



Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

1. In Attendance: Denise, Brittany, Sarah, Ann, Bernie, Carmen, Bianca, Tracey, Jayden, Alaina, Carrie, Andres, Carol, Sadie, Tsion, Mariam, Mehrnaaz, Sophia, Lisa

2. Action Follow Up – April 2026

Actions: Agencies/Programs, please connect with Brittany to book training session on updated foundations/healthy outcomes (June onward).

Action: Lisa will develop and send in proclamation request for September 9th.

3. EFAN Business Priorities:

- *Reporting*

- Audited financial reports due June 30, 2026
- Please review reporting requirements:
<https://edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork.org/reporting-2026/>

- *Finances*

- Expenditures include SurveyMonkey (\$1134), AGM (\$419.45)
- Upcoming expenditures include EFAN Insurance, Zoom, Wordpress blog subscriptions

- *FASD Service Network Program*

- CFAN presented, new branding 'My Potentia'

4. Adult FASD Assessments

- Referrals coming in, no issues or concerns to date.

5. Network Co-Chair Positions

- <https://edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/EFAN-Operational-Policies-2026-1.pdf> page 16
- Two year term
- Nominations between May – June, election at the AGM.
- Roles and Responsibilities of Co-Chairs:
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- Provide collaborative leadership that reflects the Network’s vision, values, and priorities, ensuring decisions are grounded in respect, inclusion, and community responsiveness.
 - Co-lead and facilitate Leadership Team and Network meetings, creating space for meaningful dialogue, shared decision-making, and active member engagement.
 - Advance strategic priorities by working closely with the Leadership Team and Network Coordinator to guide planning, implementation, and follow-through.
 - Uphold governance practices by ensuring transparency, consistency, and accountability in decision-making.
 - Act as an ambassador for the Network, strengthening relationships with community partners, stakeholders, and across sectors.
 - Encourage and model inclusive participation, recognizing and valuing the diverse perspectives and lived experiences within the Network.
 - Support clear, consistent communication with members, including updates, opportunities, and key decisions.
 - Contribute to a positive, collaborative team environment by addressing challenges constructively and supporting collective problem-solving.
 - Participate in succession planning by mentoring incoming Co-Chairs and supporting smooth leadership transitions.
 - Maintain awareness of emerging issues, opportunities, and trends that may impact the Network and its work, helping position the Network proactively.
- Circumstances necessitate nomination/voting for a current co-chair.
 - [Motion, Lisa, to nominate Sarah Devlin as Network co-chair, seconded by Sophia, motion carried.](#)

6. ‘Provincial FASD Initiatives:

- *Prevention Conversation*
 - Images: grounded in every day conversations, recognizable brand, do the images reflect the tone we are trying to build?
 - Are there prevention messages we are not capturing?

Drinking can be harmful at any point during pregnancy and can result in lifelong disabilities. The baby’s brain and body develop throughout pregnancy and are vulnerable to damage from alcohol.

Alcohol and pregnancy don’t mix. If you drink alcohol and are sexually active, make sure you use effective contraception.

If you’re pregnant or thinking about getting pregnant, consider talking to your healthcare provider or asking for help to learn more about support and services in your community.

For women, people who may become pregnant, their partners/family and their community:

Friends, partners and family members can support pregnant individuals by asking how they can help her make healthy choices and healthy babies.

For the service provider:

Some people need support, care and treatment to help them stop drinking during pregnancy. Research points to the effectiveness of intervention. Engage them in The Prevention Conversation.

- **Action: Members to review the key messages and identify gap areas.**
- *WRaP 2.0*
 - Waiting for communications from the GOA.
 - Schools looking at September bookings.

7. AGM:

- Members, Tuesday, September 1, 2026
- 10 am – 11:30 am
- ‘No More Beige’, is all about creativity, energy, and the power of different approaches coming together in community.
- Business meeting then activity

FASD Day:

- City of Edmonton Proclamation (suggestions)
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day
September 9

WHEREAS Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a lifelong neurodevelopmental disability affecting an estimated 1 in 25 people, and individuals with FASD and their families deserve understanding, inclusion, and support; and

WHEREAS stigma and misunderstanding continue to create barriers to support, and reducing stigma requires compassionate, non-judgmental awareness across our community; and

WHEREAS supporting alcohol-free pregnancies is important, and conversations about prenatal alcohol exposure must recognize the complex factors that influence substance use; and

WHEREAS September 9 is recognized internationally as FASD Awareness Day;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of Edmonton, do hereby proclaim September 9 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day in Edmonton, and encourage all residents to increase awareness, reduce stigma, and support individuals and families impacted by FASD.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2026

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- Light the Bridge, September 9, 2026 FASD Awareness Day ~ booked
- Walk details?
- Bissell inviting the Mayor?

- **New Research/Resources**

- **‘Enhancing Service Navigation for Individuals with Neurodevelopmental Disability: Towards an Accessible, Efficient and Sustainable Service Navigation Network’ survey:** This survey asks about challenges getting services or resources for people who are neurodivergent. Neurodivergent people include those with neurodevelopmental differences such as Autism, ADHD, Intellectual disability, FASD, Tourette syndrome, Cerebral palsy, and others.
- Link to blog post: https://edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork.org/2026/04/22/research-participants-needed-2/?jetpack_skip_subscription_popup
- **FASD Identification, Assessment and Diagnosis Hub:** a national, evidence-based resource developed with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada to improve how FASD is identified, diagnosed, and supported across Canada. The hub is a one-stop place for reliable information, bringing together clinical guidance, referral pathways, and practical resources in an accessible, culturally safe, and trauma-informed space.
- Two sides, the first ‘Resources for Individuals with FASD, Families and Advocates’: was made to give people the tools and education they need to thrive. Second side, ‘Resources for Clinicians’ was developed to support health and allied health professionals with the most current tools and resources to improve early identification, diagnostic decision-making, and referral coordination.
- Link to hub: <https://canfasd.ca/iad-hub/>

8. Towards Healthy Outcome Fund

- Leduc County, Bridges Program: \$1,500 (Zoo)
 - CSS, Step By Step Program: \$2,500 (Mother’s Day)
 - CSS, Coaching Families Program: \$2,500 (Summer Family event)
 - EFRY, GES: \$2,500 (Summer Camp activities)
 - **Motion, Lisa, to approve the THO fund applications, seconded by Sarah, motion carried.**
 - **Action: Lisa to send emails requesting invoices be sent for payment.**
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9. Next Meeting:

- Tuesday June 2, 2026 9:00 am (Catholic Social Services office), guests from the GOA, TAP
 - **Action: Please let Lisa know if you plan on bringing other agency/program staff to hear the guest presentation.**
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