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**Table of Partners Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021 @ 9:30 am**

Via Zoom on-line meeting

**Participants:** Penny Cote (Chairperson), Marcie DeWitt (Coordinator), Deb Haggard, Edward Johnson, Ellen Frood, Mollie Law, Rachelle Cole, Margaret Morrison, Anna Lewis, Alisha Pauling, Natasha Dumont, Christine Washington, Julia Martin, Amy Anaka

**Regrets:** Debra Hamilton, Bill Collette, Curt Smecher, Sally Mole, Lynne MacFadgen, Tom Stere

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

The Chair recognized the meeting is being held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

The Agenda for the April 21, 2021 meeting was approved.

The Minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting were approved.

1. **ACRD HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT – AMY ANAKA**

Amy presented an update on the Alberni Valley Housing Needs Reports.

1. **ACHN REPORTS**
   1. **Coordinator Update -** Marcie DeWitt reported on activities that she was involved in since our previous meeting including:
      * Finalizing and debriefing from Feb/Mar meetings & events
      * Cross-over with New Zealand Health Networks
      * Follow-up with community partners (Community Foundations of Canada)
      * Finished off focus groups
      * Additional communication regarding Wilson’s Transportation – spoke with MLA
      * Provided an update on the homelessness count
2. **ACHN UPDATES**
   1. **Poverty Reduction Action Plan**
      * Finished the 3 focus groups
      * Start pulling together the action plan and report
      * Connecting with MP & MLA offices to line up with Provincial & Federal directions coming forward
   2. **Tamarack Cities Reducing Poverty**
      * Penny, Debbie, Ellen and Margaret are participating on behalf of the ACHN
      * Marcie will be presenting on one of the panels
3. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Rachelle – community vaccines are underway – great turnout.

Debbie – housing needs assessment for the City – continue working on affordable housing.

Edward – connecting with FNHA, connected with Jan regarding Restorative Justice, met with RCMP representatives, road improvements are starting.

Molly – working on an issue regarding a residential campground, sexual assault awareness campaign.

Ellen – sexual response program; discussed with NIC to include in practicum & training, summarized BC Transition House survey from point-in-time count Dec 2-3, 2020, Salvation Army & BC Housing looking to create a cooling centre for the summer – will work with them for funding.

Alisha – great work by public health supporting homebound patients.

Natasha – immunizations sites are going well, 33% across VI immunized, finishing up whole community approach in Bamfield, Tofino & Ucluelet. Starting on 2nd doses in May. Variants are on the rise – 50% of new cases are variants. Active cases are dropping. Stay in your own community until after May long weekend.

Anna – Grow Local is back with the garden started packs – lots of interest!

Air Quality – project sensors have been placed, ACRD is doing more testing at AV Landfill and working with VIU, burning regulation survey is live until May 12th.

Margaret – WCRS contacted regarding referral as community-based services, received funding from Rural, Remote & Indigenous Overdose Grant - may relook at grant activities now, training session with mental health and substance abuse – safe use supplies, our website is now live [www.wccrs.ca](http://www.wccrs.ca)

Penny – fire season is here – concerned about unauthorized campers. Regional District formed a new working group with the Tseshaht FN around partnership possibilities.

1. **MEETING ADJORNED**

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am. The next meeting of the Table of Partners will be held Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 9:30 am.