

## **NCRP Board of Directors Meeting #9: SUMMARY**

**23 November 2015** via teleconference

Participants: David Hulchanski (chair), Barb Besner, Larry Bourne, Leslie Evans, Kathleen Gallagher, Scott Graham, Jill Grant, Michelynn Laflèche, David Ley, Richard Maaranen, Robert Murdie, Damaris Rose, Ivan Townshend, Alan Walks.

Regrets: Jino Distasio, Leanne Holt, Valerie Preston, Kasia Tota

### **1. Brief CMA Updates**

Following the updates David reminded the Board that we always welcome new co-investigators and community partners. Most of the team is busy with existing funded NCRP projects.

### **2. Updates from SSHRC**

David noted that we have a new SSHRC Program Officer, Stephanie Sweetland, and that the mid-term review by SSHRC is due March 31, 2016. The mid-term report consists of a ten-page narrative report with a number of appendices. In early January team members will be asked to supply the information SSHRC is requesting.

### **3. Budget Update**

**It was agreed by the Board that** each CMA team, when they are close to using most of their initial \$15,000 for local research management and dissemination support, can request up to another \$10,000 if they need it. This does not exclude the possibility of further additional funds in the future. Thus, an additional \$60,000 will be allocated to this line in our budget, likely to be allocated during 2015 and 2016. (This may be a total of \$70,000; see decision in Item 5 below).

### **4. Private Sector Rental Housing Initiative**

David updated the Board on the large purchase of 2006 Statistics Canada crosstabs. Cost: \$7,200. The variables are listed on pages 24 to 32 in the September 2015 update of our data inventory.

**It was agreed by the Board that:**

- a) CMA teams will review the variables by the first week of January 2016 and offer advice on whether any should be added when we purchase additional years (likely to be 1981, 1996, 2016);
- b) Richard M will distribute the 2006 CMA specific data to each CMA team by the end of this month;

- c) Richard M will produce a number of basic tables relating to rental housing and tenants for each CMA from the data (PDF version, and the excel sheet).

## **5. New Board members**

The Board thanked Paul Shakotko (United Way Halifax) for his contributions to the NCRP since our start and welcomed his successor as the Halifax community member of the Board, Kasia Tota (Community Developer, Halifax Regional Municipality).

**It was agreed by the Board that** we welcome to the Board two additional members, Richard Harris (McMaster University), and a community partner from the Hamilton CMA. It was noted that the Hamilton team have produced a “3-cities” analysis for Hamilton and members are working on further NCRP research on Hamilton. The Hamilton team has the option of receiving up to \$10,000 for local management and dissemination as described in Item 3 above.

## **6. NCRP at Mid-term: What needs to change?**

David noted that:

- active updating of the website will begin soon;
- research summaries will be launched soon;
- a blog will be launched;
- management and release of reports will be better managed.;
- There will likely be enough activity for a periodic newsletter, for the team and the interested public.

## **7. Next Team Research Symposium (May 18-20) & Board Meetings (Feb. 3 & May 3)**

It was agreed in a poll some months ago that the next team meeting will be on May 18 to 20 in Toronto. The agenda will mainly consist of presentations of research findings by team members. It will mainly be a research symposium with only a short period of time set aside to discuss project management issues.

As agreed in a poll, the next Board meetings are scheduled for:

- February 3, 2 to 4pm EST; and
- May 3, 1 to 3pm EST