

1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 by Dean Ohnysty as Chair (organizational meeting) with committee members Rick Hart (Warburg), Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Kelly-Lynn Lewis (Leduc County), Jaime McKeag-Reber (Calmar), Johnathan Miller (Thorsby) 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

Michele Mielnik (West) was absent from the meeting.

2. Introductions

Round table introductions occurred.

3. Agenda adoption

Motion Representative Lewis – that the agenda for the Wednesday, February 16, 2022 FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Representative Scobie – that the minutes from the Wednesday, June 16, 2021 FCSS Advisory Committee Meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

5. General business

5.1 Organizational meeting – election

Dean led the committee in the election nomination of Chair.

Representative Lewis offered to take the position as Chair.

No other nominations were brought forward.

Representative Lewis was acclaimed Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.

Representative Lewis took over the meeting as Chair.

Representative Lewis requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Representative Hart nominated Representative Scobie.

No other nominations were brought forward.

Representative Scobie accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.

6. Information items

6.1 Advisory orientation

A PowerPoint presentation was viewed by the committee members.

- Dean provided an introduction to FCSS services.
- Sara provided information regarding FCSS services, noting that FCSS services are voluntary and offers support to adults, families, children, youth and seniors.
- Carol spoke to the services provided by Family Resource Network (FRN) and Bridges FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder).
- Sara provided information regarding the different subsidies available (counselling, playschool and housekeeping).
- Dean provided information on partnerships with regional agencies and stakeholders.
- Dean spoke to the Rural Mental Health initiative (Ag producers, seniors).
- Dean, Sara and Carol reviewed the FCSS and FRN 2021 year-to-date statistics.
- Sara provided information regarding the International Overdose Awareness Day Living Library graphic recordings.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Hart that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives as information by staff members Sara, Dean and Carol.

Carried Unanimously

6.2 Christmas Elves program summary

Sara advised that there are seven programs that serve the Leduc region and that each community has their own autonomy. The Christmas Elves Committee meet twice yearly to share services, ideas and donations. Sara confirmed that 66 Leduc County households accessed a Christmas hamper.

Dean commented that Christmas Elves works closely with the Leduc & District Food Bank.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative McKeag-Reber that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives as information by staff member Sara and Dean.

Carried Unanimously

6.3 FCSS online programs and workshops update

Sara advised that over the last 18 months, the FCSS team has offered many online presentations (61 virtual sessions with 587 participants in total).

The virtual sessions are always free and require a minimal time commitment. Even if there is low registration, the webinars are often still worth running when recording the session is available.

Sara said that there were several virtual workshops on a variety of topics that focus mainly on parenting, mental health and relationships. Workshops are more interactive and participatory than webinars, therefore these sessions are not appropriate to record.

Dean commented on the importance of having good relationships with the community coordinators.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Scobie - that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives as information by staff member Sara and Dean.

Carried Unanimously

6.4 Income support services

Dean advised that he attended a virtual meeting with the MLA.

Sara advised that there is a new process to apply for income support that is done online or by telephone. The new process has created many problems and obstacles for rural clients or clients with barriers.

Dean recommended committee members share this information with their council in hopes of a unified front.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Hart – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives as information by staff member Dean and Sara.

Carried Unanimously

7. Reports

Dean, Carol and Sara reviewed the department activity reports with the committee members.

7.1 FRN Activity Report – November 2021 – January 2022

Motion Representative Lewis that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives the FRN Activity Report as information.

Carried Unanimously

Representative Lewis left the room at 6:30 p.m.

Representative Scobie took over the meeting as Chair.

7.2 FCSS Activity Report – November 2021 – January 2022

Motion Representative McKeag-Reber that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives the FCSS Activity Report as information.

Carried Unanimously

8. Adjournment

Motion Representative Scobie that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Carried Unanimously



Chairperson



Director of Community Services

