

MAP HOUSING WORKING GROUP MEETING AGENDA

Thursday November 26, 2020 - 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Co-Chair: Derek Chu

1:00 PM Welcome and Introductions

- Approve Oct 2020 HWG Meeting Minutes
- Outline of Agenda

1:10 PM Updates

- Update on the InfoLink Article with BCNPHA
- Update on Roundtable with BCNPHA and MAP
- Update on BC CHARMS project

1:20 PM Business

1. Discuss and Approve APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE FOR A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM MAP HWG (new version attached)

2. Discuss Housing and Refugee Claimants with Mental Health Challenges

- What housing options are there for refugee claimants who struggle with mental health or addictions?
- How have members been helping clients with mental health issues and/or addictions find housing (transitional and permanent)?
- How have members been advocating for clients with mental health issues and/or addictions?

3. Discuss upcoming CCR

- How can we advocate for CCR to prioritize the Housing resolution that was passed in June 2019. The Housing resolution:

- *Call on all levels of governments responsible for housing and settlement to allocate more resources for accessible and affordable housing and to review the provision of adequate income and social assistance levels to facilitate access to safe, secure and affordable housing for all refugee claimants.*
- *Urge the inclusion of refugees and refugee claimants in the development and allocation of affordable housing projects.*
- *Encourage all levels of government to fund the development of appropriate short-term housing solutions for arriving refugee claimants, which include settlement services.*

4. Discuss How to Prepare for an Influx of Refugee Claimants

- Brainstorming and planning for an influx of refugee claimants once the borders are open

2:15PM Agency (Housing Related) Updates

2:30PM Adjourn – Next Meeting: