

**MINUTES OF THE LEDUC COUNTY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 26, 2020 IN ROOM 530 OF THE COUNTY CENTRE BUILDING, NISKU,
ALBERTA.**

Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 by Dean Ohnysty, Leduc County Director of Community Services, with committee members Ray Scobie (Leduc County), Tina Smith, Warburg Representative, Cory Gilbert, Thorsby Representative, Keith Froese, Calmar Representative, and Erin Williams (East) Representative in attendance.

Representatives Rick Smith, Leduc County and Giselle Messer, Rural (West) Representative were absent.

Also present were Carol Tabone, Leduc County FCSS Manager of Family Support Services, Sara Russell, Leduc County FCSS Manager of Community Support Services and Corrie Richer, Leduc County FCSS Administrative Assistant.

Introductions

Roundtable introductions occurred.

Agenda Adoption

01 - 20 Representative Gilbert -- that the Agenda for the February 26, 2020 FCSS Advisory Committee Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Previous Minutes

Regular Meeting – November 20, 2019

02 - 20 Representative Tina Smith -- that the November 20, 2019 FCSS Advisory Committee Meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. General Business

5.1 Organizational Meeting Election

- Dean led the committee in the election of Chairman.
- Representative Scobie nominated Representative Tina Smith.
- No other nominations were brought forward.
- Representative Tina Smith accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.

- Dean requested nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.
- Representative Tina Smith nominated Representative Scobie.
- No other nominations were brought forward.
- Representative Scobie accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.

5.2 Social Framework – Dean

- The Social Framework document is now on the Leduc County website and can be downloaded and printed from there.
- We will be attending all four municipalities' council meetings in the spring (April/May) to present the Social Framework document.
- The document was created to include specifics to each community.
- The document is a tool that anybody can use as a guiding document.
- The document spoke to each:
 - Vision
 - Key partnerships
 - Guiding principals
 - Value statement
- The document has the Leduc County colour scheme, but it can be changed and used by each community.

Discussion ensued.

Representative Scobie to accept agenda item 5.2 as information.

Carried Unanimously

6. Information Items

6.1 Provincial Contract Report 2020 – Carol

- In November 2019 all Early Intervention programs within the province received notice that current programs would end as of March 31, 2020.
- The Family Resource Network model is to establish a consistent province wide approach of service.
- Families with children aged 0-18 is the new parameter for service.
- Leduc County submitted an application to provide services within our designated network area identified as Leduc County, Thorsby, Warburg, Calmar, New Sarepta, Devon and Beaumont.
- We are confident with our application and also the long standing history (over 10 years) we have for providing services within this region is a benefit.
- It is not known if a competitive proposal was received.
- Anyone could submit an application to provide services.
- No announcements have yet been made.

Discussion ensued.

6.2 Christmas Elves Program Summary 2019 - Sara

- The Regional Christmas Elves & Santa's Helpers coordinators meet a couple times a year.
- Communities are dependant on donations.
- The remainder of the year the Food Bank provides provisions to the communities.
- There are seven areas that are served under the program.
- 52% of the hampers are provided to rural homes (within the seven areas).
- The Christmas Elves program does not receive Leduc County funding.

Discussion ensued.

6.3 Drive Happiness – Dean and Sara

- Provides an option to residence facing transportation barriers.
- Drive Happiness is an Edmonton company.
- Relies on volunteers as drivers.
- Is a quality organization.
- Confident with their service.
- Watching cost of services for residents.
- Low income users can be subsidized.
- It is a grant dependant program.
- This is the best option for our residents.
- Will attend Seniors' Week to promote the program.
- Will come speak to council if requested.

Discussion ensued.

6.4 Social Awareness –Sara

- A review of the Social Awareness Days in 2020.
- Allows agencies to share plans and programs.
- Provides awareness to the community.
- Promotes positive messaging.
- Not all Social Awareness Days are table displays; some are promoted by social media and advertising.

Discussion ensued.

6.5 Senior Centre Without Walls –Sara

- Senior Centre Without Walls program is a Primary Care Network initiative.
- Their office is located in the Edmonton (south side).
- There is a calendar of events on their website.
- Seniors call in to join sessions.
- Winter Program Guide has different activities for seniors.
- There are usually three sessions a day.
- The sessions are geared towards isolated seniors.

- The program is being promoted throughout the region.
- The calendar and guide are mailed.
- Sara and Carla attended the Senior Centre Without Walls office to see how it worked.
- Carla may start a program once a month.
- There will be a Leduc County session.
- This is an Alberta wide program.
- This is not a replacement for social interaction for seniors, but it is an option and it allows them to feel included.
- There is no cost to sessions (100% free).
- The program is being introduced through our housekeeping program.

Discussion ensued.

Representative Scobie motioned to accept agenda items 6.1 through to 6.5 as information.

Carried Unanimously

7. Reports

Department update for December 2019 – February 2020 (Dean, Carol and Sara)

A copy of the Leduc County FCSS Department Update for December 2019 – February 2020 was provided in the agenda package to the FCSS Advisory Committee members.

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

Representative Tina Smith motioned to accept agenda items 7.1 and 7.2 as information.

Carried Unanimously

8. Adjournment

03 - 20 Representative Gilbert -- that the FCSS Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried Unanimously

The FCSS Advisory Committee regular meeting concluded at 6:38 p.m.

The next FCSS Advisory Committee meeting is April 15, 2020.



Chairperson



Director of Community Services