

1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 by Tina Smith (Warburg), as Chair with committee members Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Rick Smith (Leduc County), Krista Gardner (Calmar) and Cory Gilbert (Thorsby).

Absent from the meeting were Michele Mielnik (West) and Erin Williams (East).

Other attendees

- Dean Ohnysty, Director of Community Services
- Carol Tabone, Manager of Family Support Services
- Sara Russell, Manager of Community Support Services
- Corrie Richer, Administrative Assistant FCSS

2. Introductions

N/A

3. Agenda adoption

Motion Representative Cory Gilbert – that the Agenda for the Wednesday, June 16, 2021 FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Representative Ray Scobie – that the minutes from the Wednesday, February 17, 2021 FCSS Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

5. General business

5.1 Family Resource Network year-end report presentation

Carol reviewed the Family Resource Network (FRN) First Year Review PowerPoint presentation with the committee members.

- A link to a YouTube video message from the Minister of Children's Services Rebecca Shultz was provided. Carol advised that the message includes provincial stats and states that over 20K families have been served.
- Some key points were discussed regarding Program (communication and awareness) and Partnership (working collaboratively) successes.
- The former Parent Link sites are now the new FRN sites, and have been cleaned and brightened up to create a new "coffee shop" atmosphere.

- Only 2% of referrals received by Leduc County FRN were referred to outside agencies.
- Programs running this summer will be individualize and spaced out.
- A review of what FRN has offered has confirmed that FRN is on track with the provincial requirements.
- Home Visitation and Family Support provides one on one support for families with children 0 – 18, including prenatal support. The support required by clients is often intensive.
- Who FRN supports was reviewed, with a comment that there is an increase in the age range of parents requiring support.
- A wordle was presented representing one family's journey. Some key words were:
 - Family;
 - Support;
 - Disability;
 - Advocacy; and
 - ASQ (developmental screens).
- A few photos of events held by FRN were viewed.
- Goals for year two FRN programs were viewed.

Motion Representative Tina Smith – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives as information.

Carried Unanimously

6. Information items

6.1. 2022 Budget and Business Plan recommendation

Dean spoke with the committee members providing information and details of the process of the FCSS 2022 budget and business plan. Dean advised that guidance for the 2022 Business Plan follows the Social Framework document that was approved in 2019.

Dean reviewed the projects and initiatives being considered for 2022 with the committee members:

- Reducing barriers to support – Accessibility
The primary focus will be with seniors. An in-depth plan will be developed identifying what and where the gaps are for residents.
- Fostering healthy individuals and families – Safe communities
Focus on increasing resident awareness and understanding of identifying risk within the community. Create a community approached (businesses, organizations and general public) action plan with respect to what to do when something is happening in the community.
- Social Advocacy – Increased awareness of social issues and services
The plan to host a social awareness event in this region for local businesses and agencies has been deferred to next spring. The event would have guest speakers and a trade show feel. By increasing community awareness of social issues and support services, we can help improve resident access to supports that are needed.
- Youth – Support ways for youth to be further engaged in their communities.
Increased supports for youth will be a priority in 2022, and will be led by FRN (Carol) and community leaders. Develop a plan to lessen the gap with youth and their community, which will encourage them to participate, grow and cultivate leadership within their community.

- Budget

The 2022 budget is currently being reviewed for considerations. There have been no impacts or changes in the budget. Dean will continue to monitor provincial funding, which is stable at the moment.

Motion Representative Tina Smith – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives as information.

Carried Unanimously

7. Reports

7.1 FRN Activity Report – April to June 2021

Carol reviewed the FRN report with the committee members.

7.2 FCSS Activity Report – May to June 2021

Sara reviewed the FCSS report with the committee members.

Dean advised that the Town of Thorsby has hired a new FCSS Coordinator and that a meeting has been scheduled to introduce Leduc County FCSS management. Sara will be providing support to the new coordinator.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Tina Smith – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives reports 7.1 and 7.2 as information.

Carried Unanimously

8. Adjournment

Motion Representative Tina Smith – that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Carried Unanimously


Chairperson


Director of Community Services