

Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee (AHSC)

The Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee (AHSC) is an inclusive committee of organizations from across Metropolitan Vancouver. The AHSC has over twenty Aboriginal Non-Profit organization members that have been working together since 2000 to identify and address gaps in Aboriginal homelessness in the Metro Vancouver area.

The Chair of the AHSC is Mr. Patrick Stewart, MAIBC, who is also Past President of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia.

The AHSC is the community forum for ideas, comprehensive planning, organising, sharing research, and partnering to accomplish poverty reduction work. The AHSC agrees that the most effective means of addressing the vision is through Aboriginal best practices and culturally appropriate services. The AHSC meets on a monthly basis to develop and implement strategies to ensure that their vision is achieved.

The AHSC is responsible for working towards the implementation of the 2003 Aboriginal Homelessness Study. An abridged version of this report, including priorities in addressing homelessness for the Aboriginal community, is available as part of the *3 Ways to Home: Regional Homelessness Plan for Greater Vancouver*. The complete report is available by contacting Lu'ma Native Housing Society.

The AHSC is also responsible for recommending projects for funding under the Urban Aboriginal Homelessness (UAH) funding stream of the Homelessness Partnering Initiative. Since 2000, the AHSC has disseminated over \$10 Million to Aboriginal homelessness programs in the Metro Vancouver area.

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