

## NWR FASD Society- Mackenzie Network

### Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2009

1. Call to Order: 12:30 pm
2. Attendance: Jason Pohranychny, Leona Beaverbone, Tracy Pederson, Blythe Paul, Ann Lajeunesse, Barb Higgins, Rhodora Martens, Mike Osborn, Arlene Powers, Sonja Schmidt, Nici Carmichael, Wanda Beland, Tina Arcand, Janice Penner
3. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. Tracy moved that the minutes be accepted s read. Barb seconded. Carried.
4. Open Issues:
  - a. Governance Grant: Funded by the Seniors and Community Services Ministry. Application Due in on June 30 to Bonnie Stonehouse.
  - b. Charities Status: NWR FASD Society has been reinstated officially. We will receive a letter in the mail indicating our Charitable Status.
  - c. MasterCard for the Society: this has been received.
  - d. Website: Work is being held off on the Website until the fall.
  - e. Committees/Reports:
    - i. Early Intervention committee: met on June 5 to go over goals and timeline for the coming year. Still looking at the possibility of getting an early intervention region worker.
    - ii. Youth Mentoring: the youth mentoring program, coordinated by Tina Arcand, has been working with Big Brothers, Big Sisters to develop policies and guidelines for the program. FASD programs and guidelines will be added and discussed with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Grande Prairie is looking at taking our program on as a satellite program once we have been operating for a year. The matching of mentors/mentees will be begun in the fall once all the mentors have received their training. Tina visited the Grande Prairie program and shadowed the coordinator for two days. Tina created a banner with the mentoring program logo which was displayed at the meeting.
    - iii. Respite/camp/residential- Ann is working on getting the youth to the Lakeland FASD Camp, as there has been difficulty contacting Whitecrow Village about their family camp for families living with FASD.
    - iv. Family Coach/PCAP Report: Ann Lajeunesse attached/
    - v. Coordinator Report: Wanda Beland Attached
  - f. Other:
    - i. Contact the aboriginal communities as to the services needed within the communities.

5. New Business:

a. Signing authorities: Bills will be paid every two weeks and Wanda will call to set up a time to meet to go over expense claims and other bills with Sonja or Jason. Bills will be forwarded to Arlene to be paid that week.

b. PCAP: Training was attended by both Wanda and Ann on the last week of May. The training was very intense. There is a movement to create a provincial wide PCAP program, but keep it flexible enough to be region specific. Our network/society has been paired up with Dorothy Henneveld from Catholic Social Services FASD programs in Edmonton. We have already been in contact with them to help us set up our programs. Ann, Leona and Wanda will be shadowing their counterparts in one of their programs during late August.

c. Pamphlets: these information sheets are being worked on and will be ready for Get to Know you Nights in the fall. Pamphlets are being made for the Society/Network, PCAP Program , Coaching Families Program and youth Mentoring Program.

d. Insurance: Co-operators is looking into insurance for our mentoring program. This insurance will follow the guidelines of the Big Brother, Big Sister program. The cost should be about \$1200.00 / year

e. Other:

1. Training: Wanda will look into the amount left for training in the budget.

2. Direction for the Network for 2010-2011

a. Focus on Frontline work. Our numbers are too high at present per worker

b. Focus on Programs we already have:

-PCAP Program

-Family Coach

-Youth Mentoring Program

-FASD Coordinator

-Life Coach

-Early Intervention

-Diagnostics: Youth Clinic

Adult Clinic

-Adult Supported Living

- Job Corp

-Bissel Centre

We need to connect to agencies to work with them to develop programs that will work for our client population. FASD Initiatives cannot fund all programs. We need to look at other funders as well.

6. Adjournment: Nici moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:30

7. Next Meeting: July 24 @ 11:00 am at the FASD Society-Mackenzie Network Office

