



FCSS Advisory Committee
Regular meeting - Minutes
Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB – Room 530
Wednesday, April 19, 2023

1. Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, by Kelly-Lynn Lewis (Leduc County) as Chair, with committee members Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Johnathan Miller (Thorsby), Carey Benson (Calmar), Ledise Mason (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

Dean requested that discussion regarding the June Advisory Committee meeting be added to the agenda under 7. Information items.

Motion Representative Miller -- that the agenda for the Wednesday, April 19, 2023, FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be amended to include 7. b) Discussion regarding the June Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried unanimously

4. Adoption of previous minutes

Motion Representative Williams – that the minutes from the November 16, 2022, FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried unanimously

5. General business

a) Seniors transportation pilot program

Dean advised that the Social Framework document identified reducing barriers to support, as a key strategy for rural residents of Leduc County. In 2022, administration engaged residents to create an

understanding of the transportation barriers to seniors, and to identify possible solutions. A report of the findings was presented to Council in November 2022.

Dean went on to say that the 2023 FCSS operating plan proposed developing an assisted transportation program that could be piloted later this year. Two deliverables were identified and supported by Council. In Q2 a subsidy program will be developed that will assist seniors with supported transportation services, and in Q4 a pilot transportation service will be created to support County seniors.

Dean reviewed the principles that will guide the pilot program, as well as the next steps for the program with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Miller – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 5. a) Seniors transportation pilot program as information.

Carried unanimously

b) Talk Ask Listen

Sara opened by stating that she wanted to share the success of the Talk Ask Listen workshop with the committee members. Sara advised that in late 2022, Leduc County FCSS applied to The Do More Agriculture Foundation Community Fund, for a mental health educational workshop focused on the agricultural community. Another application was submitted by two local community volunteer groups (Sara connected with Telford Community Hall). The application was approved as a partnership to host the Talk Ask Listen workshop.

Sara advised that the workshop was held on March 18th at the Telford Community Hall with 16 participants attending.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Benson – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 5. b) Talk Ask Listen as information.

Carried unanimously

c) Youth Directory

Carol advised the committee members that Leduc County FRN and BGRSD Mental Health Capacity Building Team, are working together to develop and distribute a Youth Directory. The directory will be similar to the City of Leduc's and will include updates as well as additional resources and County specific contacts.

Carol continued in saying that in November 2022, Leduc County FRN hosted their first Youth Wellness Symposium. Most of all the youth attending visited the resource tables and gathered printed material.

Carol advised that the partnership with BGBSD would provide an opportunity to distribute the guides widely throughout the schools within the region, targeting grades 7 to 12.

Discussion ensued.

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Motion Representative Mason – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 5. c) Youth Directory as information.

Carried unanimously

- d) Caregiver information session – Understanding Resistance with Children and Youth
Carol advised the committee members that on June 5 the Family Resource Network (FRN) will be hosting Deborah MacNamara in facilitating a workshop “Understanding Resistance in Children and Youth” for caregivers. The event will be held in Nisku and is free to attend. Transportation to the event was collaborated with other communities to reduce barriers for attendance. The information session is in response to the trend identified with families experiencing challenges with resistance within the home and community.
Carol commented that FRN has received many referrals for family breakdown issues.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Scobie – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 5. d) Caregiver information session – Understanding Resistance with Children and Youth as information.

Carried unanimously

6. Reports

- a) FCSS Advisory Report – February 2023 to April 2023

Sara reviewed the FCSS Advisory Report with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Williams – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6. a) FCSS Advisory Report – February 2023 to April 2023 as information.

Carried unanimously

- b) FRN Advisory Report – February 2023 to April 2023

Carol reviewed the FRN Advisory Report with the committee members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion Representative Benson – that the FCSS Advisory Committee receives agenda item 6. b) FRN Advisory Report – February 2023 to April 2023 as information.

Carried unanimously

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7. Information Items

- a) Alberta government news release – Inflation relief for Albertans with disabilities.

Sara reviewed the Alberta government's press release announcing new inflation relief payments with the committee members. Sara advised that the relief payments focus on seniors and people with disabilities, which was a group that was not previously acknowledged.

Sara informed committee members that FCSS can provide support to residents to ensure that they receive all the financial supports available to them and help to identify when people are falling through the cracks.

Discussion ensued.

- b) June FCSS Advisory Committee meeting

Dean advised that the next FCSS Advisory Committee meeting is on June 21st, which falls on the same day as National Indigenous Peoples Day. In lieu of the scheduled meeting, FCSS would like to invite committee members to attend the National Indigenous Peoples Day event at Rundles Mission.

Carol advised that Leduc County, Creating Hope Society and Black Gold Regional School Division all partnered with Rundles Mission to support the yearly activities, celebrations and cultural teachings offered by the mission. Carol shared some of the activities that would be taking place and advised that this was not a formal event, inviting committee members to bring their family along to the event.

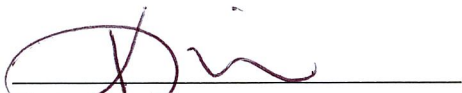
Dean advised that instead of holding the formal meeting, the reports and updates would be provided to committee members electronically.

Discussion ensued.

8. Adjournment

Motion Representative Scobie – that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Carried unanimously


Chairperson


Director of Community Services