

Northwest Regional HSJCC
FASD/Justice System Working Group Minutes

Wed, Oct 4th 2023

9:00am – 10:00 am CST/10:00am – 11:00 am EST

Present: Sherry Baum (Community Living – Sioux Lookout/Dryden), Jenny Leadbeater (CMHA Thunder Bay), Alice Bellavance (BISNO), Chandralal Majuwana (CMHA Kenora), Jason Anderson (TBPS), Alexis Trepanier (Children's Centre TB), Natasha Vaughan (CMHA Kenora), Taylor Sundin (CMHA Kenora)

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement – Alice

Alice welcomed the group and provided a land acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes – Alice

Accepted

3. Design Day/TBDSSAB RFP's/Tiny Home Village updates - Alice

- BISNO submitted expression of interest for 30 units – regional service. A separate proposal for land acquisition and demolition (eg. Old Pinewood Court – about 5 acres). Alice met with TBDSSAB and received partial approval which will be disseminated next quarter. Not yet sure of amount. Alice met with consultants from Models of Care Innovation fund to discuss program, building and capital components. Expecting to hear more this month (2 yr time limit). Funds would need to be spent by Mar 31st.
- A tiny homes proposal was submitted by Alpha Court – portion approved for this fiscal and a portion for next fiscal. Hopefully this will assist with encampments. Not sure of location.
- Elizabeth Frye has received funding for an 8 bedroom home on Cameron St. for women leaving corrections.
- St Joseph's Care Group submitted RFP for high support housing (old church on Brock and Ford St).
- Completing RFP's was a significant amount of work and there was an apparent overwhelming response from the community.

4. Norwest FASD Conference details – Maureen

Jenny informed the registration details were included with meeting package

5. FASD research – FASD & ABI exceptionalities within education system – Alexis
 - Comparison between provinces and Ontario. To receive an exceptionality in Ontario must fall under following categories: behaviour, communication, intellectual, physical disability or multiple. FASD in Ontario is not automatically recognized for exceptionality. Families would have to prove to IPRC Committee as to what area they would fall under.
 - Manitoba and Alberta separate exceptionalities more specifically
 - Western Canada – are recognizing FASD as a neurodevelopment disability – identified as gifted or exceptional disability
 - Still putting together more research
 - Sherry – someone has put forward a piece of legislation requiring schools to implement policies and provide teachers with FASD education. Previous Bill 172 (did not pass) – there is a new one tabled.
 - Alice had previously written a letter to the province advocating FASD/ABI's be included as exceptionalities
6. FASD research – comparative prevalence between Canada and other countries – Jenny (for Claire)
 - Jenny provided a brief overview of Claire's research paper (included in meeting package)
7. COR/HSJCC restructure update- Jenny
 - Jenny provided updated on restructure. Membership packages for Regional and Thunder Bay & District HSJCC's were sent out in August and are slowly trickling.
8. Next Steps
 - Alexis and Sherry will be attending FASD conference in Saskatchewan. Sherry and Maureen are members of FASD One (Public Health agency funded).
 - Sherry - talking to MCCSS and MOH about a fulsome provincial strategy for FASD. The portfolio of FASD is on the side of desks. The goal would be to have a provincial conference with multiple sectors involved and to create a FASD reference group to discuss what's happening in the

province. All non-service FASD groups will stop receiving funding in next two years. PHA – developing federal FASD policy and agency – nothing yet.

- Alice – FASD provincial strategy needs to include intersection of sectors
- Alice – involved in neuro-trauma care pathways project in the province. Maybe FASD One should submit to MOH about establishing something provincially.
- Jenny – Could there be an onus on the province to fund programs and campaign about FASD considering they operate all LCBO's and collect all proceeds for liquor sales? Prevention campaigning and programming should be tied to this and focus on women who engaging in drinking and who 'could' become pregnant.
- Alice – people with FASD 4x more likely to sustain ABI

9. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

- Next Meeting date – Dec 6/23 at 10am EST