

Central Alberta FASD Network



Annual General Meeting



2023

Executive Directors Report

Our 2022 - 2023 year has been full of exciting changes and transitions, as well as challenges as we navigated the process of achieving our status as a Charity and began the process of becoming an Accredited Organization through Imagine Canada. Approaching my fifth 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, and a talented group of employees, who are the reason we are succeeding in our mandated areas. We share a commitment to our mission and vision and believe in participatory leadership, a team approach, and 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, and Accredited Supports to Community 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.

In terms of prevention, education, and advocacy work, we provided 20 Training Sessions, including 92 professionals, 44 post secondary students, 68 youth and 14 mixed audience, 73 Community Development initiatives reaching 3013 individuals, and 580 specific one-on-one interactions.

Our Red Deer and West Country Diagnostic Teams dedicated countless hours to assessment and diagnosis services for our clients. We were able to complete 50 FASD assessments in this fiscal year. Our Community Outreach Support Team is constantly expanding and although the growth in clients served is in part due to a more detailed reporting strategy, we have also grown our internal employee compliment through additional grant funding.

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The FASD Restorative Court Diversion and Restorative Justice/Corrections programs continue to be successful with over 100 clients having been referred since September 2020. Following a lengthy hiatus due to the pandemic, the In Reach/Out Reach Program is up and running again in Drumheller and Bowden Institutions, and at Red Deer Remand, and referrals for these programs are consistent. 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 2022 - 2023 our Quarter 4 unique client count was 458 and represents the number of clients we served this year. 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 2023 - 2024 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

July 25, 2023

5:00pm

via Zoom

Attendance

Board Members:

Stephanie O’Kell, Asiley Miles

Network Staff:

Julie Nanson-Ashton, Ayla Eriksen, Jean Bota

Guests:

Sarah Bolton, Barb Duncan, Stacey Poitras (Pivotal LLP)

Regrets:

Chad Erickson, Ann Sifford, Kerry Lowe (Kerry provided her proxy to Stephanie documentation on file with these minutes))

Welcome and call to order: by Julie Nanson-Ashton at 5:13pm

Introductions

- Julie introduced board members, FASD Staff and guests.
- Julie to chair meeting as Vice board chair sent his regrets, with the board also having no chairsperson.

Review of Agenda and Additions

- Julie asked that Item #3 be moved after Item #5 on the agenda.

Motion for Agenda Review and Additions

Motioned by Aisley Miles

Seconded by Stephanie O’Kell

Acceptance of September 2022 AGM Minutes

Motioned by Aisley Miles

Seconded by Stephanie O’Kell

Presentation of the Audited Report 2022-2023

- Stacey Poitras, Pivotal LLP, provided her report on the audited financial statements explaining this audit was done by way of a Compilation Engagement report for the CAFASD Network. This report was netiher an audited opinion or a review conclusion and nor did she and her colleagues provide any assurance on the financial information provided. She did, however, provide a thorough explanation of the balance and income statement for March 31, 2023. She also noted that since CAFASD now has charitable status, the review next year will be different again.

Acceptance of Audited Financial Report 2022-2023

Motioned by Stephanie O’Kell

Seconded by Aisley Miles

Appointment of Auditor Pivotal LLP

Motioned by Aisley Miles to appoint Pivotal LLP as auditors for next financial year.

Seconded by Stephanie O’Kell (acting on behalf of Kerry Lowe)

Status of Board Members

- Discussion on board chair followed with Stephanie O’Kell agreeing to take on board chair.
 - Motioned by Aisley Miles
 - Seconded by Stephanie O’Kell (Kerry Lowe’s proxy)
- Stephanie O’Kell, *Chair*
- Chad Erickson, *Vice-Chair*
- Kerry Lowe, *Director*
- Ann Sifford, *Director*
- Aisley Miles, *Director*

Executive Director’s Report - Julie Nanson-Ashton

- Julie read her report. No discussion followed.
- Motioned by Stephanie O’Kell
- Seconded by Aisley Miles

Meeting adjourned at 5:27pm