

Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network



SUPPORTS AND SERVICES MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 03, 2015

The Supports and Services members met at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 03, 2015 at DECSA:

Present: Denise, Lisa R., Bernie, Qadra, Ashley, Brynn D., Jamie, Cordene, Tracey, Carol, Lori, Brynn H., Julia

Absent with Regret:

1. Call to order and roll call

Denise called the meeting to order

2. Approval of last minutes

Ashley approved last meeting minutes

3. Reporting

- Major error was found on the ORS system
- There is no word on when the system will be available for use
- Lisa asked everyone to keep track of closed clients
- Next narratives are due on Jan 08
- Some members reported that the new ORS has no options for indicating diagnosis
- Some members reported that they did not get log in information, Lisa R., will look into this
- Biannual and six months expenditure have been submitted
- Budgets need to be spent and at zero by March

4. Program updates

A. Glenrose Adult Clinic

- Clinic is booking into February

B. Kids Kottage

- FASD respite program manager has changed
- Program doesn't have a waitlist

C. Bissell Centre

- No waitlist for one of the PCAP Partner positions
- The other PCAP Partner positions have clients on waitlist

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D. E-Fry

- Program acquired two more schools
- Nothing else to report

E. CASA

- Snoezelen Room unveiling was done a few weeks ago
- The Snoezelen room can be accessed by children living with FASD
- Jamie will present at the next frontline meeting to those who missed the grand opening
- Waitlist is at around six months
- Trying to do two new intakes a month

F. Elves Special Needs Society

- Lisa R., presented at the last support group
- Things are going on well

G. Metis Nation of Alberta

- Cordene is in the process of training a new staff
- Program had been busy organizing for the Metis Week

H. Unlimited Potential

- Settling in the new workspace
- Program is now fully staffed
- Four spots are available for 2 men and 2 women
- UP has been closing clients files after six months of not hearing from clients
- Tracey asked if they could shorten this waiting period to 3 months so to take other clients off the waitlist
- Members discussed appropriate wait time and it was agreed that 3 months is sufficient

I. Leduc County

- Six on waitlist
- Caseloads are at around 12
- Support groups ran every Friday
- These groups are accessible to both active clients and those in the waitlist
- Program hosted a Halloween party and a thanksgiving get together

J. McDaniel Youth Program

- Four (4) boys and one (1) girl are on the waitlist
- Program could use referrals
- Support groups are ongoing
- Groups are open to all youth
 - a) Gear up is the only group that accepts walk-ins
 - b) Youth need to RSVP to the other groups
 - c) MYP hosted a big Halloween party for the youth

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K. First Steps

- All mentors have space in their caseload
- Program has no waitlist
- Mentors continue to attend Health for Two training

L. EFAN Updates

- Lisa attended coordinators meeting
- Networks were told to expect same funding as this year
- “Here for Her” campaign website by CanFASD is up and running
- Engaging all learners – Professionals without Parachutes training by Alberta Learning consortium is available and was posted on the EFAN blog as well
- GoA website also has an FASD tool kit, the tool kit is however, not live yet

5. Additions

a) The New Canadian Guidelines

- Guidelines will be published online by mid-December
- Printed Executive summary is supposed to be available in February
- Using the new guidelines will make diagnosis much simpler
- People with assessment do not need to be re-assessed

b) Hope Terrace - Permanent Supporting Housing

- Name of the program will remain the same
- Ashley will send referral form and criteria to Qadra to post on EFAN site
- Areas that need to be highlighted when referring a client includes:
 - a) Housing instability and FASD assessment
 - b) Highlight of struggles of maintaining housing will help a lot
- The project consist of 9 units of (2brms) and 4 units of (1brm)
- Lease holder has to be at least 18 years old
- Placed families/individuals can live there permanently
- Once stabilized they will be re-housed through H2H

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Next meeting will be on December 01, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at DECSA