

Central Alberta FASD Network



Annual General Meeting



2021

Executive Directors Report

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to our Annual General Meeting. For those of you new to the Central Alberta FASD Network, I am Julie Nanson-Ashton, the Executive Director for the Network. I have been with the Network since October of 2018 and have enjoyed working with an amazing team of employees and a wonderfully supportive Board of Directors.

The past year was, once again, full of transition. The Network took stock of the past and moved confidently towards its future. We welcomed the Wrap 2.0 Program, and expanded our Community Outreach and Support Team, and our FASD Restorative Diversion Program. The Assessment and Diagnosis Clinic expanded to a second clinic in the West Country and our Red Deer Clinic surpassed the number of assessments completed from the previous year. Several new staff joined the Network, and two additional positions of Program Supervisor and Volunteer Coordinator were budgeted for with plans for hire in the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Finally, a plan was formalized to seek a new office space that would be more client friendly and provide more space to expand and make space for our anticipated volunteer programming.

The Network will focus the next year on a renewed commitment to our Central Alberta residents and continue to raise awareness, improve access to diagnosis, treatment, and support as well as mitigating FASD related stigma and discrimination.

Moving forward, I look forward to crossing into new leading-edge endeavours, renewing old relationships and fostering new partnerships.

Thank you,
Julie Nanson-Ashton

September 15, 2021

2:00pm

Paint of Interest and via Zoom

Attendance

Board Members:

Jason Sansregret, Chad Erickson, Derek Turner,
Misty Dionne, Kerry Lowe, Randy Macdonald

Network Staff:

Julie Nanson-Ashton, Marijke Langebroek,
Allyssa Deheer, Chris Chabot, Janel Dodd,
Tammy Predovic, Nikki Whitehead, Mikaela Kykkanen,
Dallas Ferguson, Sheena Franik, Monica Little

Contracted:

Cindy Easton, Tia Detta, Ashley Higginson,
Patricia Kincaid

Guest:

Amber Martin, Faith Plunkett, Mandy Crespeigne,
Shirley Eashappie

Regrets: Penny Ure (Board Member)

Welcome and call to order: by Jason Sansregret at 2:00pm.

- Julie introduced Board Members

Review of Agenda and Additions

No additions to the agenda

Acceptance of 2020AGM Minutes

Motioned by Jason Sansregret

Seconded by Chad Erickson

Review of Executive Director's Report

- Julie expressed gratitude to the board, contracted agencies, the Red Deer diagnostic team, the West Country diagnostic team, and the Network staff.
- The Network's 2020-2021 year has been full of exciting changes and transitions, as well as challenges in the face of the pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, the Network continued to provide services using PPE, hygiene protocols, and social distancing.
- The unique client count for 2020-2021 was 1111, showing tremendous growth in clients served from the previous year.
- The Red Deer Clinic team saw a remarkable increase in completed assessments, made possible through accessing additional funding from Jordan's Principle and Children's Services. 52 adult and youth assessments were completed.
- The Youth Restorative Intervention Program/FASD Diversion program received 44 referrals, discharged 6 successful clients, and has 10 active clients enrolled, with a significant waitlist.
- The Network is in the final stages of applying for CRA charity status.

Acceptance of the Executive Director's Report

Motioned by Derek Turner

Seconded by Jason Sansregret

Acceptance of Audited Financial Report 2020-2021

Reviewed by the board prior to AGM

- This audit covers the main grant through the Community and Social Services Ministry, with funds received through other grants, and reduced (travel and other) expenses due to the pandemic, the Network has a surplus.
 - A request to carry over this surplus has been made and will be allocated to the completion of an additional 30 FASD Assessments in the Rocky Mountain House area, specifically at O'Chiese and Sunchild First Nation communities, as well as 9 additional assessments in the Red Deer area. The Network has not yet received approval for the carryover.
 - Board approval of utilization of surplus for assessment and diagnosis.
- Statement of Operation and Assets
 - Other income is new as of this year, obtained through Jordan's Principle and Children's Services funding for FASD assessments. This income is allocated to operations.
- Breakdown of Expenses

Motioned by Randy MacDonald

Seconded by Jason Sansregret

Appointment of Auditor - Swainson Alexander LLP

- RFP was submitted to Swainson Alexander LLP, RSM Canada, and Pivotal LLP.
- Julie recommended staying with Swainson Alexander, the same accounting firm as utilized in previous years.
- Swainson Alexander LLP is suggesting a fully audited report moving forward but this is not a requirement of government and will be at an additional cost so we will request a status quo unaudited report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- The Network will request that the auditor attend the AGM to provide a report.

Motioned by Randy MacDonald

Seconded by Derek Turner

Nominations and Confirmations of Officers of the Board

Confirmation and acceptance to remain on the board for another year:

- Jason Sansregret, *Chair*
 - Motioned by Randy MacDonald
 - Seconded by Chad Erickson
- Chad Erickson, *Vice-Chair*
 - Motioned by Jason Sansregret
 - Seconded by Misty Dionne
- Derek Turner, *Treasurer*
 - Motioned by Jason Sansregret
 - Seconded by Chad Erickson
- Penny Ure, *Director at Large*
 - Motioned by Jason Sansregret
 - Seconded by Misty Dionne
- Misty Dionne, *Director at Large*
 - Motioned by Derek Turner
 - Seconded by Jason Sansregret
- Kerry Lowe, *Director at Large*
 - Motioned by Randy MacDonald
 - Seconded by Misty Dionne
- Randy MacDonald, *Director at Large*
 - Motioned by Misty Dionne
 - Seconded by Derek Turner
- Network's Administrative Assistant, *Secretary*
 - Motioned by Derek Turner
 - Seconded by Randy MacDonald

Nomination:

- Shirley Eashappie, *Director at Large*
 - Motioned by Jason Sansregret
 - Seconded by Randy MacDonald

2021 Bachelor of Social Work University of Calgary Field Placement

Youth Restorative Practices (YRPP) Program and Evaluation - Best Practice and Evaluation Guide

Presented by Mandy Crespeigne, Faith Plunkett, and Amber Martin.

Field Placement Supervisor was Kerry Lowe, Board Member.

- Program Best Practices (Restorative Justice, Indigenous, FASD)
- Evaluation Tools (Creative and Traditional Evaluations)
- Considerations for Future
 - Is there an opportunity for future students to do similar work in other CAFASD programs, or within the contracted agencies?
 - Consider next steps of Best Practices framework
 - Consideration for use of policy development
 - Consideration of additional of "Outcomes" and "Indicators" to guide.

Closing

The floor was opened to questions and comments, none were brought forward.

Julie expressed gratitude for board, Network staff, Central and West Clinic Teams, and contracted staff.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm by Jason Sansregret.

Board members convened for a board meeting post-AGM.