

Task Force on Poverty Elimination
Information and Research Round Table Minutes

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

CN Tower, 8th Floor, Room 820

In attendance: Fiona Cavanagh, Peter Faid, John Kolkman, Allan Undheim, Deanna Williamson, Pieter de Vos, Jolene Volpe, Kate Gunn, Ward Antoniuk, Kris Andreychuk, Lucenia Ortiz

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm. Opening comments from Fiona Cavanagh. 	N/A
Updates from the May 27 Task Force meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John gave general updates from the meeting Lucenia explained how the RTs could align with the TF and what are the deadlines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A joint calendar to be created in order to proactively anticipate what information the TF should need and follow their work (2 month timeline currently) A basic presentation of the RTs budget to be put together soon.
Discussion about the TF meeting and their response to our submitted definition	<p>The focus of the TF June 17 meeting will be the framework and working groups.</p> <p>Subgroup should be an initial communication between all representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subgroup meeting to take place on June 9. A more concise version of the definition is needed. The definition should not be long and too politically orientated but rather simple with a potential explanation below. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pieter to be the IRRT representative for the subgroup. A joint meeting of both RTs to be held soon.
Key work on frameworks/models	<p>Framework that has already been done to be considered and built on.</p> <p>The existing framework to be presented at the TF meeting on June 17 with some changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying factors that are unique to Edmonton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Faid and Pieter de Vos to get together next week and go through the framework. Peter to come forward with a proposal relating to neighbourhood – it would help develop the basis of framework. Discussion about it to start on

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including other considerations such as the Aboriginal experience of poverty • Explaining why this framework still holds up. 	Basecamp.
Infographics as a tool / IRRT recommendation	Infographics are a useful tool that makes information identifiable for everyone.	
Revisit new members being added to the roundtable	Focusing on what skills are missing to the IRRT.	Nathan and Mark to be considered as potential future members of IRRT or other groups.
IRRT next steps	Next IRRT meeting to be held on July 9.	
Meeting Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiona adjourned the meeting. • Meeting ended at 5:45 pm. 	

Comments and suggestions

- The process of forming a plan should not be rushed or guided by the plan deadline.
- Working on a plan is of higher importance than working on the definition.
- Having a definition that guides.
- It is impossible for the definition to include every single group affected by poverty. It should rather contain the essential aspect.
- Detailed analysis by neighbourhoods by poverty to come forward with a proposal that is place based making connections with a certain variable in different neighbourhoods.
- Should be mindful about not just doing data analysis but doing something that will be useful for the TF.
- Suggestions about the plan should be municipally focused.
- The plan should also take into consideration some of the unique features of Edmonton, such as that there is no Aboriginal part of Edmonton and that poverty is found in all parts of the city.
- People who are not directly affected by poverty should be included in the plan.
- Suggestions should tie in with the current economic situation.
- Using Gapminder could be useful for infographics.