



MAP HOUSING WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 25, 1pm at ISSofBC, 2610 Victoria Drive, Vancouver

PRESENT:

Tammy Johnson and Richard Belcham (inasmuch)

Mariana Martinez Vieyra (MAP Co-Chair / VAST)

Cherie Enns (Pomegranate / UFV)

Jenny Francis (Langara – RCAM)

Derek Chu (HWG Co-chair / Kinbrace)

James Grunau (HWG Co-chair / Journey Home)

Doug Peat (Journey Home)

Dustin Lupick (HSABC)

Nasra Mire, Imtiaz Popat (SOS)

Alexandra Dawley (MOSAIC)

Kingsley Eke (RCAM)

Nathan Wright and Julia Wu (BC211)

Jenny Moss, Barry Growe and Melissa Kwan (MAP)

Regrets: Khim Tan (Options), Theresa Harding (RCAM), Nicole Stinson (BC Housing)

Co-Chairs: James Grunau (Journey Home) & Derek Chu (Kinbrace Society)

James welcomed everyone

Introductions were made

Outline and approval of Agenda – Approved

Minutes from Feb 28th meeting – Approved

Welcome and Celebration! The meeting started off with a celebration of all who participated in getting the ‘Toward a Housing Solution for Refugee Claimants’ report successfully completed!

Update on the MJTT Report^[1] – Initial comments from the Province (regarding public version of the report)

Derek: We have received funds from the Province to finish the public report – we are now waiting to hear back from the Province for final comments on the report.

Doug: Who owns the report?

Mariana: Possibly the Province does.

James: Perhaps Derek should investigate this in the contract.

(*for the results of that investigation see note below)

James: For those of you in asset mapping group, did you have any discussion about the future of that group or any thoughts on that? If work is done, is there talk on continuing with any further work?

Alexandra: If there is a public report, we can step in and support that.

It has been discussed that to support the report, they will also support the research part. They will tell Theresa about the updates of this report.

Barry: Meanwhile spaces are a topic of concern. We also want to focus on contacting people dealing with homelessness. With single spaces, we want to contact women who are fleeing violence because they might be interested in getting support for their abuse. And for single males, Catholic groups could potentially help them out. We also want to talk to insurance providers and other service providers, in order to collaborate and get support from them.

Doug: It does not matter if RC'S don't identify with one gender since they all still need housing.

Barry: We can meet with people in Burnaby and partner with them. Newcomer Initiative in Burnaby would be a great partner as well.

Nathan: If you're finding these contacts, let us know as we can find people to refer to.

Cherie: It's good to have an insider and to promote educational campaign alongside the project. Social planners across the Lower Mainland don't really care about these issues.

Discussion re: future plans of the Housing Working Group^[L]_[SEP](leadership) and Mandate of this HWG going forward – (attached HWG Terms of Reference)^[L]_[SEP]

James reviewed the Terms of Reference. James further talked about governance, meetings, meeting times and reviewed the decision making process.

Richard wondered if he could get some clarification about the roles of his position at MAP as co-chair.

Mariana: MAP is really all about acknowledgment of expertise.

James: It's up to the executives to set the tone for that. Also what would be healthy is to have some occasional collaboration between the HWG co-chairs and executive team.

Jenny: We should keep in mind that co-chairs and all of us are equally busy, we should come up with a plan that is timely and works for everyone.

Discussion re: how future projects should proceed^[L]_[SEP]

Alexandra: Is it possible to establish small tangible goals for the next 3 or 6 months?

Jenny F.: Once we've heard back from the province we can.

Tammy asked Derek what the funding process was like for Kinbrace.

Nasra Mire: Part of my role for this project is to work in the front lines with day-to-day issues. So I would like to have some tangible solutions as to what we're going to do.

Cherie can provide contacts for short-term housing in the summer for RC'S through University Housing contacts.

It has been decided that University housing can be defined as a meanwhile space.

Jenny M.: We need to know who (e.g. organizations) is interested in doing which part.

James: We don't know if the Province is going to buy into these organizations.

Alexandra: Would it be okay with you all if we partner with Universities (UBC, SFU) to get housing support?

Jenny M: It has been stated that MAP is not a bureaucracy, so agencies can just report the decisions made in these meetings at an upcoming HWG meeting.

James: Do we see a housing forum 2.0 happening at all? If so, when?

Dustin: In this September's HSABC Annual Conference, HSABC is planning on doing a forum and we would like MAP or Housing related organizations representation in this forum.

It has been decided that Kinbrace, inasmuch, and SOS from MAP can be representatives for the HSABC Conference and a housing forum will also be held in conjunction with this Conference.

Jenny: June 20th is World Refugee Day, so after June 20th, MAP will be free to work on this event as well.

Adjourned at 3:00pm 

Next Meeting: Thurs, May 23rd at MOSAIC, Vancouver.

NOTE

After the meeting Derek investigated the MJTT / MAP contract as it was held jointly with Kinbrace and reports back:

For the MAP/MJTT contract, under Schedule I, it says, "As between the Province and the Recipient, the Recipient exclusively owns all intellectual property rights, including copyright, in the Produced Materials." I think that's clear that MAP owns the report.

I did look at Article 15, and where it says the Province owns the IP, it's referring to the Province Materials, not the Produced Materials. And it refers to Schedule I for the Produced Materials.