**CBD MEETING MINUTES**

**4th August 2021**

**ZOOM**

**10:00**

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**PRESENT:** Pat Eddy (CCID), Headman Siralala (CCID ), Liezel Conradie (Homestead), Nqabakazi Mathe (Homestead), Rushni Collins (WCSCF), Janice King (WCSCF), Jenny Claasen (WCSCF)

**APOLOGIES**: Andrea Carelse (DSD CT Office)

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Rushni welcomed everyone.

**Current situation on the street:**

* Rushni shared Andrea’s feedback in her absence.
* At the moment just Andrea and Sue-Ellen on the Program
* Theo has moved and Pam’s position has not been filled, yet
* 3 graduates have recently started at DSD- being trained all over
* Andrea hope to train one of them for the Program
* They are alternating doing intakes
* No new cases since lockdown
* Need place in an independent living facility for one client turning 18 in September

**CCID:**

* No new cases- due to CCID team vigilant in CBD area and limited opportunities to beg covid restrictions
* There are no still train services to town

**The Homestead:**

* Have about 48 children attending programme in Woodstock
* Programme only runs on week days, so there are more children begging on the streets on weekends
* Some children only attend on off days from school and during school holidays
* Some are not attending school at all, but follow some educational programme at DIC
* Managed to get some children registered at school and some are still on the waiting lists
* The Homestead has a close working relationship with the Education Department in Maitland
* Tracey is the new social worker at the DIC and they are open from 08H00 to 17H00 on weekdays
* Chain breakers run a cycling programme on weekends for the children
* There are also a group of mostly boys begging on streets in Elsies River. Ages range from 12 to 17 years.
* Janice offered to make any information needed regarding DIC available to the new social worker, Tracy

**DSD: Robert McDonald:**

* Janice shared feedback from Robert Mc Donald
* Street Children’s Programme was rolled out to DSD local offices
* Specifically briefed point people at these offices
* New Chief Director was recently appointed- Annemie van Reenen who is over DSD regional and local offices
* Charles Jordan is still over NPO’s and designated Child Protection organisations
* Janice to work with Charles Jordan, Annemie van Reenen, and regional directors, Soraya Abrahams, Quinton Arendse and Martha Harris regarding SCP at DSD local offices
* DSD focusing on feeding schemes during Covid Pandemic through community action networks, City and Food Forum
* Robert McDonald is also part of Hotspots Forum (10) the new Homelessness Forum
* Above forums are currently just for Government organisations, civil society are not brought on, yet. To be tendered.
* DSD to connect us with Chief of law enforcement, Rudolf Willcher i.c.w street children
* Facility for street children in Clanwilliam was expanded – 40 more beds
* Multi- year project (4 years) continues at Sia Catalo (next to Lindelani)
* Focus on developing PEI until project is completed

**The Homeless and covid:**

* Homeless largely escaped first two waves of covid
* During the third way safe spaces, Youth Solutions Africa, Hope Exchange had positive cases
* While Street Scapes ran programme for vulnerable groups, 30 percent of clients and staff became positive
* Homeless will be vaccinated from this coming Friday at Hope Exchange and subsequent follow-up dates if needed
* Vaccination will continue even in absence of identity documents or hospital card and in other areas as well
* The Provincial Department of Health provides quarantine spaces to NGO’s and shelters

**Camps Bay and Sea point:**

* Need to find out how children get to Camps Bay
* At meeting with CTMSC and CWC- it was mentioned that they are mostly from Kalksteenfontein
* CWC and Camp Bay Business Forum met with principal of Kalksteenfontein Primary school
* CTMSC focus on school-based programme not street children
* Rushni to schedule a meeting where The Homestead are included, as they focus on street children
* Captain Bester of SAPS are open to collaboration in Camps Bay area

**Public awareness:**

* People to give to organisations working with children instead of to children on the street
* CCID has flyer featuring organisations working with children and adults on the street
* 100 copies were given to businesses and other stakeholders to distribute to public
* There is sufficient support for children, but not for adults on the street
* Information to create awareness could possibly be painted on public walls
* WCSCF also has flyer with relevant organisations listed on it.
* Flyers was distributed at hotels, guesthouses and restaurants in the past

**Next Meeting: 3 November 2021**

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