

Aspires Housing Group of Calgary
Minutes from Meeting of Thursday, January 9th, 2020, 7-9pm
The Ability Hub, Sinneave Family Foundation

Guest Speakers:

Linda Perry, Executive Director, Vela Microboards, British Columbia:

This presentation was recorded using Zoom technology. The Sinneave team is currently working on creating a Zoom link to the video and this should be available in early March. When the link is available, an email message will be sent out to notify all Aspires members that they can view the presentation with the link.

Horizon View Evaluation - Carolyn Dudley, Sinneave Family Foundation Supported Independent Living (SIL) Staff, presented the results of a 6-month follow up survey with residents and families. This presentation will also be available via the Zoom link once the link is ready.

Carolyn closed with 'The most important things to do if you are interested in Horizon View':

- Contact us @ housinginfo@sinneavefoundation.org
- We will put you in touch with Monarch House to do a support needs assessment for supported independent living. They will call you to set up an appointment to determine if you are a fit for Horizon View and the support offered there.

Business Meeting:

- **Request for Additional Agenda Items:** March of Dimes Update added to Agenda
- **Review and Approval of Minutes from December 5, 2019:** The minutes have been posted on the Aspires website. No changes or corrections noted.
- **March of Dimes Update:** Larry Scarbeau, Regional Director, March of Dimes Alberta: March of Dimes Community Support Services help people to live in their own homes and be more independent. MODC run day programs and camps as well as provide employment supports to help clients achieve greater independence. MODC currently run group homes in Edmonton contracted by the Government of Nunavut. Clients are of all ages and some have autism.
 - Recently M.O.D. achieved 'Accredited Qualified Service Provider' with P.D.D. Alberta (Persons with Developmental Disabilities) M.O.D. is currently looking for opportunities in the Calgary region.
- **Project Updates and New Developments:** John Seigner, Director of Independent Living, Sinneave Family Foundation

Horizon View: Wait list is ongoing for individuals with low support needs. We receive short notice for units that come available. Ensure if you are interested that you send an email to housinginfo@sinneavefoundation.org You will be referred to Monarch House to complete a support needs assessment. If a unit is offered to you, you will be contacted and you need to be

ready if you are interested. Units are offered to other agencies/clients within days if not accepted.

Norfolk Housing. Three Aspires members with low support needs are currently tenants of Norfolk House. The families are working on setting up a social support system for them.

Homespace has informed us that they will also have inventory for tenants with low support needs. The new building is located in the downtown area and is scheduled for completion and occupancy in the fall of 2020. Homespace also has a smaller apartment building designed for medium support individuals who want to have their own unit but need regular check-ins. The building is located in the Kensington area and is scheduled for occupancy in 2020. SFF Independent Living Team are working with Homespace on these opportunities.

Attainable Homes: SIL would like to support a project for families/individuals who are interested in investing equity. [Attainable Homes](#) is the organization we were looking to work with and we will continue to pursue this idea. John will arrange for a tour with Attainable.

Housing Symposium: The Sinneave Family Foundation in partnership with Autism Alliance of Alberta is planning a two-day housing symposium to be held in the fall of 2020. Planning is currently underway. Information will be shared with Aspires as the event planning progresses.

- **New Business:**
- **Social Update:** We are looking at late March or April for a spring potluck.
- **Family Round Table:** Families and individuals in attendance who were new to Aspires introduced themselves and described the housing solution they feel would best fit them.
- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 6, 2020 7-9 p.m at The Ability Hub