

Barons-Eureka-Warner Family & Community Support Services Minutes of Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Attendance

Cathy Needham, Donald Johnson, Anja Langstraat, Terry Michaelis, Garth Bekkering, Wanda Luchia, John Willms, Bob Jones and staff G. Pratt, M. Iwaasa, B. Drewry and Linda Hashizume.

Absent

Richard Sheen

Call to Order

Garth Bekkering called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

B. Jones moved the Board approve the agenda with the following addition.

Va – 6) Seniors Conferences

Carried Unanimously

Minutes

A. Langstraat moved the minutes of the April 6, 2011 FCSS Board meeting be approved as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Business Arising from Minutes

ECMap Staffing

M. Iwaasa reported the County of Lethbridge Committee has hired an individual. The M.D. of Taber Committee is waiting on receipt of the funds before offering the position.

Tentative Budgets 2011 & 2012

B. Drewry reviewed the proposed budget for 2011

Revenue

Provincial Grant	1,116,344
Municipal Requisitions	321,319
Interest	6,000
Meals on Wheels	14,500
Roots of Empathy	300
Parent Link Funding	385,515
Parent Link - Program Support	2,300
Healthy Kids, Healthy Families	6,741
Alberta Health Services - Youth Communities Initiative Project	603
Early Childhood Mapping Grant - M.D. of Taber/South County of Warner	18,750
Early Childhood Mapping Grant - County of Lethbridge	18,750
Contribution from Retained Surplus	26,437
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Expenditures

Program Support	243,971
Counselling	622,956
Seniors' Wellness	71,250
Family School Liaison	86,000
Parent Link - BEW FCSS	345,500
Parent Link - Cardston	45,432
Parent Program	440,756
Meals on Wheels	16,850
Healthy Kids, Healthy Families	6,741
Alberta Health Services - Youth Communities Initiative Project	603
Early Childhood Mapping Grant - M.D. of Taber/South County of Warner	18,750
Early Childhood Mapping Grant - County of Lethbridge	18,750
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As per the Board request at the April 2011 Board meeting a tentative budget for 2012 was prepared to provide information to support the proposed changes demonstrating they will be sustainable.

Discussion followed.

D. Johnson moved the Board approve the 2011 Budget as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Negotiations

C. Needham reported on behalf of the Board Negotiating Committee regarding their meeting with the Staff Association Negotiating Committee.

C. Needham reported the Staff indicated how much they appreciate working for FCSS. On behalf of the Board C. Needham expressed her appreciation for the service the staff provides.

C. Needham reported that the Board Negotiating Committee is recommending to the Board a 2% increase to the salary grids for all staff retroactive to April 1, 2011.

Discussion followed.

G. Bekkering thanked the Negotiating Committee for their work.

B. Jones moved the Board approve a 2% salary grid increase retroactive to April 1, 2011 for all in-scope staff and out-of-scope staff.

Carried Unanimously

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Correspondence

Alberta Children & Youth Services

A letter was received Joyce Mellott, Senior Manager, FCSS Unit, Community Partnerships regarding the *Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Program Handbook* and the *Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Annual Overview 2009*.

M. Iwaasa reported we have received the two documents. If any of the Board Members would like to review the document please contact Linda Hashizume.

A. Langstraat asked where the difference of \$900,000 was allocated from the FCSS budget of \$75.7 million and the \$74.8 million that is allocated to municipalities and Métis Settlements.

G. Pratt responded some funds go to the FCSS Association to fund internal projects, bursaries, etc. and other funds go to fund supports for all FCSS programs.

FCSSAA Conference 2011

The FCSSAA Conference 2011 is set for November 16-18, 2011 in Edmonton.

C. Needham moved the Board receive the correspondence as presented for information.

Carried Unanimously

Reports

Director

Media Articles

Media articles appeared in the Vauxhall Advance and were included in the agenda package.

Mastercard Statement

J. Willms moved the Board approve payment of the April 8, 2011 Mastercard statement.

Carried Unanimously

FCSSAA South Region Meeting

The following is a list of observations and comments about the South Region meeting held April 27, 2011 in Medicine Hat.

1. The attendance was very good- the best seen – probably 25-30 people.
2. The purpose of the first part of the meeting was to provide input into the Minister's business plan. Some of the Board felt the process and the time limitations were restrictive and we were limited to the "box" that had been created in the previous year(s).
3. Our organization seems to have a much more progressive approach in our programming and our planning as well as a better understanding of the politics that will encourage more resources being dedicated to prevention.

4. From past experiences it is found that unless the information is specifically identified as FCSS prevention initiatives that it may be taken to mean CFSA initiatives. E.g. strengthen and support families.
5. There are 322 municipalities and 206 programs receiving FCSS services.
6. There are only 5,100 people in Alberta not part of FCSS programs.
7. There is a significant "push" to educate the FCSS community on outcome measures. We in BEW have been emphasizing the importance of not just outcomes but client outcomes for many, many years and our programs and services are built around improving client outcomes.
8. June 9 & 10 and June 16 & 17 have been set aside for outcome measures training in Lethbridge.
9. A presentation was given on how to address poverty in Alberta. There were no specifics but only an explanation of the process.
10. The Board felt it was good to interact with other programs.

Coalhurst Community Day

M. Iwaasa reported on the Coalhurst Community Day. 100 people attended and the event was well received.

Retirement Party

The retirement party for Greg Pratt has been set for June 25, 2011 at Luigi's in Taber. The Board will meet at 5:30 pm prior to the supper.

Seniors Conferences

M. Iwaasa reported we have two Seniors Conferences coming in June.

Coalhurst Seniors Conference will be held June 9, 2011 and the Stirling Seniors Conference will be held on June 17, 2011.

C. Needham moved the Board approve the Director's Report.

Carried Unanimously

Accounts

Lists of expenditures for March 26-April 21, 2011 were distributed with the agenda.

A. Langstraat moved the Board approve the accounts for March 26-April 21, 2011.

Carried Unanimously

Financial

B. Drewry reported 24% of the budget has been spent for 25% of the year as shown on the financial report.

B. Drewry reported that 108% of the Parent Link budget has been spent for 100% of the year as shown on the financial report. We are currently preparing for the audit.

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T. Michaelis moved the Board approve the financial report as of March 31, 2011.
Carried Unanimously

Closed Session

B. Jones moved the Board move in-camera at 6:30 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

C. Needham moved the Board move to regular session at 6:55 p.m.
Carried Unanimously

D. Johnson moved the Board accept the Director Recruitment recommendations as presented by the Recruitment Committee.
Carried Unanimously

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Board meeting will be June 1, 2011

Adjournment

B. Jones moved the meeting adjourn at 6:56 p.m.
Carried Unanimously



Chairman



Director