

Community Organizations & Local Service Partners



Frontline knowledge, community connection, and practical local support.

Community organizations and local service partners bring direct knowledge of local needs, barriers, resources, and service gaps. Their participation strengthens referrals, shared planning, and practical coordination across Oceanside.

Susanna Newton

Executive Director, Society of Organized Services

Susanna brings more than thirty years of SOS experience and extensive non-profit leadership. Her knowledge connects the Task Force with community programs supporting children, youth, families, adults, and seniors throughout District 69. Her long-standing community perspective helps identify changing needs, strengthen partnerships, and connect local planning with trusted programs already serving Oceanside residents.

Learn more: www.sosd69.com

Jamie Baird

Chair, Oceanside Community Action Team

Jamie brings community leadership, advocacy, and lived-and-living-experience-informed knowledge. Through OCAT, Jamie supports public education, harm reduction, community events, grief and remembrance initiatives, and local action addressing poverty and the toxic-drug crisis. This experience helps keep Task Force discussions grounded in compassion, community voice, and the realities faced by people directly affected.

Learn more: www.oceansidecat.org

Tina Nielsen

Oceanside Outreach Society

Tina brings frontline outreach knowledge and direct experience supporting people experiencing homelessness and housing instability throughout Oceanside. Her participation connects Task Force planning with current street-level realities, referral barriers, and emerging community needs. Tina's practical insight helps partners recognize service gaps and develop responses that are accessible, timely, and informed by direct community contact.

Learn more: www.oceansidetaskforce.com

Sheila Simpson

Knox United Church

Sheila represents the contribution of faith communities and community support networks, including volunteer involvement, practical assistance, gathering space, compassionate support, and strong local relationships. Her participation helps connect Task Force planning with residents and volunteers who provide welcoming spaces, essential assistance, and steady community care to people experiencing hardship.

Learn more: www.kucparksville.ca

Sara Schreider

Outreach Subsidy Coordinator, Island Crisis Care Society

Sara brings expertise in outreach, housing support, subsidy coordination, homelessness prevention, referrals, and community partnerships. Her participation strengthens connections between Task Force planning and services supporting housing stability. Her knowledge of local referral pathways and housing barriers helps improve coordination for individuals who need timely, practical support to remain housed or move toward stable accommodation.

Learn more: www.islandcrisiscaresociety.ca