

TOWN OF COCHRANE
Development & Community Services

COCHRANE FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

DATE: Apr 7, 2021
TIME: 6:30pm
PLACE: Virtually- [FCSS Advisory Board - YouTube](#)

Chairperson & United Way Rep: Margaret Stevens
Vice Chairperson & Rural Rep: Rick Lancaster
Town Council Rep: Councillor Marni Fedeyko

Members: Gresal Tapulao
Ryan Koudys-Stone
Lyle Balmer
Valerie Borsos

FCSS Staff: Kim Krawec, Manager, FCSS
Nicole Copses, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Nola Hume, Boys & Girls Club of Cochrane and Area
Family Resource Network: Heather Hayes, Terri Lauer,
Sherry Grund, Amanda Mouland, Tessa Davidson &
Eleanor Marr

Regrets:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Presentations**
 - a) 6:35-6:50pm: Boys & Girls Club – Nola Hume
 - b) 6:50-7:20pm: Family Resource Network - Heather Hayes, Terri Lauer, Sherry Grund, Amanda Mouland, Tessa Davidson & Eleanor Marr
- 3. Agenda**
 - a) Agenda Additions/Deletions
 - b) Adoption of the Agenda
- 4. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings**
 - a) Mar 3, 2021 - Regular Meeting
- 5. Delegations/Committee Reports**
 - a) Town Council Report- Councillor Fedeyko
 - b) Manager's Report- Kim Krawec

5. **New Business**
 - a) None

6. **Ongoing Business**
 - a) FCSSAA learning modules

7. **Standing Items**
 - a) Fundraising- All
 - Jail and Bail – Councillor Fedeyko
 - Rafflebox (50/50 Online Raffles)
 - b) Community Trends- Kim
 - c) United Way update- Margaret
 - d) Rural update- Rick/Margaret
 - e) Caregiver support update- Rick
 - f) Social Recovery Task Force update- Kim
 - g) Advocacy and awareness- All
 - Meeting with Peter Guthrie, MLA debrief

8. **Round Table Items**
 - a) Board members information sharing

9. **Correspondence**
 - a) FCSSAA Board Meeting Highlights March 5, 2021

10. **Next Meetings**
 - a) May 5, 2021 – 6:30pm
 - b) Jun 2, 2021 – 6:30pm



Highlights of March 5, 2021 FCSSAA Board Meeting

The board meeting was held via Zoom

REGION ROUNDTABLE

Highlights and trends were shared from around the province.

PRESENTATIONS

The board had two presentations with Q & A sessions.

1. Access to Affordable Internet, Caroline Hendley, Director, Business Improvement and Project Solutions, Community and Social Services.
2. Alberta Supports, Tom Sutton, Regional Executive Director, North Delivery Zone and Jane Chase, Area Manager, Income and Employment Services, Community and Social Services.

PROVINCIAL OFFICE UPDATE (Ken Dropko)

Vicki Van Vliet Vaitkunas's Award Vicki was nominated for the Oxford Award. The Oxford Award recognizes the alumna of the Delta Gamma Fraternity who exemplifies the Delta Gamma philosophy of service to their community through volunteer and philanthropic activities. The Oxford Award is one of the highest fraternity awards (awarded internationally each year) recognizing an outstanding commitment to community. Congratulations to Vicki.

Civil Society Fund Minister's funding decisions will be made and communicated to successful applicants by the end of March. Unsuccessful applicants may wish to apply for Year 2 intake (2021-22 budget year).

Red Tape Reduction Work on streamlining FCSS reporting is continuing. We continue to pursue and source out ways to update and/or replace the current FCSS on-line system and database.

Budget 2021 The FCSS budget is being maintained at \$100 million in Budget 2021.

New DM Ministry has a new Deputy Minister, Cynthia Farmer, who started on January 21. Cynthia previously served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Delivery Services at CSS before being appointed as the Deputy Minister of Service Alberta in April 2019.

2020 FCSS Surpluses We are not able to approve a surplus until the 2020 Annual FCSS Report has been submitted and we can reconcile and verify the amount of the surplus. We have asked for everyone's patience as we work through the current technical issues.

COVID-19 Emergency Social Services Supports Grants We are working with our three FCSS Bankers to distribute the remaining covid grants. All Grant recipients have been contacted.

FCSS Program Review The FCSS program is the main preventive initiative of CSS to achieve the strategic intent of Community Wellbeing and Resilience. FCSS was reviewed as part of the government's commitment to review all social programs. The review focused on four key areas:

Mandate; Priority setting; Collaboration; and Enhanced accountability mechanisms.

Stakeholders identified some suggestions for program improvements which included:

- Flexibility in extraordinary circumstances, i.e. food security during pandemic. FCSS programs need to more easily address emergency social issues created by extraordinary situations (pandemic, fire, flood).
- Further streamline provincial reporting requirements and enhance on-line reporting systems.
- Improve collaboration and coordination across government and between community agencies.

This feedback has driven recommendations that Minister is taking to her Cabinet colleagues for discussion.

An FCSS Framework is being proposed consisting of the following: implementation of a strengthened accountability framework to be developed in collaboration with FCSS partners, build on existing mechanisms in place.

FCSS Regulation The current FCSS Regulation expires on June 30, 2022. The Regulation changes and other enhancements will be addressed in conjunction with the FCSS Review.

Farewell It was a difficult decision to retire as it has been a pleasure and privilege to lead the Provincial FCSS Program for our Ministry. I have been honoured to work with all of you and to have supported the FCSS program. I value the relationship we have enjoyed. My last day of working will be March 31.

I will always cherish the time I had with you at the Annual Conference, the Spring Regional Meetings, the Directors' Network and the FCSSAA Board meetings. You have inspired me to do my best.

FCSSAA Conference 2021 – Edmonton Evergreen (the region planning the conference) presented a proposal to the board. After discussion the Board decided to offer a virtual conference in 2021. Consideration was given to the uncertainty of the public health situation, local budgets, and showing leadership.

FCSSAA Awards - Board members discussed various options for the Annual Achievement Awards program and decided to refer this topic to the Awards Committee and for discussion at the joint meeting with Directors' Network.

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

The committee reviewed the survey to membership and it will go out in March.

The Advocacy Toolkit was discussed and it will be updated to include information relevant for the municipal elections.

REPORTS

Karen Rosvold and Duane Didow met with Minister Toews. The meeting was as a follow up to a Town Hall meeting that Minister Toews had held in his constituency. Karen and Duane welcomed the opportunity to alleviate any concerns Minister Toews may have had about FCSS funding and how it is being used.

Karen Rosvold and Mellissa Kraft attended a meeting with Minister Sawhney post budget.

The Directors' Network will meet in April. Randy Ell has retired and his position will need to be replaced on the Directors' Network and on the FCSSAA Board.

Next Meeting

April 8 – The Board and Directors' Network April 9 – FCSSAA Board Meeting