



FCSS Advisory Committee
Organizational meeting - Minutes
Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB – Room 530
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 by Dean Ohnysty as Chair (organizational meeting) with committee members Kelly-Lynn Lewis (Leduc County), Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Krista Gardner (attending for Calmar), Michele Mielnik (West) and Erin Williams (East) present.

Committee member Johnathan Miller (Thorsby) and Cody Henderson (Warburg) were absent.

Other attendees

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

2. Introductions

Round table introductions occurred.

3. Organizational meeting of the committee

3.1 Nomination of Chair

Dean led the committee in the election nomination of Chair.
Representative Lewis let her name stand as Chair.
No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion Representative Scobie that nominations for Chair cease.

Carried unanimously

Representative Lewis was acclaimed Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.
Representative Lewis took over the meeting as Chair.

3.2 Nomination of Vice-Chair

Representative Lewis requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.
Representative Scobie let his name stand as Vice-Chair.
No other nominations were brought forward.

Motion Representative Lewis that nomination for Vice-Chair cease.

Carried unanimously

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

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3.3 Proposed meeting dates – 3rd Wednesday of months February, April, June, September and November

Dean reviewed the proposed meeting dates with the committee members and asked that they notify him if there are any conflicts.

4. Agenda adoption

Motion Representative Mielnik -- that the agenda for the Wednesday, November 16, 2022 FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

5. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Representative Gardner – that the minutes from the September 21, 2022 FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

6. General business

6.1 Victim Services Redesign

Dean provided an update on the Victim Services redesign, and advised that we will continue to monitor and report back to the FCSS Advisory Committee in 2023.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Scobie – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.1 Victim Services Redesign as information.

Carried unanimously

6.2 Community trauma response and recovery plan

Dean provided the following information:

- The plan will be presented to Leduc County Council tomorrow (November 22nd).
- The Social Framework document identified “Safe Communities” as a service strategy for Leduc County.
- In 2022, FCSS identified a need to have a community trauma response and recovery plan for our communities.
- The intent of this plan is to provide a direction and coordinated response to assist the community during a traumatic event or incident.

- The plan is not intended to replace or duplicate any emergency response agencies including Violent Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA).
- The plan will continue to be amended and updated, as meetings with key stakeholders and groups occur in 2023.
- FCSS will lead and coordinate efforts to inform and orientate community groups and agencies in the preparation for a future event in the region.
- The goal of this program is to raise awareness to agencies that can provide support during a traumatic event, and to help provide a coordinated volunteer and agency response.

Dean advised that he would attend Calmar, Thorsby and Warburg councils to present the plan.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Mielnik – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.2 Community Trauma Response and Recovery Plan as information.

Carried unanimously

6.3 Supportive transportation barriers

Dean provided the following information:

- The Social Framework document identified “reducing barriers to support” as a key strategy for Leduc County.
- From May to August, a survey was promoted to residents with 112 respondents.

Dean noted some of the key findings from the survey:

- Transportation can be a challenge for residents when travelling in the winter.
- Most seniors rely on family, friends and neighbors to assist with transportation (to attend medical appointments etc.)

Dean commented that seniors want to live at their farm/acreage as long as they can. Some seniors don't have a network (family, friends etc.) to support them.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Williams – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.3 Supportive Transportation Barriers as information.

Carried unanimously

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6.4 Christmas Elves update

Dean provided the following information:

- Leduc County FCSS is providing support to the new staff (community coordinators) in Warburg, Thorsby and Calmar.
- Leduc Santa's Helpers is providing toys only to families. Leduc and District Food Bank is providing Christmas food hampers.

Dean reviewed the Christmas Elves and Santa's Helpers poster noting the communities involved.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Gardner – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.4 Christmas Elves update as information.

Carried unanimously

6.5 Youth Conference update

Carol provided the following update for the Regional Youth Wellness Symposium:

- Over the 2022 year, Leduc County and City of Leduc took the lead on setting up a planning committee with regional members to offer a Youth Wellness Symposium.
- The Youth Wellness Symposium was held at the Leduc Recreation Centre on November 10th.
- There were 107 youth registered for the event with 83 youth from the region participating (16 from the County).
- Councilor Mike Lake opened the event, followed by an inspirational presentation from Tyler Smith.
- The youth could pick two sessions to attend (four sessions were offered).
- The youth were very interested in the resource tables:
 - Action For Healthy Communities
 - Leduc Youth Council
 - FASD Prevention Conversation
 - Maclab Theatre of Performing Arts
 - Mental Health Capacity Builders
 - Camrose Women's Shelter
 - Creating Hope Society
 - City and County FRN
 - City of Leduc Art Club

Supper was served after the last session (provided online) by Jack.org. Everyone went home with a swag bag full of items including a sweat shirt with a slogan of "mental health matters".

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Scobie – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6.5 Youth Conference update as information.

Carried unanimously

7. Reports

7.1 FCSS Advisory Report – September to November 2022

Dean reviewed the FCSS Advisory Report with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Mielnik – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 7.1 FCSS Advisory Report – September to November 2022 as information.

Carried unanimously

7.2 FRN Advisory Report – September to November 2022

Carol reviewed the FRN Advisory Report with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.


Motion Representative Williams – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 7.2 FRN Advisory Report – September to November 2022 as information.

Carried unanimously

8. Adjournment

Motion Representative Lewis – that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Carried unanimously


Chairperson


Director of Community Services

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