
1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 4:56 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 by Kelly-Lynn Lewis (Leduc County) as Chair with committee members Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Johnathan Miller (Thorsby), Carey Benson (Calmar), Michele Mielnik (West) and Erin Williams (East) present.

Committee member Cody Henderson (Warburg) was absent.

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

Round table introductions occurred.

3. Agenda adoption

Motion Representative Miller – that the agenda for the Wednesday, September 21, 2022 FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Representative Scobie – that the minutes from the June 15, 2022 FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

5. General business**5.1 Family Resource Network contract extension**

Carol provided the following information:

- The Ministry of Children's Services will be extending all FRN grants by one full year.
- The additional time will allow FRN's to continue to refine services post pandemic.

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- To align with the Government of Alberta's Red Tape Reduction Priority, the branch has reviewed current grant funding agreements and is proposing amendments to reduce the administrative burden.
 - The changes to the agreements will not impact funding levels or program delivery.
 - Fund surpluses can now be carried into year four (extended to March 31, 2024).

Dean commented that the March 31 provincial year end doesn't match the Leduc County fiscal year. Extending the grant is good, but there is no new money and costs are increasing.

Discussion ensued.

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

Carried Unanimously

5.2 Victim Services redesign

Sara provided the following information:

- In 2021, the victim assistance program was reviewed by a MLA committee.
- In July 2022 the committee provided a press release with recommendations.
- Two years ago money was diverted to victim service organizations. That funding is now being reversed back.
- The recommendation is to increase money a victim can apply for and have consistent availability to services.
- Current victim services workers are expected to reapply for their current position under this new model.
- Leduc County FCSS and surrounding municipalities want to ensure that the level of services meet the needs of residents.
- We will continue to keep the advisory members informed.

Discussion ensued.

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

Carried Unanimously

5.3 Cultural Inclusion – Truth and Reconciliation

Carol provided the following information:

- In support of Truth and Reconciliation, the FCSS department in collaboration with our Executive Leadership Team, Creating Hope Society and Parks and Recreation, will be hosting opportunities to increase awareness.
- Links for Orange Shirt Day – vendors listed in the County Express with information article.

- Cultural Land Acknowledgment and Elder Ceremony – singers and dancers on September 14th at Warburg school. The drummer is the same drummer that played at the Queen Elizabeth's funeral.
- A cultural awareness library for Leduc County staff and families. There is a wide variety of books.
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission display at County Centre for staff and visitors.
- Presentation to senior management regarding the importance and intent of Land Acknowledgements.
- Links to videos will be available for staff and residents to view and will highlight a number of videos.
- Full day of events including panel speakers, feast and Round Dance (please see poster). Carol noted that the time had changed on poster provided in the agenda package 7.2. (note time change).

Discussion ensued.

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

Carried Unanimously

5.4 Leduc County FCSS fall programs

Sara reviewed the Leduc County FCSS fall programs schedule with the committee members, making note of the following:

- There are a variety of topics for a variety of ages.
- Rotation of what is offered.
- Receiving good feedback from participants.
- Working on the winter schedule now.
- Schedules are created quarterly.

Discussion ensued.

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

Carried Unanimously

5.5 Leduc County Family Resource Network fall programs schedule

Carol noted that the wrong fall program schedule had been provided in the agenda package. Carol provided information regarding the Leduc County Family Resource Network fall program schedule to the committee members, making note of the following:

- Spook-tacular events will be in Calmar, Thorsby and Warburg.
- Youth program related to stress busters for teens will be held in New Sarepta.
- Christmas events are planned in Devon, Thorsby, Calmar and Warburg.

- Calling all Youth program will be held in Thorsby for 11 – 17 year old. There have already been some registrations.

Carol extended an invitation to committee member to join the Youth Wellness Symposium next month.

Discussion ensued.

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

Carried Unanimously

6. Reports

6.1 FCSS Advisory Report – June to August 2022

Sara reviewed the FCSS Advisory Report with the committee members.

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

Carried Unanimously

6.2 FRN Advisory Report – June to August 2022

Carol reviewed the FRN Advisory Report with the committee members.

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

Carried Unanimously

7. Information items

7.1 Youth Wellness Symposium poster

7.2 Truth & Reconciliation Day poster

8. Adjournment

Motion Representative Lewis – that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Carried Unanimously


Chairperson


Director of Community Services

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