

NOTES FOR MCINTOSH SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMPLEX

- Peter noted Speakers. Ann (Regional Director BC Housing), Matt (Coordinator BC Housing) &
- Ann thanked the opportunity to speak to the complex and
- Matt noted lack of detail surrounding the last presentation and noted advisory committee.
- Matt noted coordinated efforts and access relating to homelessness, including assessment. Noted boundaries they serve. Mandated to do coordinated access and well ahead of other communities.
- House for success on all fronts including the people accessing the housing.
- Differences between supportive housing and shelters
- Access 24/7 to staff and housing.
- Housing first and then supports to help better themselves and build relationships rather than stay in 'survival mode'.
- All impacted in some way by those struggling and the need for support.
- Process has all stakeholders on the same page and prevents people from getting missed. Those who obtain housing try to ensure that there is a mix of people. Population of people who have been underserved.
- Supportive Housing Registry, Assessment tool, and then the Coordinated Access & Assessment Table.
- Registry – 2 page registration form. Most all organizations have/use this form.
- Assessment tool – measures vulnerability and/or risk of vulnerability.
- Coordinated Access Table – representation of agencies that work with the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless. Use registration and interview on a case by case basis to provide housing.
- Can track individuals more regularly and more collaborative in nature.
- Best guarantee that we have to work towards success but it is not guaranteed as humans can make mistakes.
- Program Agreements outline guidelines for expectations in behavior while in the housing. Work with staff on a wellness plan, including life lessons and skills. Curfews, limited guests at any one time, etc. Noted wide variety of people access services – not just those with addictions.
- New approach does not have
- We don't use 'wet' as a term. These are not jails and even they cannot prevent drugs or alcohol from coming in but the supports will be there.
- Community Advisory Committee > Effort to create dialogue between neighbors and community. Small group of representatives. Operator also acts as a direct line. Meet monthly and work towards solutions. Representation from our organization as well.
- Each community has an advisory group. Similar supportive housing projects are being created in other communities.
- Idea is to spread throughout community where land/housing is available and zoned.