



May 2019 Month End Report

This report covers the month of May.

During the month of May FPSO has realized some of the culminations of some of the things we have been working on over time.

Much of the work of FPSO is of the *'long game'* variety. So many of the things we work on take a good amount of time and persistence; it may seem from time to time that we are almost *'treading water'* in our efforts. This month however we have begun to see some of the fruits of our consistent labouring. Please see the report below for these details.

FPSO - together we will be stronger.

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

This item has been moved to the end of the Month end report above the list of acronyms.

Letters and proposals

- 👤 All of the documents for the mail out to the private sector have been completed; the mail out will go in June.
- 👤 All of the components for the mail out of the conference HILITES to the CAS ED`s are completed; this mail out will go in June.
- 👤 The Conference edition of the HILITES was completed and distributed to Presidents and Directors. The HILITES will be posted on the FPSO Website imminently.

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 May 1 – Meeting with OARTY Executive Director, attended by Cecile Brookes & Vanessa Milley
- 👤 May 8 – Tele-conference meeting with Adopt4Life
- 👤 May 15 – Meeting with Jane Kavrakova PAC, attended by Cecile Brookes & Vanessa Milley
- 👤 May 25 & 26 – Private sector Foster & Adopt conference, attended by Vanessa Milley & Dee Duvall

- ✚ May 28 – PAC Annual General Meeting – FPSO officers were invited to participate in the PAC AGM in response to the plans to work in collaboration. This invitation came with the option of attending in person or by tele-conference. Attended by tele-conference by Vanessa Milley.
- ✚ May 30-Jun2 – CFFA Conference – Attended by Elaine Pratt
- ✚ May 30 – CFFA AGM – attended by Cecile Brookes, Vanessa Milley & Elaine Pratt

Pending meetings

- ✚ CFSRB – contact has been initiated, dates for this meeting have yet to be confirmed
- ✚ Evergreen – contact has been made, discussions are in process to schedule meeting. (The goal of this meeting is to review the changes within child welfare and together evaluate how these changes may have a negative impact on the homeless rates in Ontario).
- ✚ Private sector leadership
 - ORCA – meeting pending, we have had a number of phone calls, and emails; but not a meeting just yet.
- ✚ Officers have multiple meetings set with different Hotels in preparation for our annual educational conference.
- ✚ Officers have had a variety of meetings with individual FPA/FFA at the request of those local area leaders.

Connections to our members

- ✚ May 3 – March month end report
- ✚ May 4 – Advocacy One training invitation
- ✚ May 7 – Article – Demand management
- ✚ May 10 – FUNDrive – call for participation
- ✚ May 11 – FUNDrive – promotional flier
- ✚ May 20 – CYFSA – Legislation information regarding Part X – Personal Information
- ✚ May 20 – April month end report
- ✚ May 23 – Article – Provincial funding - slashed
- ✚ May 31 – HILITES – Conference Edition

Conference

- ✚ Conference 2019 HILITES have been distributed to Directors and Presidents, and will be available on the website imminently. The HILITES will also be distributed to all private sector operators and CAS Executive Directors during the month of June.
- ✚ We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at conference.
- ✚ We promoted our conference at the foster and adopt conference where we will be exhibiting.
- ✚ We will be having a Silent Auction again this year – please plan to bring a donation to this fundraiser.

Advocacy

- ✚ The Advocacy program for 2019 will run as it has in the past with four levels of Advocacy. FPSO had intended to revamp the program; however, there was only one inquiry and no volunteers to the call for experienced advocates to participate in the review. Perhaps this can be rescheduled for 2020.

Charitable status

- ✚ FPSO has received a **positive** response from the CRA regarding our charitable status.
 - This latest response does not require any corrections, additions, explanations or information.
 - The response stated “Based on the information we received, the applicant could qualify for registration if it changes its purposes and dissolution clause, as suggested below.”
 - This is good news coming at the end of a long protracted slog of work.
 - The CRA does need us to make a few changes to our letters of patent, as legislation has changes since we were originally incorporated.
 - You will shortly receive separate information regarding these changes.
 - We are on the home stretch to have our charitable status returned.

Private membership

- ✚ FPSO continues to pursue members in the private sector.
- ✚ We have pending meetings with both ORCA and OARTY as well as with Adopt 4 Life, among other items for discussion at these meetings will be the opportunity for FPSO membership.
 - In the month of May FPSO Officers met with OARTY, PAC and Adopt4Life, all of these meetings were in alignment with a goal of working together, each of these meetings have confirmed a joint goal of collaboration with each one differing as each of these three organizations differs from the others.
 - As follow up to the PAC meeting FPSO Officers were invited to participate in the PAC board meeting, and are invited to participate in the next one as well. FPSO is also invited to attend the PAD legislative advocacy day, and invite any of our interested members as well. FPSO also now has an officer volunteered to participate on one of the PAC working committees – looking at the X legislation.
 - As follow up from the Adopt4Life meeting, FPSO was invited to attend the foster and adopt confere4nce they were lending leadership to . This was a terrific opportunity for FPSO to share who we are and what we do with private sector foster and adoptive parents, we were also able to promote our upcoming conference and the value of membership. Adopt4life has also volunteered to provide some man power to help us at our conference, and collaborated with us to suggest and offer some of our workshops. The collaboration with Adopt4life should help increase conference attendance as they are promoting our conference to their people, and offer us unique opportunities to connect with potential members in the private sector.

- As follow up to our meeting with OARTY, Cecile Brookes and Vanessa Milley were invited to attend a training at their conference; we also have promoted their conference. They in turn are promoting our conference to their members. We are have a working commitment with OARTY to continue to develop planning on how we will work together going forward.
- ✚ The month of May was very busy with meetings that were the culmination of previous months of work all with a focus of developing partnerships and memberships all across the child welfare filed and those associated with it.
- ✚ FPSO has a number of group and individual associate members; we are looking to continue to expand these numbers.
- ✚ The mail out to private associations will be mailed now that conference HILITES are complete, this mail out will go in June.

Website

- ✚ The website is receiving traffic, some of the content continues to be uploaded.
- ✚ The HILITES will be posted imminently

FPSO Foundation Proposal

- ✚ The members voted to accept the foundation proposal during the 2018 AGM.
- ✚ The officers are looking for volunteers to participate in the preliminary work of developing the foundation.
- ✚ So far no volunteers have come forward.
- ✚ Work on this needs to happen over the summer or there will be nothing to bring forward at conference.
- ✚ **If interested please contact Vanessa Milley at Milley17@sympatico.ca.**

Upcoming Meetings Events

- ✚ Conference planning is for the third week of September.

Fundraisers

- ✚ Fundscrip fundraiser is in the planning stages, details will be distributed following the launch of the value Village fundraiser.
- ✚ **THANK YOU to all our area champions, and all of those who donated items to our Value Village FUNDrive fundraiser, this fundraiser raised \$777.00 for the board.**
- ✚ **Thank You Dee Duvall for your leadership to this fundraiser**
- ✚ FPSO welcomes any fundraising suggestions. Please contact Dee Duvall our O & S Chairperson with any ideas ddddgirl5@hotmail.com
- ✚ Please keep an eye on your emails for future fundraising opportunities we will be counting on our members to support.

*****Note to members, the Dues are coming in, if yours have not yet been sent, please forward them. The earlier in the fiscal year (beginning January 1st)dues arrive; the better for the financial stability of the board. *****

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Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

These items remain a constant focus of the FPSO, and will be forwarded at every opportunity.

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.

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