

Housing Stability Alliance - St. Thomas-Elgin

(Formerly St. Thomas-Elgin Housing & Homelessness Action Group)

MINUTES



Date	September 1 st , 2021
Time	10:00am to 11:30am
Chair	Danielle Neilson
Location	Microsoft Teams
Attendance	Danielle Neilson , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Lindsay Rice , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Jon McCurry , Eastwood Housing Alex Connoy , The City of St. Thomas Diane Arsenijevic , West Elgin Community Health Centre Tanya Dale , West Elgin Community Health Centre Valerie Beneteau , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Leticia Mizon , the nameless Andrea Graves , St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Alicia Malcolm , Central Community Health Centre Lori Fitzgerald , Inn Out of the Cold Jeanette Singh , YWCA St. Thomas-Elgin Kayla Elms , Southwestern Public Health

Agenda Items & Discussion

Order	Topic	Lead
1.	Introductions and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Neilson welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared that we have received many regrets. Members took turns introducing themselves to the group. 	Danielle
2.	Approval of Minutes and Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Neilson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 16th, 2021 and the meeting agenda for September 1st, 2021. <i>Motion made by L. Mizon, second by D. Arsenijevic. Carried.</i> 	All
3.	Housing & Homelessness Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Neilson provided a housing & homelessness update from St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2021 Point In Time (PIT) Count will be taking place on September 29th in consultation with OrgCode. The purpose of the PIT Count is to capture a snapshot of the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community on a specific day. Surveys may also be completed on September 30th and October 1st but will include an additional question about where the individual slept on the evening of the 29th. Communication has been sent out to our various partners across the county about being a survey location. When all locations 	Danielle

	<p>are confirmed, additional communication will be sent out regarding volunteering. The survey training day will be on September 23rd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Built for Zero – we continue to actively engage with our coach. Our first objective was to maintain a Quality By-Name List and have since become the fastest community in Ontario to achieve this. - Matching to the transit building program is actively underway. The hope is to have the selected participants move in by mid-September. - We have completed the 2020 Housing & Homelessness Progress Report as required annually by the Ministry. We are on track to meet the objectives that were set out in the current 10-year plan, but so much has changed from when the plan was originally created. Our next 10-year plan will be in 2024. 	
4.	<p>By-Name List</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New entry form & training – as we are reaching Quality By-Name List status, there are new forms to complete the list. These new forms are specifically related to families and changes to client status. V. Beneteau will be offering training the week of September 13th on these changes. • BNL & a response to family homelessness – the family homelessness committee will be meeting on October 6th. At this meeting we will be working on a family homelessness protocol. 	Valerie
5.	<p>Coordinated Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Report – As of August 31st there are 19 unhoused youth in our community. This is an increase from 15 youth on July 31st - Adult Report – As of August 31st there are 93 unhoused adults in our community. This is an increase from 79 adults on July 31st - Altogether, there are currently 108 individuals on the By-Name List. This number has significantly grown over the last 5 months but is now an accurate reflection of our community. • Committee Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - J. Singh advised that at the last meeting, it was decided to roll the Coordinated Access Committee into this one. Youth and women's homelessness committees will still run, and information will be available in September on the family homelessness committee. 	Valerie & Lindsay
6.	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were provided with updated Terms of Reference for this committee. Changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee's name will be changed from St. Thomas-Elgin Housing and Homelessness action group to St. Thomas-Elgin Housing Stability Alliance. A corresponding logo has been created. D. Neilson asked for a motion to approve the name change. 	All

	<p><i>Motion made by L. Mizon, second by V. Beneteau. Carried.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All documents will be public facing and made available on the City of St. Thomas website. - The group has identified their mission and vision statement. - The committee will comprise of different roles; Chair, Secretary, Members and Associate Members. New members can express their interest to join the committee to the Secretary (A. Graves). Names will be brought forward at the following meeting. - The committee chair will be a non-voting role but will provide a swing vote in the event of a tie. - Associate members hold non-voting roles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Neilson asked for a motion to approve the new Terms of Reference. <p><i>Motion made by J. McCurry, second by V. Beneteau. Carried</i></p>	
7.	<p>Meeting Frequency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will meet every other month with a recess in July and August. Readjustments can be made at a later date if necessary. 	All
8.	<p>Community Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Dale and D. Arsenijevic provided an update from West Elgin – WECHC is launching a temporary shelter pilot project in West Lorne. The next step in the process is to launch an education program in the community on rural homelessness. WECHC in partnership with Tim Welch has been conducting a rural homelessness assessment in West Elgin. The report is close to being finalized, and then will be made available to the public. • L. Fitzgerald provided an update from Inn Out of the Cold – The Inn is scheduled to move into its new location on 10 Princess Ave in November. There will be daytime drop in, an overnight shelter, a kitchen to serve all three meals and accessible showers and washrooms. The Inn will be staffed 24/7 including new housing focused case manager positions. 	All
9.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting is scheduled for December 1st, 2021 at 10am. 	All