

Edmonton Fetal Alcohol Network Society



Tuesday, August 7, 2018 | 10320 146 Street, Edmonton

Supports and Services 8:30 – 9:30 am

Society Meeting 9:30 – 11:30 am

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES

- **Call to order and roll call**
- **Approval of last meeting minutes (Sadie)**
- **Reporting**
 - Quarter 2 of ORS is now open (July, August, September).
 - ORS must be submitted no later than 9:00 am, Friday October 5th, 2018.
 - Quarter 2 narrative reports are due no later than 9:00 am, Friday October 12th, 2018.
 - 'Service Quality and Compliance Review', which includes the Self-Assessment (Principles of Best Practice), will begin in October 2018. All agencies/programs must be completed by December 2018.
- **Finances**
 - EFAN submitted an 'FASD assessment' proposal to the Lakeland Centre on FASD from CASA. The proposal was adjusted and \$24,000 will be received by the Network to fund CASA to complete 6 full FASD assessments prior to March 31, 2019.
 - The remaining 6 months of funding from the FASD Service Network Program is to be deposited with our Banker early in August. Once the deposit has been received cheques will be written up and mailed out to the agencies/programs.
- **Short-term intervention/navigator**
- **Meeting time**
 - It has been requested that the meeting times be changed, come October, so that the Supports and Services meeting begins at 9:00 – 10:00 am and the Society meeting begins at 10:00 – 12:00 pm.
 - No concerns with the proposed change noted.
- **Program updates**

Bissell, FASS: NA

Bissell, Hope Terrace: NA

CASA, FasTracs: NA

CASA, First Nations: NA

CSS, First Steps: Staffing changes. Groups continuing every other Wednesday (sage picking last week).

CSS, McDaniel Youth: Averaging 15 youth per group, summer going very well.

EFRY: Running summer camps: 'Caring For Ourselves' physical, mental, and sexually health; life-skills; navigating relationships; repeating at the end of the summer. Will be hiring in the next few weeks.

Glenrose, Children: NA

Glenrose, Adult: Busy right now. Files off the radar have been gone through and those that did not return paper work within 6 months have been closed.

Kids Kottage/Elves, Respite: NA

Leduc, Bridges: Busy, one person on the waitlist. Took the families out to Wizard Lake for the day. About 40 participants day one, and 35 day two.

MNA: AGA happening this week, in Lac La Biche. New agreement with Vital Statistics.

Unlimited Potential, Open Arms: 4 – 6-month waitlist. One staff returning to school in September.

SOCIETY MEETING

- **Call to order and roll call**
- **Approval of last meeting minutes (Catherine).**
- **Finances**
 - The remaining FASD SNP funding should be received early in August. Once received cheques will be written up to the agencies/programs and mailed out.
 - The Network has received a \$24,000 grant for CASA from the Lakeland Centre on FASD. This grant is to assist the FASD clinic in addressing its waitlist and CASA is responsible for completing prior to March 31, 2019 6 FASD assessments.
 - Reporting of this grant is due September 15, 2018 and March 31, 2019, directly to Colleen Burns and Audrey McFarlane.
- **Motion to approve the audited Financial Statement and Schedule B of the Edmonton and area Fetal Alcohol Network Society for the April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 fiscal year, as prepared by Bergeron & Co. (Lisa, seconded Catherine, motion carried).**
- **Motion to approve Bergeron & Co. as auditor for the April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 fiscal year (Lisa, seconded Catherine, motion carried).**
- **Advice cards for the community**
 - The FASD Advice cards are for parents and caregivers to carry in their wallets and give to bystanders when their child is experiencing a sensory overload in public.
 - The cards enable parents to enlist the support of observers by quietly explaining what is going on and asking for their cooperation.
 - Parents and caregivers can email edmontonfetalalcoholnetwork@gmail.com with their mailing address to receive a set.
 - FASD Advice cards for youth?
 - Discussed with the McDaniel Youth supervisor, and she believed that the youth and young adults would use them.
 - Messaging? Brittany will discuss with the youth.
- **New research/resources**
 - **Dissecting the Genetic Contributions to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (DiG FASD): research participants needed.**
 - This is a research study at the Indiana University, examining how genetics affects various outcomes due to prenatal alcohol exposure.
 - Do some genes protect against the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure?
 - Do some genes increase the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure?
 - The DiG FASD study is recruiting children (ages 7 – 17) and adults (ages 18 and older) who were prenatally exposed to alcohol.
 - To find out please visit <https://digfasd.org>
 - **Free event: Support Needs and Service Pathways for Parents with Learning Difficulties**
 - This event (August 21, 2018) is put on the Family & Disability Studies Initiative at the University of Alberta.
 - Hear about the latest research on parents and parenting with learning difficulties, support needs and service pathways project, policy and practice, and network with policy makers, researchers and practitioners in the field.
 - Register at www.tiny.cc/Conversation
 - For more information contact Amber Savage at fdsa@ualberta.ca
 - **CanFASD Policy Paper: Victimization in People with FASD (June 2018): Highlights**

- Little attention paid to the complexities of the victimization of those with FASD, therefore the goal of the paper is to explore the issue of victimization in FASD and make recommendations for improving the justice process for these individuals.
 - Victimization is defined as “an individual being harmed through the commission of a crime (e.g., physically, mentally, emotionally, or financially). A victim may be thought of as someone who is vulnerable, innocent, and unable to have prevented a conflict.”
 - Many characteristics associated with FASD – such as difficulties with social skills, adaptive functioning, language comprehension, attention, judgement, and memory – increase the vulnerability of these individuals in the justice system.
 - For example, a victim becomes a witness in a courtroom, but if the witness cannot keep a timeline of events, is susceptible to leading questions, has the tendency toward misremembering real or imagined events, the possibility of ridicule exists.
 - There is a need to work toward greater protection of victim rights, due to the absence of policies surrounding victims with FASD in Canada.
 - Meaning that assistance in the courtroom should be considered a fundamental right.
 - **Council/Committee updates**
 - FASD Provincial Councils have not met.
 - The Alberta FASD Family Advisory Council has sent out a contact list for their representatives across the province.
 - Janet Adams is from the Edmonton area and Lisa has emailed out an introduction of the Network, invite to our AGM, and upcoming meeting dates.
 - **K-Days parade – follow up**
 - Approximately 55 people participated in the parade.
 - Announcements along the parade route shared positive messages of supporting pregnant women to have healthy pregnancies and supporting children, youth, adults and families impacted by FASD.
 - Interest in doing it again next year? **Yes.**
 - **AGM**
 - If you have not RSVP for the AGM, now is the time! Please email lisa@rogozinsky.org
 - The AGM is on September 4, 2018 at 10:00 am 10320 – 146 Street.
 - **FASD Frontline Newsletter**
 - We have revived the FASD Frontline Newsletter.
 - The newsletter will be every two months (August/Sept, Oct/Nov, Dec/Jan, Feb/March, April/May, June/July...)
 - If you have events, resources, article ideas, please email Lisa.
 - **Meeting times**
 - **Motion: (Denise, Carol seconded) Supports and Services 9:00 am – 10:00 am and Society/Network 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, motion carried.**
 - **Network Chair positions**
 - **Motion: (Denise, seconded by Carol) made to elect Catherine M and Brittany D as Co-chairs of EFAN, motion carried.**
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