



HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012
9:00 AM CVRD BOARD ROOM
175 INGRAM STREET**

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Committee:

Director R. Hartmann, Chairperson
Director M. Marcotte, Vice-Chairperson
Director G. Giles
Director L. Iannidinardo
Director I. Morrison
Director R. Hutchins

CVRD Staff:

Warren Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Kueber, General Manager, Corporate Services

Minutes of the Regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee held in Room No. 213, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, BC on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 2:04 pm.

PRESENT: Chair G. Seymour
Directors M. Dorey, G. Giles, L. Iannidinardo, P. Kent, and
I. Morrison

ABSENT: Directors R. Hutchins and M. Marcotte

ALSO

PRESENT: Warren Jones, Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Kueber, General Manager, Corporate Services
Dominique Beesley, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be amended with the addition of the following New Business Items:

**NB1 – Letter from Anne Balding, Housing Programs Manager,
Canadian Mental Health Association
Re: Request for Funding in the Amount of \$10,000 for
Warmland House Operating Budget; and**

NB2 – Announcement by Director Lori Iannidinardo;

and further that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

M1

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee, held January 21, 2010, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

M2

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Health Advisory Committee, held March 24, 2010, be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

**CORRES-
PONDENCE**

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A memorandum from the Chair, Health Advisory Committee dated April 14, 2011; regarding a one time grant in the amount of \$265,000 from the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), provided under a funding agreement for the purpose of developing community capacity to address issues of homeless populations in the Cowichan Valley; was considered.

Responding to a question from the Chair regarding available VIHA funds, the General Manager, Corporate Services said that we had received funds in the amount of \$178,000 prior to the \$265,000 just received. Although, he noted, spent was a little over \$50,000 and the balance, to date, is now \$123,577.

Director Giles noted that at least half (\$68,000) of this \$123,555 is allocated to expenses of the Cowichan Communities Health Network.

Director Kent said that, in his view, a framework would need to be set up around spending the \$265,000 grant from VIHA. A way this could be done, he explained, would be to contract Social Planning Cowichan to provide advice on which areas monies could be spent on homelessness prevention and affordable housing.

The Chief Administrative Officer said that, in his view, the Grant Funding Agreement from VIHA was purposely vague in order to allow the monies to be spent within the purview of the CVRD.

Director Kent said that mental health and addictions issues were being addressed by VIHA through the Health Network and family physicians. He said that money was recently put into two facilities in this regard – Caulfield Place and the old Cowichan Lodge. He noted that Warmland House was a 'wet' facility whereas Caulfield Place was 'dry' and that Cowichan Lodge was 'controlled'.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the best approach to dealing with the homelessness issue was to contract with a qualified group such as Social Planning Cowichan to research and make recommendations to the Hospital Board on defining and building capacity to address homelessness.

2:53 pm

Director Morrison left the meeting at 2:53 pm.

It was moved and seconded that it be recommended to the Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District Board that funding in an amount no greater than \$10,000 be allocated to Social Planning Cowichan for the initiation of an agency dialogue that would identify ways to increase capacity in addressing issues of homelessness and housing affordability in the Cowichan Valley.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

Letter from Anne Balding, Housing Programs Manager, Warmland House, regarding a request for funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Warmland House Operating Budget, was received.

NB2

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ADJOURNMENT

3:09 pm

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm.

Certified Correct:

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____

Social Planning Cowichan recommends to the CVHRD that the Homelessness Prevention funds from VIHA be used to create a Community Housing Association (CHA) and Trust Fund. The goal of the Community Housing Association will be to facilitate programs and projects to develop and maintain affordable housing in the Cowichan Region. The CHA will do this through facilitating partnerships with senior levels of government, local government, First Nations, and non-profit organizations. The Trust Fund will be used to initiate affordable housing programs and projects and leverage additional funding for programs and projects.

The Community Housing Association

The CHA would be developed with oversight by Social Planning Cowichan over the period of two years. The Regional Affordable Housing Association (the Directorate), a subcommittee of Social Planning Cowichan, will undertake the development of the project under the guidance of the SPC Board. The Directorate currently has 30 members from across the Cowichan Region. A part time staff member would be hired and would assist the Directorate and SPC Board in research, community consultation, and development of the CHA and Trust Fund. After two years, the Community Housing Association would separate from SPC and become a standalone non-profit organization with its own Board of Directors.

Cost for start up and operation of the CHA would be \$57,965 per year for the first two years.

Expenses	Cost	In-Kind
Staff Salary	33,280.00	
Meeting Expenses	2,000.00	
Travel Expenses	520.00	
Office supplies/ copying		500.00
Accountant	2,000.00	
Rent		7,200.00
Insurance		1,200.00
Equipment (computer, printer, phone)		2,500.00
Meeting Expenses		900.00
Total	37,800.00	12,300.00
		50,100.00

During the consultation process, community stakeholders were clear that they did not want to see the bulk of the Homelessness Prevention funds used to create the Community Housing Association. Funding for the project would be shared between Social Planning Cowichan, the Homelessness Prevention Funds from VIHA, and the CVRD. This funding formula provides financial support from the VIHA funding but retains \$200,000 of the VIHA funding for affordable housing projects and programs in the Cowichan Region. Additional funding for projects and programs can be leveraged from senior levels of government, foundations, and other sources. Social Planning Cowichan currently receives \$50,000 per year in funding from the CVRD. Social Planning would request an additional \$25,600 from the CVRD in the second year of the project to complete start up.

Source	Year 1		Year 2		Totals
	Revenue	In-Kind	Revenue	In-Kind	
Social Planning Cowichan	0.00	12,300.00	0.00	12,300.00	\$24,600.00
Homelessness Prevention Funds	37,800.00	0.00	12,200.00	0.00	\$50,000.00
CVRD	0.00	0.00	25,600.00	0.00	\$25,600.00
	37,800.00	12,300.00	37,800.00	12,300.00	\$100,200.00

Housing Trust Fund

The Trust Fund will be started with \$200,000 of the Homelessness Prevention funding. Community stakeholders would like to see the Trust Fund financed on an ongoing basis by the CVRD through levies. A model for this kind of levy is the Trust Fund that is established in the Capital Regional District. The CRD has 18 jurisdictions which can choose to contribute to the Trust Fund. Participation is not mandatory. Jurisdictions pay into the Trust based on their proportions of the total CRD population.

The Trust Fund would be used to initiate projects and programs for affordable housing within the CVRD. A Trust Fund would be instrumental in helping local non-profit organizations interested in creating housing to leverage additional funding sources. The Trust Fund would contribute approximately \$10,000 per unit of affordable housing.

In addition to bricks and mortar projects, the Trust Fund can be used to create programs like a Rent Bank that prevents homelessness by making small, low interest loans to people on low incomes who have difficulty in paying rent due to an unforeseen circumstance.