

Board Meeting Minutes

SEPT. 11, 2008

Present: Anne Sinclair, Claudia Jahn, Bill Buckland, Carol Tooton, Amy Moonshadow, Kasia Tota

Regrets: Ann Bromley Wayne Desmond, Patricia Richards, Barbara Nehiley,

1. Approve agenda – Moved by: Claudia seconded by Bill **APPROVED**

2. Approve minutes of July 10, 2008

Moved by: Kasia Seconded by: Claudia **APPROVED**

3. Correspondence

a. Need to send a follow-up to meeting with Minister Streach's staff – Barb will circulate by e-mail

4. Reports

- a. Treasurer – none
- b. Social marketing – none
- c. By-laws and procedures – Patricia on leave of absence

ACTION: All committees should meet and review their workplans

5. Follow-up with Minister

- Need to be more forceful
- Learn from successful coalitions (mental health coalition, affordable energy coalition)
- Focus on a key message, a model, develop proposal
- Need a staff person
- Apply for grants – Claudia to research those
- Opportunities:
 - HRM is developing Affordable Housing Functional Plan
 - Funding for affordable housing extended for 5 years
 - Develop a Housing Strategy with focus on opportunities presented by the non-profit sector (e.g. Nfld & Labrador)
 - **ACTION:** Claudia will follow up, set up a sub-committee meeting

6. AGM- November

- Suggested date Nov. 19th ; some possible goals:

- Visioning
- Recruitment
- Review research on affordable housing networks (Ontario, BC, NB, NFLD)
- Facilitate a discussion around a theme “Affordable Housing Strategy for Nova Scotia – Building on Our Strengths”
- Potential Speakers: Alex and Bruce Pierce from NFLD
- **ACTION:** Claudia to confirm date and location and call a sub-committee

7. Election Strategy

- **ACTION:** Circulate M. Shapcott’s fact sheet
<http://wellesleyinstitute.com/blog/michael-shapcott>

8. Community Updates

- MNPHA is breaking ground – 20 new units & support centre!
- \$350 K awarded in renovations from the latest SCPT RFP round
- Also, emergency funding
- Stepping Stone support workers funded
- E. Fry social enterprise on Portland Street
- Hugh Seagull from the Senate visited Halifax – Bill and Claudia made a presentation

9. Next Meeting

Thursday October 23 at 4:30 pm CAH Office

7. Adjourn

Prepared by: Kasia Tota, Secretary

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