

May/June 2018 FPSO Month End Corporate Update

Hello everyone;

During the month(s) of May and June focus continues to be towards our annual educational conference, and the work on the FPSP Charitable status.

This month end report covers the month(s) of May and June 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 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

This information helps advocate for improvements for the foster home per diems and for the foster children.

*** During the month(s) of May/June 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:

- ✚ May 12 – South West Zone meeting – Kitchener
- ✚ May 26 – Central Zone meeting – Newmarket
- ✚ **the Eastern zone meeting was cancelled at the request of leaders in that zone.**

Events FPSO was represented at

- ✚ Residential Reference Group – attended by: Cecile Brookes
- ✚ CCYC – Cecile Brookes participates in the CCYC meetings by tele-conference and in person.

Connections to our members

- ✚ May 1 – Emailed the conference packages
- ✚ May 8 – South West zone meeting reminder
- ✚ May 10 – Zone meeting agenda items
- ✚ May 15 - Central zone meeting reminder
- ✚ May 18 – April Month End Report
- ✚ June 7 & 9 – PAD Meeting cancellation notice

Update on last months documented New Projects


- ✚ Conference registrations are open, a few have begun to arrive.
- ✚ Charitable status – The new application for charitable status has been received by the CRA; the CRA has required a further documentation package that contained a number of appendices. This additional package of information has been prepared and forwarded

back to the CRA. This is a very long process and much work has been done to gather all of the information and the details the CRA is requiring.

New projects for 2018

 No new projects begun during the month of May or June

Upcoming Meetings Events

 No new meetings scheduled at this time; generally there are fewer meetings over the spring and summer.

Announcements

Please save the date for these upcoming meeting

South West Zone Meeting – August 11 – Kitchener

Central Zone Meeting – August 18 - Newmarket

Eastern Zone Meeting – August 25 – Kingston

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

November Zone dates

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

Contact @ Milley17@sympatico.ca, 905-892-1591,

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