

Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network



SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 01, 2015

The Society members met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 01, 2015 at DECSA:

Present: Denise, Lisa R., Bernie, Scott, Aimee, Qadra, Ashley, Lori, Katherine, Cordene, Brynn D., Emily, Brynn H., Dani, Tracey, Sue, Chelsea, Tammy, Miranda, Carol,

Absent with Regret:

1. Call to order and roll call

Denise called the meeting to order

2. Approval of last minutes

Bernie made one correction on last meeting minute. Ashley approved the rest of the meeting minutes

3. FASD Tip Sheet Committee

- Only one person sent in contribution for the tip sheet
- Miranda asked members to sign up as contributing members
- January tip sheet is not ready yet
- Miranda was asked to share themes for upcoming tip sheets so to source for contributions

4. Messaging Committee

- Dinner and movie night event was cancelled due to low numbers

5. Learning Series

- Learning series are on Government of Alberta website
- While site is live, some videos are, however, not working
- The webinar on FASD and Homelessness will also be on the site
- Qadra had share FASD and Homelessness webinar registration on the blog

6. Additions

a) Barb McLeans's Contract update

- Barb's contract is up end of December
- If anyone is interested in her findings they can take a peak in January
- Members can use these findings in their services and reporting

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b) Inter-Agency Meeting Attended

- Transitions Resources Committee
 - Lisa R., attended Transitions Resources Committee meeting
 - Committee meets last Friday of each month
 - Committee's focus is on youth and young adults transitioning into adulthood
 - Group is open to everyone
- Education and Training Council
 - Council will meet tomorrow (Wednesday)
 - Cordene and Lisa R., are on the committee
 - Great information not just for caregivers but for staff as well
- Best Practice Document
 - Best practice document is out
 - CSS will do a pilot project based on this
 - Series of survey questions will be given to staff and caregivers

c) Adults Support Groups

- Bissell Centre, CSS, UP, and EFAN are collaborating on adults support groups
- These groups will follow McDaniel Youth Program's Groups model
 - This is done so to ease transitioning of youth to the adult support groups
- Groups are open to the public
- Anyone with or suspected to have FASD can access them
- Clients do not need to RSVP
- Staff are welcome to come with their clients and leave as they please
- Clients do not need to go to all groups
- Groups will start as mixed (men & women) and see how this goes
- Parents with kids can use Bissell Centre Daycare
 - Parents will need to call a day in advance so to secure a spot
- Poster for groups is done and Qadra will email everyone
- Poster will be shared on the social media sites as well

d) Canada's Low Drinking Guidelines

- Here are five key FASD prevention messages
 - If you drink, use contraceptives
 - If you drink during pregnancy, your child will be born with FASD
 - See your doctor during the pregnancy planning phase
 - Everyone has a role to play in FASD prevention
 - Why do women drink?
 - Building community understanding in regards to causes of addiction in women etc

7. Program updates

A. Glenrose Adult Clinic

- Clinic booked to the end of grant term
- Holding the month of March to clean-up caseload
- 4 on the waitlist
- Working with 32 more clients
- It is the first time since the clinic is fully booked to the end

B. Youth Justice Project

- Program is pretty busy
- Looking into having conference held when court cases involve youth with FASD

C. Bissell Centre

- PCAP can still use referrals
- Everyone else is busy
- Hope Terrace
 - Ashley received 15 applications so far
 - These application are not inclusive of those sent to Homeward Trust
 - Some of the applications received are incomplete and missing consent forms
 - Members were asked to talk about difficulty in housing in application
 - Letter of advocacy along with the application will give more volume to the application
 - Bissell is not looking into criminal history of individuals that would be housed
 - Safety policy and procedures are in place
 - Bissell also has risk assessment in place
 - Program doesn't have the go ahead to house clients with children as of yet
 - Housing will be staffed 24/7
 - Bissell plans to start housing clients in January
 - All staff will start December 21st to get ample training

D. Elves Special Needs Society

- Respite going on well
- In the process of generating document for support groups

E. Metis Nation

- Katherine is new with the organization
- She will be representing Metis Nation at EFAN

F. E-Fry

- No update

G. Skills Society

- Come to get ideas
- No update

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H. Terra Association

- Currently accepting young dads
- Program has prenatal program coming up in December
- Members were asked to call Terra Association to reserve spots for clients

I. Unlimited Potential

- Program going well
- Few spots on waitlist for men

J. COAST

- No update

K. Bissell Centre – Intake Worker

- PCAP can use referrals
- Other programs are going on well

L. Coaching Families

- Next support group is scheduled for December 10, 2015
- 2 on the waitlist
- Program can use referrals

M. Leduc County – Bridges Program

- Serving 29 clients at the moment
- 4 on the waitlist
- Christmas dinner is scheduled for December 18th
- Program will continue to partner with food bank to teach cooking classes

N. WICS

- No update

O. McDaniel Youth Program

- Winter/Spring 2016 Group poster is out
- Qadra will post and email poster to members
- Groups are the same as previous ones
- RSVPs still needed for groups that provide food
- Fair amount of boys on the waitlist
- Planning Christmas party
- One position is vacant
- Program is determining details for a temporary posting

P. 1st Steps Program

- Program could use referrals
- New temporary staff started today

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Q. Step by Step Program

- Working with Bissell, UP, and EFAN on adult support groups
- 4 on the waitlist

R. FASS Educator (Lisa Reports for Paul)

- Frontline is scheduled for December 8th
- Members were reminded to talk to Paul and Lisa R., for presentation requests
- Presentations are free and done at no cost to the requester

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next meeting will be January 05, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at DECSA