

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FPSS Society Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

PERSONNEL

- Employment opportunities: NI Coordinator, Janitorial
- Juanita on slow return to work
- Elisa off on medical leave as of January 22nd

COMMUNICATION

NEW WEEKLY E-MAILS

- Weekly e-mails continuing to be a success. Created in response to the complaint that FPSSS is sending out too many e-mails, Branding, intention to draw people to read e-mail to the bottom
- Any ideas or items you would like to see in the e-mails please e-mail admin@fpsss.com

NEWSLETTER

- March/April Newsletter sent out on time.
- Deadline April 5th for Maty to August Newsletter submissions.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

- Newsletter and Calendars posted on website.
- Facebook Currently 1.6k followers and 1.4k likes. Actively posting
- FPSS Society Fostering Blog page - Looking for new blog.
- Local Facebook Page for all areas – Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Port Alberni, Courtney, Campbell River and Port Hardy -these will be managed by Local Coordinator and Regional Office. **Total of 292 + group members**

COORDINATORS re Support Services

- All areas continue to offer support in their areas over the phone, e-mail and Zoom meetings/training.

Island trainings

- (LMS) Learning Management System
- Hope for the Journey TBRI – until June 30th
- Networking also happening in multiple areas – days at the park – Networking is a Priority

MENTORING PROGRAM

- Janet Christie – Mentor Coordinator
- Applying for Island-wide grant
- Posting regularly in private Mentoring FB Group

INVESTIGATION AND RESOLUTION SUPPORT WORKER PROGRAM TRAINING

- In need of investigation Resolution Workers in Upper Island
- IRS Training being planned for Fall 2024
- 6 trained workers Vancouver Island Wide

SAFEBABIES

- Safe babies Training Island-wide started February 9th to mid April
- Add Safe Babies to LMS when ready.
- Lenora is updating Safe Babies.

BCFPA

- Provincially Recruitment Campaign ran from mid February till the end of March done by the BCFPA
- Sarah Scorey the VI Representative

- In-person workshop in Nanaimo – Feb 22nd - funded by MCFD 4 or 5 workshops around the Province. 28 Foster Caregivers were in attendance

RECRUITMENT

- Provincially Recruitment Campaign ran from mid February till the end of March done by the BCFPA
- Planning to run Island Wide ads again (all major towns) – to create 2 person approval process with screen shots
- Virtual information sessions, twice a month through our Zoom system facilitated by FPSSS, Sandy Case, and 1 MCFD Provincial Study person- **Next Information session – April 17th – 12noon to 1:00pm – All future sessions can be seen and register at [Foster Hope](#)**

Trauma Informed Transition Training (TTT) - TRANSITION COMMITTEE

- Next sessions April 15th to May 4th – Daytime April 18th to May – evening – Provincial.
- Jo has created 3 new modules – Foster to Foster, Foster to Adopt and Foster to Aging out
- Indigenous Review 2nd – part – January 13th
- Facilitator training part 1 of 3 – was April 6th – 3 people in attendance – trained by Joi Axe (Thank you)
- \$20,000 grant from Victoria Foundation – for Trauma Informed Transition Training - Kinship
- Final Report completed and into Royal Roads

TRANSFORMATIVE RECONCILIATION

- Creating an Organizational Definition of Reconciliation

CARF - CARF SURVEY MARCH 14TH AND 15TH

- Went extremely well – 1 recommendation for documented supervision
- Waiting for official letter some where around 6 weeks after survey
- Gap Analysis for staffing

DONATIONS

- None since last meeting

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Janet Applying for VIHA grant for Mentor Program – Region wide one-time - \$12,000
- **Received-** MCFD Yearend funding – for Provincial Foster Caregiver Virtual Training – including Kinship and contracted agencies (group homes) – \$160, 000 in collaboration with ICS and OFPA
- **Received** - Victoria Foundation - TTTK Trauma Informed Transition Training – Kinship

NEW – Provincial Support Agency Caregiver Learning Network (PSACLN)

- Consortium of FPSS Society, Interior Community Services (ICS), Okanagan Foster Parent Association(OFPA)
- Attach contract?
- LMS – being updated to

KINSHIP

- Met with and presentation from the [FAIRNESS for CHILDREN raised by RELATIVES ▶ British Columbia, Canada \(fairness4crr.com\)](#) – with Jo
- Provincial advocating needed – for regional support
- Regionally No funds available – maybe opportunity for grants
- RCY report planned to come out June 25, 2024

PREVIOUS MEETING ATTENDANCE

- Transition Committee Meeting weekly - Tuesdays 9:30am
- FPSS Society Staff Meetings Biweekly – Wednesdays
- Provincial Support Agency Caregiver Learning Network (PSACLN) Wednesdays at 1:00pm
- FPSS Board Meeting – February 7th

- PSACLN – Checking with Provincial MCFD – Feb 8th
- FCSSBC Social Policy Forum – Feb 14, 15, 16
- Youth Futures Education Fund – Feb 22nd
- PSACLN initial In-person meeting (Kelowna) – Feb 27th and 28th
- CARF Pre-Survey meeting – Feb 29th
- Meeting with Rachelle Dallaire – IPS – re: PSACLN Collaboration
- CARF Survey – March 14th and 15th
- Foster Hope Information Session – April 3rd (filled in for Dianne)
- Meeting with Fairness for Children Raised by Relatives – April 4th
- 2 Personnel - Annual Reviews
- Meeting with Diane Daigle – April 5th
- Business side of Fostering Part 1 - April 8th (All caregivers should take this)
- Pathwise – Discovery Meeting LMS – adjusting to Provincial training Feb 27th March 6th, April 2nd
- Coaching calls with Andy twice a month

UPCOMING MEETING ATTENDANCE:

- TTT Committee Meeting weekly - Tuesdays 9:30am
- FPSS Society Staff Meetings Biweekly – Wednesdays
- Provincial Support Agency Caregiver Learning Network (PSACLN) Wednesdays at 1:00pm
- FPSS Board Meeting – April 10th
- Business side of Fostering – Part 2 – April 15th
- VI Regional Partnership Meeting – April 18th
- Port Alberni Foster Parent Association meeting – April 22nd
- Board Planning Retreat – May 21st and 22nd
- FPSS Board Meeting – June 12th
- FCSSBC – AGM June 12th, 13th and 14th
- TTT Committee meetings – Tuesdays 9:00am
- FPSS Society - Aboriginal Policy and Practice Framework in BC (APPF) presentation TBD
- BCFPA AGM – October 4th and 5th
- Vacation – October 6th to early November around November 4th