



Q4 FASD Strategic Planning Special Meeting Minutes

SEAFAN Member Meeting

Friday, March 17, 2017 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

REDI Enterprises, Training Room

Invited: Board of Directors, SEAFAN Membership

Attendees:

Angela Bidyk, SPEC	Louisa Clapper, Bridges Family Programs
Ashley Meisner, REDI Enterprises Society	Mackenzie Miller, McMan
Britni Chambers, McMan	Marie Tounissoux, SPEC
Barb Cote, McMan	Marilyn Jones, Bridges – FASS
Darcia Legge, REDI Enterprises Society	Marlene Cadotte, SEAFAN Chair
Deanna Glenn, SEAFAN Director	Myrna Stark, Network Coordinator
Diana Houle, REDI Enterprises Society	Rebecca Marie Robertson, Bridges Family Programs
Jessica Bertelsen, REDI Enterprises Society	Rod DeVries, Prevention Conversation Facilitator
Karen Gingras, REDI Enterprises Society	Shanna Mawer, Member
Kathryn Hope, Metis Nation of Alberta	Treena Morrison, Bridges Family Programs
Leanne Charbonneau, John Howard Society	Tammy Herbert, Caregiver

Minutes:

9:05 – 9:10 *Marlene called the meeting to order*
Welcome and greetings were extended to the guests.

Myrna Stark outlined the agenda for the morning.

The Q4 Newsletters were distributed to the members.

9:10 Marlene introduced the guest speaker and provided a biography of Kathryn Hope, Metis Nation of Alberta.

9:15 – 9:40 *Kathryn Hope, Metis Nation of Alberta*

Overview of the Metis Nation of Alberta (MNA); MNA Governance, MNA History, MNA Programs and Services.

9:40 – 10:30 *Service Provider Updates*

Representatives from each service provider organization shared success stories, comments and general updates from their respective agencies.

- Bridges Family Services
- REDI Enterprises
- SPEC Brooks
- Prevention Conversation
- Alberta Health Services

*Refer to the Q4 Newsletter for statistics and report information from the service providers.

Members inquired, shared information and collaborated with each other during the updates.

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:30 SEAFAN Network Updates – Myrna Stark

Myrna opened with a round table introduction and sharing opportunity for the members present.

The Network Coordinator business report was reviewed on the projection screen with the participants. Topics included:

- Board of Director priorities (past year)
- Trends, statistics and current needs (ORS) analysis
- Budget and fiscal plans – base funding is approved
- Current strategies and priorities – members provide feedback and make queries

Myrna described the Adolescent Services position which will be created in the next fiscal Year. This position serves to fill one of the gaps and needs in the strategic visioning priority list. Members discussed and expressed their comments about the timely addition of such a position. They were asked to share the opportunity among their networks, once more details have been developed (job description, etc.)

There was general discussion and sharing. Members expressed that it is through the collaborative spirit of the service providers and others within the community, that Medicine Hat provides some of the most comprehensive, effective FASD support available in the area.

Myrna reminded attendees to continue to share information with her, in order to better inform the funding requests and provincial priorities.

11:30 – 12:00 Strategic Planning and Collaboration

Some points of discussion, observations and comments resulting from the group discussion:

- FASD Individuals need timely, accessible, flexible services. 'It's how their brains work.'
 - Mobile addictions has the AVERT program, which has similarities.
- A regional family support worker would be ideal.
 - Title of 'Life Coach' for youth, family and FASD individuals has appeal to the group.
- Mental Health needs an increase in FASD informed services.
- Idea of a mobile app for SE Alberta to the youth demographic outlining the FASD services, info, resources etc.
- Employment for FASD Individuals
 - Requires job developer contacts, coaches, employers, resources
 - If the individual is on PDD they are not eligible for current employment programs

- Job Corp and AB Works is responding to this (AHS)
- FASD and the justice system: MHPS is increasing its collaborative services; ie. Flagging is in place (REDI)
 - No current liaison position. Perhaps grant funding for this?

Doing Your Best Job Discussion Summary

- FASD & Mental Health resources/programs are vague on individuals that are considered 'borderline'
 - No real fit for FASD individual so they are considered non-compliant for a specific program.
 - The current resources/programs are not able to serve FASD in their current guidelines
 - AHS is responding!

12:00 pm Marlene made some closing remarks, thanked our guest speaker and the attendees, and adjourned the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

April 4, 2017 Board of Director Meeting
June 16, 2017 SEAFAN AGM

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