

# BCPRS Report - Pemberton

## Introduction:

Date	March 27, 2018
Community	Pemberton
# of Participants	5
# of Organizations	1

## About the Participants:

Tell us a bit about your group (i.e. general social and demographic profile – i.e. seniors, youth, single mothers, people who are homeless etc....)

Our group was a comprised of social services professionals, and folks with lived experiences, and youth

## About the Findings:

Tell us about the types of insights and feedback received to the following questions:

1. What are the issues facing you and people living in poverty right now?
2. What would address these issues and help you or others out of poverty?

Issues: [Provide the results of your discussion of the issues – it should be transcribed from your flip chart notes]

- Lack of good paid work/ no living wage available
- Cost of living vs actual jobs/ working 6 days per week or multiple part time jobs
- Childcare/ lack of supervision for children of working parents/ lack of spaces/ affordability/ reduction of work to stay at home to look after children
- Transportation/ hitchhiking/ very limited service/ gaps in services/ no cab services
- Housing insecurity/ single parents struggle to find or maintain housing/ homelessness is hidden/ high utility costs
- Lack of services in the areas such as: immigrant, counselling or ESL
- Funding is cut when programs become successful/ lack of funding/ funding reduced or cut with little warning/ service delivery employees discouraged
- Youth in Pemberton and Mt. Currie have little access to services such as: structured affordable programming throughout the year/ drop in facilities/



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## Possible Solutions

[Provide the results of your discussion of possible solutions– it should be transcribed from your flip chart notes]

- Need more apartment rentals in the area for lower income households/ purpose built rentals/ studio suites that are affordable for singles and couples/ more housing for youth in transition/ employee housing funded by employers/ season employee housing/ long term funding for homeless prevention program
- Increase RAP/ Safer rates
- Housing subsidy not connected to a facility
- Long term and secure funding for service delivery
- More notice provided if and when funding is being reduced or cut
- Funding stability
- Gross \$ vs Net \$ calculations for subsidy, should be based on net \$
- Transportation/ municipality need to advocate more to trans link to adjust current transit system to better meet the needs of workers and community/ later evening service between Pemberton and Whistler
- Increase cap for people with disability, reduce claw backs.

## Solutions and Actions That Can Make a Difference

(a) Looking at the list of issues and solutions generated, what types of solutions did the individuals who participated in your meeting identify as most important to them ?[ Each participant should receive four (4) sticky dots to put on the solutions that from their perspective are most important]. Your summary report should include any of the solutions that received a dot from those that received the most dots to those receiving only one dot.

- Housing
- More service delivery
- More funding
- Transportation

## (b) What emerged as the top 3 solutions or ideas based on the conversations and the individual priority setting?

1. Housing affordability for low income households
2. More funding for service delivery
3. Better access to transportation services