

Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network



SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 03, 2015

The Society members met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 03, 2015 at DECSA:

Present: Denise p., Lisa R., Bernie, Ashton, Wendy, Paul, Leona, Stephanie, Miranda, Roxanna, Nicole, Dave, Hayle, Fayanne, Tamara, Tracey, Heidi, Gloria, Beth, Mark, Micheline, Nadine

1. Call to order and roll call

The meeting was called to order by Mark St. Germaine

2. Approval of last minutes

Gloria Polowy approved last meeting minutes

3. Caregiver / Staff FASD series

- a) Series re-done with the approval of the province. Contact Lisa and Paul for series
- b) Jeff Noble posts new videos on his page almost daily. Members encouraged to check them out

4. FASD tip sheet committee

- This month's tip sheet's focus is on "Care for Caregivers"
- Miranda asked members to send her their contributions
- Tip sheet team will decide on topics for upcoming months

5. Messaging Committee

- Mark and Ashley met last month
- Qadra will join the messaging committee
- Summer camps available for all kids
- Anyone else interested can join the messaging committee

6. Strategic Planning Day

- All day meeting scheduled for Mar 03, 2015 at Chateau Louis – Commercial Room
- Program for the day posted on the blog
- Spots still available, members reminded to RSVP with Qadra

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7. Executive Committee

- Ashley and Leah resigned from the committee
- Committee left with Dani, Laurel, and Bernie
- Members asked to apply for the two vacant slots

8. Prevention Conversation

- 163 formal training conducted covering about 2,100 individuals
- EFAN is the only network that ran out of resources
- Prevention conversation ongoing until June 30
- Posting for a contracted position for Prevention Conversation Facilitator
- Incumbent will take over for Mar – June

9. FASD Day and K-Days Parade

- Applications for Churchill Square, High Level Bridge, and K-Days have been sent
- Pickle stress balls have been ordered and were expected to be delivered on Feb 02, 15
- Quotation for Pickle t-shirts received
- Waiting on confirmation for K-Days participation before placing an order for the t-shirts
- Looking into a low cost bubble machine for K-Days Parade

10. Funded program updates

A. EFAN

- This year's conference has been cancelled
- Lisa tabled need to hold a mini conference in fall
- Conference proposed to include parents and caregivers
- Fayanne stated there is need for evenings and weekend support groups
- It was reported that CSS is starting evening groups in September
- Miranda asked to add Fayanne and probation officers in mail out list

B. Adult Clinic

- Scheduled all 45 cases and hoping to finish by March
- Still taking referrals
- Waitlist has clients who are either missing or are not ready
 - **Bernadene Mallon**
 - On a separate note, Bernie attended training in Whitehorse with Dr. Jacqueline Pei and Dr. Gail Andrew as an EFAN Member
 - This training brought assessment and community stakeholders close

C. E-Fry

- Weekly programs in schools ongoing
- Mental Health collaborations ongoing
- Formed new partnership with Boyle Street
- Visiting Amory for the first time this week
- The other coordinator is on leave

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D. Employ Ability

- Focused on employment
- 15 individuals currently in training
- Program doesn't have waitlist
- Retention increased due to site training for newly hired individuals

E. Bissell Centre

- Paul will start his new role as FASS Educator next
- Planning to highlight PCAP on the upcoming frontline meeting
- Frontline meeting scheduled for next week
- PCAP partnership losing momentum
- Bissell could use PCAP referrals

F. CASA

- Catching up on the waitlist

G. Couching Families – CSS

- 11 families on waitlist
- Members encouraged to refer clients
- Glenrose support groups carried out once a month
- Support groups for caregivers is ongoing

H. Terra

- Prenatal classes start in March
- Caseload at 16
- Referred one client to *Employ Ability*
- Working with a dad with a four year old who is in need of an assessment
- Glenrose advised that kids have to be at least 6 for an assessment
- Early intervention in early start can let caregiver know what supports the child needs

I. Young Offenders

- Section 34 of criminal act is affecting young offenders referrals
- Initially probation officers could share assessment on sec 34 verbally, this helped in
 - Case conferencing
 - Counselling referrals
 - FASD referrals
 - Access to medical help for sex offenders
- What's happening now
 - Court orders an assessment
 - Doctor does assessment and sends back to the court
 - Judge uses assessment to make a ruling
 - Youth offenders office have no access to the assessments
 - Probation officers can request for another assessment but court ordered assessments get priority

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- Private clinics assessments are costly and therefore not an option
- This is a legal issue that is currently being challenged at the supreme court

- J. Leduc County**
- Busy due to one staff being away
- 3 new clients added into the waitlist
- Received a small grant for homelessness
 - Grant support is for homeless clients and those at risk of being homeless

- K. Edmonton CFS**
- Hiring freeze still on
- Waiting to see what else is on cost reduction

- L. Metis Nation**
- Nothing to report

- M. Bosco Homes**
- Waitlist still there
- Tracey introduced Heidi as their new practicum student
- Lots of changes coming up including OBSD but cannot share at the moment

- N. Elves Needy Society**
- Nothing to report

- O. DECSA**
- Assets program ongoing
- Partnered with agencies who have access to employers
- Partnered with agencies on counselling etc
- Six (6) weeks cooking certificate program ongoing
- Child minding program ongoing
- Walk in post care counselling services at Native Friendship Centre – 95 ST and 117 Ave

- P. McDaniel Youth – CSS**
- Waitlist closed at 20
- Program took several more intakes
- Monthly men/women groups ongoing

- Q. 1st Steps – CSS**
- Lisa left the agency and Stephanie replaced her
- One position still vacant
- Program continues to respond to new intakes
- ALL PCAP members attending mentor days
- No new updates on successes and challenges

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R. Lisa – More Updates

- Northwest Central Network retired
 - Leadership asking for help in PCAP supervision
 - Once Lisa has more info on this, she will email members with PCAP programs
- Meeting with Adult Assessment funders
 - Yearly funding discussed
- Lisa held a presentation for judges
- Lisa Rogozinsky and Denise Plesuk will present to all Provincial Judges on May 14

S. Membership Fees

- Members urged to pay their membership fees
- Cheque is payable to Bissell and mailed to EFAN
- EFAN will log in the cheque for tracking and send to Bissell Centre

T. ORS Training

- Dates set for April 01 – 17, 2015
- Expectation is all staff and managers will go through the training
- It was reported that EFAN will be the 1st network to be trained on the system
- Qadra will be testing the system, she is however, still waiting for the testing dates

The meeting was adjourned, at 11:10 a.m.

Next meeting will be an all-day meeting held at Chateau Louis Kingsway

Date: March 03, 2014

Time: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Commercial Room