

Central Alberta FASD Network



Annual General Meeting



2021

Executive Directors Report

Our 2020/2021 year has been full of exciting changes and transitions, as well as challenges in the face of the pandemic. In my third year as Executive Director for the Central Alberta FASD Network, I have had the privilege to work with a dedicated Board of Directors who have been exceptionally supportive of my role. I am pleased that the board is committed to a vision of a staffing and programming plan that emphasizes a team approach, while being mindful of the benefits of change and innovation.

We continue to be grateful to our contracted organizations for their contribution to supporting those impacted by FASD in Central Alberta namely, Family Services of Central Alberta, Mountain Rose Women's Shelter, Accredited Supports to Community and the Red Deer Native Friendship Centre for providing the Parent and Child Assistance Program (PCAP), Growing Families for providing supports to individuals and caregivers, and Alberta Health Services for their contribution to the Social Work Position at the Camrose Diagnostic Clinic.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to our Red Deer Diagnostic Team for providing dedicated hours to assessment and diagnosis services for our clients, and to our West Country Diagnostic Team for completing the training and start up for our second clinic, as we move further into 2021.

The positive impact on the communities we serve in Central Alberta is felt in every interaction we have with our clients, and the testimonials we hear from individuals and communities impacted by FASD. In 2020/2021 our Quarter 4 unique client count was 1111. This is a tremendous growth in the number of clients served from our 2019/2020 year. Although the tremendous growth in numbers is in part due to a more detailed reporting strategy, we have also grown both our internal employee numbers, and contracted agencies, as well as increased the number of completed FASD assessments.

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This year, our Clinic Coordinator and Clinic Assistant successfully led the Red Deer Clinic Team in completing 52 adult and youth assessments. Again, we saw a remarkable increase in the number of completed assessments this year due to accessing additional funding through Jordan's Principle and Children's Services.

Although the pandemic continues to alter the way we provide services, it has not prevented our staff and contracted agencies from supporting our clients and communities. We continue to employ appropriate masking, hygiene protocols, and social distancing parameters. As such, we have been able to provide in person support along with interaction over social media platforms, telephone contacts and video access, through zoom.

Initiated in September 2020 in partnership with the Red Deer RCMP Community Policing Unit, Crown Prosecutors Office, and other stakeholders, the Youth Restorative Practice Intervention Program/FASD Diversion program has received a total of 44 referrals, discharged 6 clients successfully from the program, continues to work actively with 10 clients enrolled in the program, and has a significant waitlist for intake into the program.

We currently have charity status with the province of Alberta and are in the final stages of applying for CRA status, allowing us to provide tax receipts and increase our ability to fund raise via individual and business cash donations, fund raising events, and matching donations. Our clients are at the very heart of the Central Alberta FASD Network, and it is with gratitude that we serve them. As we look to the 2021 - 2022 year, please join us as we move forward, crossing into new areas of programming, renewing longstanding relationships, and fostering new partnerships.

Respectfully,
Julie Nanson-Ashton
Executive Director

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
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 - 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.