

EFAN Meeting
October 4th, 2011

Attendance: Brittani, Leca, Denise, Chris, Ashley, Roxanna, Kelly , Aaron, Elizabeth, June, Nina, Laurie, Laurel, Alaina, Valerie, Kealy Dube CASA, Diane, Paul, Nicole, Lorraine Green, Stephanie, Elaine Bragg, Raquel, Kim, Bernie, Colleen, Leanne, Gail

Regrets: Magdalena

1: Role Call – Call to Order

2: Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: approved

3: New Resources: Quarterly Network Newsletter – Target Audience is EFAN members (not so much parents caregivers etc) and to inform the community about the Network and what we do. To submit anything you should email it to brittani.sorenson@catholicsocialservices.ab.ca It will be coming out quarterly in Oct, Jan, Apr & July. Please have any submissions in by the 15th of the previous month.

4: Enhanced PCAP Grant (Bissell & change to deliverables) – got enhanced PCAP dollars a year and a half ago, bissel originally applied for ASI training & to hire someone to do that. Also to build relationship with Enoc. Want to change what they are using the funding for, Paul & Peggy will be sending out a letter of intent that will be voted on to approve or not approve. Expect the email reasonably soon, non-funded agencies only can vote.

5. Laurel & Denise – meeting with the mayor - Thought the meeting went well. The mayor met with us for about 10 minutes and left us with his Assistant Chief of Staff and the Chair of REACH Edmonton. They invited us to join REACH as members and become involved in what they are doing. Their new ED, who starts next week, is a very knowledgeable woman – she is Jan Fox, who was the first female prison warden in Canada. I've met her – she “gets” it, I believe. The mayor has some good advisors too it seems. He was quoting that 80% of people in jail have FASD – perhaps that came from Jan Fox.

Anyway they also said they would lend us some political clout if we wanted to draw up a business plan and go after some other level of government for more funding. Of course he doesn't have any \$\$ for programs. TEACH appears to be formed to increase visibility of the crime problem and support others who are working in areas that would reduce crime – whether it be FASD, housing or whatever.

I think it was pretty positive. The Chair of REACH Edmonton has already written an e-mail to Denise and I thanking us for the meeting and inviting us to their REACH Open House on October 24th. I will forward you the e-mail from her.

Now we have to figure out what we want to do with it. I definitely think we should have membership(s) with REACH, whether that be by agency or EFAN, or both. It's \$20-\$40 per year I believe so now a big dollar item. The City of Edmonton will be a good friend to have I suspect, even if it's just for the optics of it.

Motion: Gail makes motion to purchase a Reach Membership

Secunder: Aaron
Passed.

6: **FASD Day Follow up:**

Went “smashingly”, t-shirts ran out fast.

Denise had conversation with Janice Penner – said she was too busy answering questions and handing out pamphlets to even watch. Our event was creating the most buzz.

Bernie – did open houses throughout the week to increase understanding. Very well attended.

Wondering if we want to do a weekly build up for next year.

In past years there was panels at the Glenrose, displays etc.

Thankyou to the Glenrose ladies for putting together the video to learn the dance.

Next Year –

Another flash mob on the Friday?

Already looking into doing a FASD Day 5k walk 10k run on Sept 9th as it is a Saturday. I would need 3 key volunteers: Route Guide, Media connection, Social Director

We need to come up with a mission, not just creating awareness of FASD something bigger, ex pledges.

We would need to come up with our target population:

Location: Laurier Park

Time:?

Volunteers: Nicole, Ashley, Colleen, Nina, Kelly, Alaina, Elizabeth

7: **Training Interests:** Wendy Hope Foundation, Counselors in counseling dep, Debica Clinician from Bosco, Survey Monkey, Suicide risk assessment, training for specific populations, Eating disorders FASD (males),

8: **Gail Presentation:** TERRA: working with teen parents, young women up to 19. Voluntary services, not a MUST. Empowering teen parents to succeed. Stay on caseload up to 5 years. Healthy Families – pregnant/child less than 3m old. PATHS – child over 3m. Both home visitation programs. Connected with Braemar School & Daycare as well as Lady of Grace. Provide food and presentations for the teens. Health for 2. Do a lot of budget work shops, healthy eating. Have an apartment block and on site housing block with minimal subsidy. Need to apply and do an interview to get a place. Dads program, they have two male workers. Give resources more for the men, less touchy feely stuff. Group activities such as a family group – Celebration Night. Doesn't always cost money to have fun. Use leisure access pass. Healthier styles of activities. Nurses run a prenatal class. Don't need to have a TERRA worker to attend the classes. Doula services. Clothing closet at office and school. Stock pile diapers.

9: **PCAP Council – Alaina/Ashley** - group from across Alberta, creating a centralized database. PCAP is based out of Seattle. Person contracted to make an Alberta Program Manual – 1st draft should be done in October. Will the data tool match the CFS reporting? Still trying to pick the right reporting.

10: **Supports and Service Council** - canceled this month

11: **PCAP Partner Advocate** - boyfriends/husbands of PCAP clients. Want 6 clients. 18+

12: CMC Update - 450 people attended the learning series put on Sept 29th.
Developing training toolkits to go with the webcasts that are being piloted out.
Posters and Coasters coming soon.
Canada NorthWest Partnership – BC AB SK MB & Territories, group may go national.
KPMG eval done and report was presented to the CMC, got baseline data. CMC supports the recommendations. Draft copy is out.
Q3 Payments are going out as planned
No funding increase for the coming fiscal year
No PCAP dollars for next year
Reports due OCT 14, Q2 2008 & Sched B.

13: Agency/ External Committee Updates:

Denise – CSS: First steps: 1 staff just resigned, 1 opening. Job posting will be up soon. Caseloads are pretty much full. Tannis will now be doing intakes.

Alaina – FASD Community Educator: new educator can tailor any presentation to specific needs.

Paul – Bissell: will start taking referrals next week. Need a Female Advocate & PCAP/Partner Advocate position open. Oct 26, Bissell Comedy Night for Fundraising.

Chris – youth probation: hired some new PO's to decrease caseload size.

Diane – Child and Family Services: no update

Laurie-ABHS- national addictions awareness week – Art Fusion Showcase Nov 19. Artwork etc needs to be submitted by Oct 26th. Doing fundraising for other non-profit agencies. More information to follow. Also, doing a family fun day.

Colleen – McDaniel: down an entire program both Sol. Gen. positions. Wait list is still closed. Sol Gen positions do not have a waitlist. Halloween party is coming up.

Leanne – Step by Step: waitlist of 6-7 clients.

Raquel – Norwood: parenting and partnership workshop, treasure hunt for male role models and children, Halloween party for families.

Kim - nothing new

Bernie- Glenrose - feel free to bring people in with questions to the clinic. Will also go out and do presentations to staff. Done with research component of project. Looking to do poster presentations.

Aaron – EYOC: open house went well, trying to help with the FASD sol gen position.

Lorraine - Health for Two: old strathcona youth society is going to house the resources. Series of 7 half day workshops that staff will be taking.

June - YWCA: 2nd walk a mile in her shoes, was huge this year.

Gail – Terra: oct 12 diaper kick off, “adults in diapers”

Kealy – CASA: still looking for an OT, not taking any new clients

Elaine - WRAP Project: going into its 3rd yr, supporting schools in central/northern AB. Getting good response about support on schools site. KPMG is getting really good findings with this approach. Schools are happy with the prevention work is it doing. Doing a presentation in Calgary in November.

Elizabeth-GES: 4 schools/week. Would like to do something in the community but there is low interest.

Roxanna - Coaching families: 8 on waitlist, parent support groups going well.

Laurel – Leduc: city published most recent census, showed an increase in birth rate of 64%, young communities, lots of babies. Very busy.

14: Working Group Updates:

Child and Youth

Minute Taker: Brittani

Attendance: Brittani, Nicole, Kealy, Raquel, Elizabeth, Valerie, Stephanie, & Roxanna

Projects/Tasks Completed from Last Meeting: Packages were delivered to the following schools:

Lamont, Bruderheim, Redwater, Morinville, All outreach schools in Edmonton, All Fort Sask schools, Avalon, Belgravia, Garneau, McKee, Oliver, Tevie Miller, Aldergrove, Belmead, Brightview, Crestwood, Elmwood, James Gibbons, Lynnewood, Meadowlark, Youngstown, EISB, Highwood, & Partners for Youth.

Ideas/Projects Being Discussed:

Success stories for the blog

Tip sheets:

Nov – Internet/Social Media Awareness for Teens

Dec – Maintaining Sanity over Christmas Break

Tasks/Next Steps and Individuals Responsibilities:

Each group member will email Brittani two tips for the tip sheet and Brittani will put them together

Issues/Concerns/Notes: Nicole will be the new Co-Chair.

Prevention: Ashley is the new co-chair – advertising on social media – specifically facebook. Want to do something with the mocktail pamphlets. Follow up with the ad for the birth right magazine.

Minute Taker: Ashley

Attendance: Laurel, Denise, Ashley, Gail, Laurie, Alaina, Diane, Lorraine.

Ideas/Projects Being Discussed: AD in birthright magazine – was sent to Lisa, no update. Ashley to follow up with Lisa about the magazine.

Facebook ads – read fine print for next meeting – connecting EFAN website to facebook page.

Look into twitter

Liking in to social media all members

Brittani looking into mocktail brochures

Look into what we are doing in mocktails, pledge next FASD Day

Look into tv ad laurel next meeting

Confirm with child and youth about FB tipsheet

Adults: housing training opportunities, how to teach youth/young adults to get/keep housing. Ages 13-whatever. Work with homeless to homes program to present. If anyone has something specific they would like in the training please email Colleen.

Minute Taker: Nina

Attendance: Nina, Colleen, Kelly, _____??

Projects/Tasks Completed from Last Meeting: FASD Day done.

Ideas/Projects Being Discussed: information on housing, employment, looking at programs to stay out of correction housing (finding transitions). AISH, SFI. Trying to plug gaps. Potentially do

a training session on how do you find housing, how do you find jobs. Talk to H2H program at Bissell for a presentation.

15. **Next meetings:** Leadership Oct 20, Network Nov 1