will be the property manager and Fourcast will provide support to clients. The funding will be annualized with no end date.
- Susan Bacque said that TVM, an AHP proponent is developing 12 units on Murray St. that are for persons with disabilities. Units will be totally accessible and an elevator is being installed.

## **9. ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETING**

## **10. NEXT MEETING:**

January 11, 2011, Housing Resource Centre, 540 George St. N.