

March 2018 FPSO Month End Corporate Update

Hello everyone;

A good deal of work is being done this month both in preparation for the upcoming June session of meetings; and finishing up details for conference 2018.

This month end report covers the month of March 2018.

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects (*Items noted with an asterisk are further noted 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 statics – to better inform adoption practises.

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

Letters written

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

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 FPSO South West Zone meeting March 3rd
- 👤 FPSO Eastern Zone meeting March 10th
- 👤 FPSO Central zone meeting March 24th

Events FPSO was represented at

- 👤 March 2nd, Elaine Pratt attended Tom Garfat workshop
- 👤 Residential Reference Group (March 27)– attended by: Cecile Brookes

Connections to our members

- 👤 March 3,6,14,21, - regarding thesis research project participation opportunity
- 👤 March 23 February month end report

Update on last months documented New Projects

- 👤 Conference details are being finalized
 - The majority of workshop presenters are confirmed
 - The hotel is confirmed
 - The conference registration forms should be ready by the end of April, with the HILITES to follow soon after.

New projects for 2018

- 👤 In January work begun on an FPSO business plan, with a subsequent proposal for an FPSO foundation.
- 👤 The business plan is to help support FPSO's financial stability.
- 👤 The FPSO foundation proposal is to help give balance to FPSO and create the opportunity for FPSO's charitable works to continue.

- 🔑 The DRAFTs of each of these documents will be shared at each of the three winter FPSO zone meetings as well as distributed by email.
- 🔑 Following the zones and the email distribution the DRAFT will be amended and submitted to the directors for a vote.
- 🔑 Providing the documents are accepted by a majority vote of the directors the documents will be prepared for presentation and a members vote at the upcoming June PAD meeting.

Upcoming Meetings Events

- 🔑 Pending Meetings with both ORCA
- 🔑 April 19th meeting with OARTY
- 🔑 Pending Meeting with PACY

Correction – Item missed last month

- 🔑 Feb 9th Elaine attended the Ontario Middle Years Strategy - Community Session where the Ministry launched their framework to help the Ontario middle years children thrive. FPSO participated in a workshop in 2017 to discuss with peers what we thought the middle years children need to thrive and this document was the outcome of those discussions.

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 June 2nd**
 - **Central Zone tentatively moved to May 26th – will be confirmed by email**

Conference – September 27th -30th

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