

Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network



SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 03, 2015

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

Present: Denise, Lisa R., Bernie, Tammy, Qadra, Lori, Ashley, Brynn D., Wendy, Jamie, Scott, Miranda, Brynn H., Heather, Cordene, Tracey, Carol, Sue, Jessica, Colleen, Paul, Deneka, Kristy, Aimee

Absent with Regret:

1. Call to order and roll call

Denise called the meeting to order

2. Approval of last minutes

Tracey approved last meeting minutes

3. FASD Tip Sheet Committee

- Committee is currently working on tips on parenting
- Members were asked to email Miranda if they were interested in joining the committee

4. Messaging Committee

- EFAN and The Prevention Conversation is hosting a Christmas dinner and movie event
- The event will be held at Ridgewood and it is open to the public
- Qadra has posted the event details on the blog
- Interested individuals will need to RSVP to preventionconversation@gmail.com

5. Membership Fees / Membership Form

- Membership fee is due in April
- Members are free to start paying anytime
- Membership form will be posted on the blog once it is developed

6. Edmonton Chamber of Commerce Membership

- Membership update
 - EFAN is now signed up as a member for one year
 - Members will be updated on events that are of interest to EFAN

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7. Co-Chair Positions

- Submissions
 - Two nominations were received
 - Nominations were for Carol Tabone and Denise Plesuk
 - Laurel motioned to nominate Carol for the two-year term, Lori seconded the motion. Majority voted in favour of the motion and Carol was nominated co-chair of EFAN Society
 - Lori motioned to nominate Denise Plesuk for the one year term, Heather seconded the motion. Majority voted in favour of the motion and Denise was nominated as second co-chair of EFAN Society

8. Additions

- **Contracting Barb McLean of Collective Inside**
 - Lisa reported that Gender Based Analysis is needed to be reflected in both EFAN's reporting and services provided by all funded programs
 - Lisa motioned to contract Barb McLean of Collective Insight Consulting to develop a framework of GBA+ for the network and how to support funded agencies in the amount of \$10, 000. This fund will be coming out of unspent funds. Heather seconded the motion, majority voted in favour of the motion and the motion was passed
- **The New Canadian Guidelines**
 - Guidelines will be published online by mid-December
 - Printed Executive Summary is supposed to be available in February
- **Inter-Agency Meeting Attended**
 - Deneka of CFS attended a committee that looks at reported issues faced by children with FASD who have involvement with CFS
 - Deneka asked members to contact her for more info or for referral
 - Deneka passed along her contact information to members
 - Youth Justice committee meetings are still ongoing
 - YMCA
 - Southside YMCA is going to have a free play day event
 - This event will be open to the public
 - Dr. Mary will speak at the Provincial Conference in March

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9. Program updates

A. EIS

- No update

B. Metis Nation of Alberta

- Children artwork competition is ongoing
- The 3 top runners will have their artwork displayed
- Program had also been busy organizing for the Metis Week
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C. Unlimited Potential

- Settling in the new workspace
- Program will host an open house once all the renovation work is completed
- 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

D. 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

E. Disability Services

- No update

F. Wrap Schools

- No update

G. 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 ages 14 -22
 - Gear up is the only group that accepts walk-ins
 - Youth need to RSVP to the other groups
 - MYP hosted a big Halloween party for the youth to groups

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H. First Steps Program

- Program can take lots of referrals
- Intake worker continues to connect with clients on waitlist
- Mentors are on last week of Health for Two training

I. Step by Step Program

- Waitlist is at four
- Program supervisor continues to meet with Paul and Trace re: adults groups

J. EFAN

- “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

K. Children and Family Services

- No updates

L. Glenrose Adult Clinic

- Lisa is still off and Gaila still covering
- All deliverable have been met
- Clinic is getting referrals from all over
- Clinic prefers support staff to call the clinic for appointments and follow-up

M. Edmonton Catholic School Board

- No update

N. Kids Kottage

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

O. Bissell Centre

- Everyone has a full caseload
- PCAP Partner Positions can use referrals
- Hope Terrace - Supported Permanent 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:
 - Housing instability and FASD assessment
 - 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

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P. E-Fry

- No update

Q. Employability

- Program is currently full
- Starting to speed up the process for Adult employability
- Program is dealing with lack of coaches
- Trying to do 1-2 days' workshop for other agencies to understand how they can coach persons with disabilities to be successful in their employment

R. 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

S. Probation – SolGen

- No update

T. Extrajudicial Sanctions – SolGen

- Program completed its conference in Calgary

U. Bissell Centre – FASS Educator

- Jamie will present at the next frontline meeting
- Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2015 at Parkdale School

V. Coaching Families Program

- Waitlist is currently at 10
- Program can use referrals
- All mentors are at full caseload
- Last support group went on well
- Next support group is scheduled for November 17, 2015

W. Elves Special Needs Society

- Program currently serving 20 kids
- A couple of support groups were held
- Lisa presented at the last support group

X. DECSA

- Ventures is having information orientation

Y. EFAN – more update

- EFAN is looking into ways to ensure connection with students and students research currently being done

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next meeting will be on December 01, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at DECSA