

# Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network



## SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES MAY 05, 2015

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The Society members met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 05, 2015 at DECSA:

**Present:** Mark, Denise, Brittany, Leona, Lisa D., Bernie, Miranda, Gloria, Qadra, Lori, Natalie, Sue, Ashley, Carol, Dani, Lisa S., Heather, Michelle, Nadine, Tamara, Laura, Jessica, Deneka

**Absent with Regret:** Ashton, Wendy, Lisa, Paul, and Tracy

### 1. Call to order and roll call

Mark called the meeting to order

### 2. Approval of last minutes

Gloria approved last meeting minutes

### 3. FASD tip sheet committee

- Summer camp list is updated and shared
- The next tip sheet is on FASD and the Justice System

### 4. Messaging Committee

- Mark and Ashley met last week to discuss messaging for upcoming events
- Qadra was asked to post ideas on messaging, but no responses from members
- Committee is currently focusing on messaging of FASD Day and the parade
- Mark shared concerns with old brain posters used on AGLC's adverts
  - Posters said to be out-dated and shows a severely damaged brain

### 5. FASD Day and K-Days Update

- Confirmation letter for K-Days received
- T-shirts order has been sent in; expecting shipment anytime from 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May
- Churchill Square usage confirmation received but pending list of required items
- Lighting of the high-level bridge is still a go
- Messaging committee (Ashley, Mark, and Qadra) will have a meeting after the Society Meeting

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**6. Strategic Planning Document**

- Members discussed how the first two goals on the document can be achieved. What needs to be done? How? And what would the outcome be? Details of the discussion are attached as a separate document.

**7. Additions**

**A. Jeff Noble**

- Jeff approached EFAN, wants to stop by Edmonton during his cross-country tour
- Looking for collaboration on the following
  1. Finding location, participants, and coordinating activities on the events
- Members were asked to let EFAN know if they can participate and how

**B. EFAN Artwork Contest update (Paul, Gloria, Ashton, and Qadra)**

- Posters shared with a total of 31 schools/program
- So far only one regret received
- Deadline for contest is on June 12, 2015
- Contest committee will be responsible for collecting the artwork at the end of the contest
- Winning artwork will be displayed during FASD Day event at Churchill square
- Prizes: \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**C. Membership Fees**

- Members reminded to pay membership fees if they haven't already
- Cheques should be addressed to Bissell Centre and sent to EFAN for tracking
- Members can request receipt from Qadra

**8. Funded program updates**

**A. First Steps**

- Biggest challenge remains staffing
- Staff replacing Achayo was unable to start this week
- Another staff is on medical leave
- No longer taking referrals due to program being short staffed
- Program has two caseloads at the moment
- Program will continue to refer clients to Bissell (PCAP)

**B. Step by Step**

- Waitlist is at 4
- One staff is training on Nobody is Perfect
  - Will be able to provide groups after fall

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**C. McDaniel Youth Program**

- Seven boys and 5 girls are on the waitlist
- Waitlist is now closed
- Group sessions are going on well
- Summer program is starting this month
- Program is busy and down one staff.
- Posting for the vacant position went up today

**D. CASA**

- One staff resigned
- Working on waitlist

**E. Glenrose – Children Clinic**

- Booking quite ahead
- September and October fully booked
- Waiting on doc availability times so to finalize bookings
- Clinic still getting referrals
- 6 children are seen at the clinic each month

**F. Glenrose – Adult Clinic**

- Program got permission to hire for 3 permanent positions
- One of the incumbents of the temp position lost the permanent due to union competition
- Permanent Nurse position is still up in the air
- Trying to get all reporting done for last funding
- Presenting the new Canadian Guidelines to agencies
  - So CSS and Bissell are done.
  - Bridges Program and UP to follow next week

**G. Coaching Families**

- Waitlist is at 9
- Last Glenrose support group conducted last month
- Dreamcatchers will come to the next support group

**H. DECSA**

- Program in place for persons wanting to quit addictions and prostitution
- Assets program for person with mental disability is also being offered
- Ventures program is also in place for persons looking to be entrepreneur
- Program is hosting a job fair on July 14-15
- Action: Email Qadra poster for the fair to post on the blog

**I. Elves**

- Running respite program in conjunction with Kids Kottage
- Nothing else to report

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**J. Kids Kottage**

- Program to wind down in the summer
- Shelving program going on well

**K. E fry**

- Program continues to host workshops at schools on a weekly basis
- Regular workshop at H.E Beriault and Bannerman have ended for the 2014-2015 school year
- Hosted four workshops on coping and self-care at Jonny Bright. 35-45 student attended
- Delivering monthly workshops at the armoury Resources centre
- Accepting registration for the Girls Empowered and Strong summer program
- Members asked to connect with Natalie if interested in the summer program
- Program also planning Paint Nite event on June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Program also selling tickets to the Taste of Edmonton. Link for buying tickets can be found on their site
- Action: Natalie will send Qadra posters for paint Nite and summer program to post on the blog

**L. Coast – Human Services**

- Program has 19 new clients
- Two Doctors in program go to group homes and meet with clients where they are at
- Attending EFAN so to collaborate with society members

**M. Bissell Centre**

- Day care for respite available for under 5 years old children
- AISH presenting at the next Frontline Meeting
- Program is down one PCAP staff
- Waitlist is now closed
- Changing intake process to be more trauma-informed

**N. Leduc County**

- 5 individuals on the waitlist
- New attachment group starting this week
  - Group as a result of partnership between Bridges Program and Early Partnership Program
- Community-based swimming group still running

**O. YMCA**

- No FASD related update

**P. Edmonton Integrated Services**

- No update

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**Q. Probation**

- Courts still not releasing court ordered assessments to probation
- This issue is only happening in AB and only for youth who have run-ins with the justice
- The assessments are not in youths' medical files as they are being ordered for court use only
- Youth and their parents/guardians have no access to the assessments either
- Probation cannot challenge this decision at the moment

**R. Metis Nation**

- Assessment results for some clients received and shared with clients
- Program hosting Pancake Breakfast Event on May 04, 2015 at 8:00 – 11:00 am

**S. SocGen – Extra Judicial Sanctions**

- Program's referrals came from CFS and parents
- Working on resources on mental illness, alcohol, and FASD
- Two (2) days free circle training in the works for late August/September

**T. Children and Family Services – AVIRT Team**

- Program works with moms and babies under 4 months
- Workers make visits to these moms as well

**U. Edmonton Public Schools (WRaP Program)**

- Working on capacity building
- Parents groups ongoing
- Program provides resources to families

The meeting was adjourned, at 11:15 a.m.

Next meeting will be meeting on June 02, 2015 at DECSA at 9:30 a.m.