

Housing First Forum

Friday March 28th

Coast Hotel and Conference Centre, 1250 Rogers Way

9:00am to 3:00pm

Brought to you by HomeFree, the Homelessness Action Plan, and the City of Kamloops

Event MC: Lisa White, Kamloops Chamber of Commerce

- 9:00 – 9:15** **Opening Prayer**
Elder Jimmy Jack
Welcome and Introduction
Mayor of Kamloops, Peter Milobar
- 9:15 – 9:45** **Local Context for Housing First**
Tangie Genshorek, Coordinator, Kamloops Homelessness Action Plan
Jeanie Cardinal, Executive Director, White Buffalo Aboriginal and Métis Health Society
- 9:50 – 10:45** **What is Housing First? Principles and purpose, planning and considerations**
Alina Turner, Turner Research and Strategy
- 10:45 – 10:55** *Coffee Break*
- 10:55 – 12:00** **5 Years of Success – At Home/Chez Soi**
Catharine Hume, Director of Housing & Homelessness, Mental Health Commission of Canada
- 12:00** *Lunch*
- 12:15 – 1:00** **Panel discussion with presenters, open to audience questions**
Facilitator: Carmin Mazzotta, Social & Community Development Supervisor, City of Kamloops
- 1:05 – 1:15** **HPS Community Plan – Putting our Funding to Work**
Claire Macleod, Project Manager – Housing and Homelessness, City of Kamloops
- 1:15 – 1:55** **Achieving Housing First readiness – collaboration and support**
Edie Fisher, Manager of Housing and Shelters, Homes First
- 2:00 – 2:50** **Aboriginal Homelessness and Youth Homelessness**
Steve Teekens, Executive Director, Na-Me-Res
- 2:50 – 3:00** **Forum wrap-up and Next Steps**

