

FPSO Corporate accomplishments 2010

This is a document is a brief overview of the work FPSO has completed over the course of 2010, for greater details please refer to the ASGO released after each Director's session, as well as the accompanying documents and reports as posted on the FPSO website.

2010 was the scheduled Ministry review of the Child and Family Services Act (CFSA) this is scheduled every five years. FPSO prepared documentation for the Ministry outlining the items we would like to see the Ministry review.(Copies on the FPSO Website).

As the CFSA Brief was being prepares a similar brief was prepared asking the Ministry for a review of Best Practices (copies available on the FPSO Website).

At this time a General Position letter was also drafted regarding the oncoming funding issues effecting Child Welfare. (Copies available on the FPSO Website)

SAFE - During the November President Meeting FPSO welcomed delegates from OACAS, they were slated to share a response from the Consortium regarding FPSO's concerns regarding SAFE that had been forwarded to the Consortium on our behalf. However the presentation was focused around why OACAS believes SAFE is the best tool for assessing incoming foster and adoptive homes. FPSO continued to pursue a response from the Consortium, and in the fall one finally arrived, however the response only covered one of FPSO's contentions with the tool. The response only mentioned the human rights issues cited by FPSO, and they felt they had done their due diligence and there was no issue. FPSO will now be moving forward with further lobbying efforts regarding our concerns with the tool.

Bill of Rights – the Bill of Rights draft, was finalized and presented to OACAS, the Commission, and the Ministry, in early 2011 it will be reviewed by a human rights lawyer. The work on the Bill of rights was to have been completed by this time; however it had to take a back seat to other pressing issues FPSO became aware of during the course of the year. (Third Party Liability, funding crisis, facets of Permanence and how they affect the Foster Family)

Foster Care Survey – was completed, shared, and prepared for the Website.

Policy work completed during the course of the year:

- The motion Book was fully reviewed to ensure FPSO functions according to our own history, some amendments were necessary, and some bylaw adjustments will be forthcoming
- Plans of care reviewed
- Foster Home annuals reviewed
- Oath of Office updated
- Permanency Booklet completed

- Bill of Rights Draft - ongoing
- Board orientation manual was updated and is now available either in hard copy, or in a PDF.
- Electronic communication Policy
- Committee report Policy

Meetings/Events attended over the course of the Year:

- CFFA Conference – attended by Gena Morrow
- OnLac data Review Workshop – Attended by Vanessa Milley
- OACAS meetings, Feb, July, October – Attended by Cecile Brookes & Vanessa Milley
- Commission Feb, attended by Cecile Brooks, Mary Burnette & Vanessa Milley
- July – Cecile Brookes & Vanessa Milley
- October – Cecile Brooks Vanessa Milley
- Child Advocacy, “There are no Wizards in Child Welfare” Cecile Brooks & Vanessa Milley
- OACAS Conference – attended by Cecile Brookes
- Zone meetings, and individual FPA/FFA meetings – All Directors.
- FPSO held four directors sessions, two Presidents meetings, and an annual conference in 2010.
- Over the course of the year there were also a variety of Tele-conference calls, with CCYC council, OACAS, Commission, and other community partners.

Fundraising; over the year FPSO ran:

- two SAMKO/MIKO fundraisers,
- began the Pro Oil fundraising relationship,
- applied for a lottery for 2011,
- began work on a cookbook for 2011,
- ran a silent auction at conference, and a fireman’s drill at conference,
- ran many 50/50 draws,
- applied for a variety of Grants,
- mailed out many letters for corporate sponsors, and donors towards our bursary program.

HILITES – three editions of the HILIGHTS were distributed this year. The D&A committee have assigned an Editor and a Producer to the HILIGHTS in hopes producing a professional product within the board, rather than having to outsource some of the work.

Website, this year the Website received a makeover to the face page, further improvements are also expected as FPSO has assembled a sub-committee designated to the form and function of the Website.