

April 2018 FPSO Month End Corporate Update

Hello everyone;

During the month of April the focus has been putting in place all the pieces to be in order for the June PAD session of meetings, September's educational conference, work with the CRA, and continuing to connect with child welfare partners and Private foster care agencies.

This month end report covers the month of April 2018.

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects (*Items noted with an asterisk are features of other items within the update*)

- ✚ Provincial Advocacy in the areas of;
 - Raising the Image of foster parents.*
 - Standardizing the foster care per diem rates for foster parents and reimbursable amounts for the children in care across the Province based on the Toronto CAST model.
 - Advocating for a child welfare system that is centered on The Best Interest of the Child. *
 - The Rights of the child as designated by the United Nations*.
 - The rights of the caregivers*
 - The Benefits and Strength of one voice*.
 - Collaboration with other partners in the Child Welfare field.*
 - Recognition of the Skill level into Regular, Specialized and Treatment Levels of the foster parents ability to parent different children recognizing the different needs and challenges of the children coming into care.
 - Protection to the foster parent specific to CPIN including:
 - Information written about foster parents and how it is stored.
 - Securing our financial and medical information on CPIN.
 - SAFE, financial, medical
 - Foster parent privacy
 - Legislation;
 - Supports for Children and youth with Special Needs.
 - Gathering of adoption disruption and breakdown statistics – to better inform adoption practices*.

FPSO advocates for the designated lobbying efforts through letters, meetings and attending events. The designated members of the FPSO board continually bring forward the specific areas of lobbying at every opportunity.

FPSO is working on gathering **Grid information** from all FPA's/FFA's in order to prepare a document that contains the provincial per diems, clothing allowances, mileages, entitlements and reimbursables. In the past this "grid" has been helpful for many of our members in advocating for increases for their members. **Please forward your local area boarding home payment details so your area can be included in the grid.** Send information to Milley17@sympatico.ca

*** During the month of March no information regarding this item was received.***

Letters written

- 👤 The 2017 Foster Parent report remains pending, the mail out is contingent on dues.

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 April 18th; FPSO, OARTY meeting pertaining to the benefits of FPSO membership, and the sharing of FPSO conference information.

Events FPSO was represented at

- 👤 Residential Reference Group – attended by: Cecile Brookes

Invitations

- 👤 Invitation from OACAS to a Webinar Teleconference on Shared Services

Connections to our members

- 👤 April 3rd; Save the Date Email, June PAD session announcement
- 👤 April 3rd; Last Call Email requesting final input on the DRAFT Business plan prior to distribution to Directors for voting
- 👤 April 21st, March Month End report
- 👤 April 26th, FPSO Spring Zone meeting date reminder

Update on last months documented New Projects

- 👤 Conference details are finalized
 - The conference package has been finalized and distributed to all FPSO Directors and Presidents.
 - Registrations are open.
- 👤 The work begun in January regarding the FPSO business plan has been finalized and confirmed by the FPSO Directors. The information will be prepared for the Spring PAD session of meetings and presented for a membership vote during the PAD meeting.

- 🔑 The work begun in January regarding the FPSO Foundation Proposal has been finalized and confirmed by the FPSO Directors. The information will be prepared for the Spring PAD session of meetings and presented for a membership vote during the PAD meeting.

New projects for 2018

- 🔑 No new projects begun during the month of April

Upcoming Meetings Events

- 🔑 Pending Meetings with both ORCA
- 🔑 Pending Meeting with PACY

Announcements

Please save the date for these upcoming meeting

- 🔑 The June session of meetings (including a directors meeting and a PAD meeting) is scheduled for June 28th –July1
- 🔑 April/May zonal meetings **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGES**
 - **South West Zone meeting May 12**
 - **Eastern zone meeting **details pending****
 - **Central Zone May 26th**

Conference – September 27th -30th – **Registration Open**

November Zone dates

- South West Zone Meeting Nov 10
- Eastern Zone Meeting Nov 3rd
- Central Zone November 17th.

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Acronyms:

FPSO – Foster Parents Society of Ontario
AGM – Annual General Meeting
PACY – Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth
PAD – Presidents’ Advocates’ & Directors
OARTY – Ontario Association of Residential Treatment for Youth
ORCA – Ontario Residential Care Association
CAST – Children’s Aid Society of Toronto
CPIN – Child Protection Information Network
SAFE – Structured Analysis Family Evaluation