

**Date/Time:**

April 21st, 2022 / 9:30am – 10:30am

Location: Zoom

Chairs: Karen Dommett, Kim Presser

In Attendance:

Mezaun Lakha-Evin (AAN)
Cydney Yaremko (BLOOM)
Kim Presser (Between Friends)
Alyson Thompson (Recreation Respite)

Meri Topchieva (AAN)
Laura Rocker (CP Kids and Families)
Deborah Olohi (Easter Seals)
Leonard O’Keefe (DDRC)

Meeting Minutes

Land Acknowledgement
Welcome and Introductions

Review/Approval of previous meeting’s minutes

Topics of Discussion:**Round Table Agency Updates:****CP Kids and Families:**

- Starting adapted bike clinics this weekend.
- Summer camp will be hosted in July and August.
- Virtual programs are still being offered.

DDRC:

- Shut down rapid test station.
- Tentatively preparing for Stampede Breakfasts this summer if Stampede is to be held.
- Actively looking for staff due to COVID turnover.
- Online services are decreasing, and capacity is ¼ compared to the height of the pandemic.

Between Friends

- First in-person dance program was hosted a couple of weeks ago, and many members were looking forward to meeting in person.
- Currently planning camp and summer programs.

Recreation Respite

- Free older adults' program is going to be run for the rest of the year. It was initially in partnership with the Senior Centre to identify what topics seniors are interested in.
- Young adults' programs are well-attended. Many young adults want to connect with peers.
- Received one new partnership with the University of Calgary, which is starting next month.
- James Care Foundation will run challenger baseball this summer as it couldn't during the last two years of the pandemic.

Easter Seals

- Summer camp starts in June; venue and all facilities are booked; however, they are also actively looking for staffing as they are understaffed for summer camp.
- Weddings are being offered at their venue which is booked through 2024.
- Recruitment was previously done by targeting European and Australian workers, however with the pandemic, the number of overseas workers has decreased.
- Staff have been trained in different areas of the program to maximize staff for summer camp.

Cerebral Palsy Alberta:

- In-person programs have started in Calgary and Edmonton.
- We will continue having a hybrid system for programs.
- Renovations are continuing in Calgary. The programs room has been completed; we will be running 3 programs in a week.

BLOOM:

- Paid staffing is no issue due to low turnover. However, volunteers for summer camp are still needed.
- BLOOM is still offering virtual and in-person programs and will continue to do so.
- Currently doing a sock fundraiser with Sock Rocket in celebration of international dance day. A portion of proceeds goes to the pay-forward fund which subsidizes the cost of the program for low-income families.

New Business:

- Next meeting will be partially dedicated to a conversation surrounding staffing.
- An Alberta recreation environmental scan has been previously done. Meri will send recruitment letters specifically for the recreation table next week.
- Zoom meetings for recreation table meetings will continue as we must be representative of the province.
- Recreation table meetings will not occur in the months of July and August.

Upcoming Spotlight Series

- Scott Godfrey from AAFS will do a presentation on Wheelchair Lacrosse at our next meeting.

Link to Alberta recreation environmental scan:

- https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1D-5dmQyvmlKweuAtDcAkTav7hu_mcT29/edit#gid=894644276

Action Items:

- Meri will share all job listings with the Policy Studies program at Mount Royal University.

Wrap-Up/Adjournment

Next meeting:

Date: May 19th, 2022

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Location: Zoom