

Chairs: Karen Dommett

Present

Scott Godfrey (AAFSC)	Karen Dommett (Calgary Adaptive Hub)
Ermira Kusari (CAN)	Leonard O’Keefe (DDRC)
Susan Cortes (Children’s Link)	Shannyn O’Callaghan (Children’s Link)
Elizabeth Kaleta (CPA)	Gennie Liu (City of Calgary – Recreation)
Telisa Dubasov (Bloom Wellness)	Cydney Yaremko (Bloom Wellness)

Meeting Minutes

1	Land Acknowledgement Welcome and Introductions
2	<p><u>Agency Updates – Summer programming</u></p> <p>CPA: continuing to provide programs virtually via Zoom and into the summer (15 programs a week including art music, zoomba, computer classes, etc.). Planning gardening events with support from Kids Upfront (July-September). Will be offering online dance classes for children in partnership with Ballet Edmonton. Cautious regarding in-person classes and continuing virtually based on feedback from families and current situation.</p> <p>Children’s Link: RDSP sessions taking place (2 in total). Meeting with the City of Chestermere and surrounding areas to talk with parents on how Children’s Link can support them. Continuing Coffee Socials (to take place outdoors, weather permitting). Have a number of staff interns for the summer. Maintaining the calendar of events and services and any agency interested in featuring their activities in their calendar, contact Children’s Link directly: https://childrenslink.ca/events/ . Continuing with Podcasts with different guests: https://learning.childrenslink.ca/en/</p> <p>Given the changes with restrictions since our Recreation Fair, will host an informal recreation information session on June 24th from 7-9 pm. This will be an opportunity for agencies to chat with families in person over Remo and to provide updates for summer activities. Each agency will be given 3 minutes to share an overview of camp info and activities happening in the summer. Agencies do NOT have to attend the June 24th session. If an agency prefers, they can just upload their summer activities and agency overview to a white board that Remo will host.</p> <p>DDRC: looking into getting a bit more into the community. Many networks have been reaching out asking for community supports therefore some virtual supports will no longer be offered with the same intensity. Continuing to encourage physical distancing and mask</p>

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wearing in the building and increasing the number of people allowed in the building. Virtual learning and leadership program – welcoming guest to lead the sessions.

AAFS: doing some tests face to face next week. Week after, starting in-person programming. Running smaller group programs in July in the morning and afternoon (two weeks on, one week off). Will be carrying out some programs in Pineridge and Penbrook. Also looking at programs for September.

Vecova: recreation center reopening for some summer programs, including day camp with reduced capacity: <https://vecova.ca/2021/06/01/return-to-fun-vecovas-summer-day-camps-are-back/>. The goal is to fully relaunch by September if things do not change over the summer. Strength in Abilities virtual events (a fundraising opportunity) will be taking place from June 18-27, 2021: <https://vecova.ca/event/strength/>

BLOOM Wellness: rebranded from Dubasov Dance and Wellness. Have been running in-person programs (movement in nature), working specifically outdoors with small groups while following the restrictions and adding elements of gardening and other outdoor activities. This is a precursor to what is to come over the summer. Will offer 3-day camps, all ages and abilities together to see what the interest is. Registrations have been good but slower. Offering one day a week adult program. Will be looking for a space again for the Fall. Will continue the virtual programming at a lesser scale. Working towards smaller projects such as a YouTube channel to branch out in the community and support them. <https://www.bloomwell.ca/>

City of Calgary – Recreation: recreational facilities and area are opening up in the next few weeks. Golf lessons are still running. Adapted programming: working on adapted golf for children and youth in collaborating with different groups. Running outdoors day camps over the summer and in the facilities. There are a number of free opportunities available, listed here: <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/free-activities.html?redirect=/free>. McCall Lake is the most suitable for beginner golf courses as it is the most accessible for all abilities. Also exploring Confederation Park and Shaganappi.

Suggestions:

- * Explore adapted golfing for adults. Those interested should connect with Gennie Liu.
- * Explore the possibility of hosting golf activities as an AAN collaborative.

Calgary Adapted Hub: looking into how Covid-19 has affected individuals and looking to have the results available by September. U of C will be running camps, in-person but at a lower scale in August. Mount Royal is looking into running a summer camp in July virtually. Launching a play from home kit (50 kits to begin with) to get the word out about the collective and for families to explore the partner facilities. The kits can be picked up from various partner locations. Power Hockey Canada. There are a number of programs in the works, more info to come in the months ahead.

Resource Directory Update

- Shanice is a practicum student with AAFS who is working on building the Resource Directory for Accessible Recreational Programs.

Advocacy

- Repsol has been awarded \$45 million for their expansion however not many details are available. This is an opportunity for us as a table to get involved and ensure that the input and perspective from persons with lived experience and those who support them are taken into consideration. With the new federal grants being rolled out, there will be more opportunities for participation in such projects.

- Any table member interested in starting the draft letter that we can use to reach out to agencies and facilities that are the winners of grants to improve accessibility, please reach out to Ermira.

AAN expansion - Recreation outreach partners:

- Ermira to upload the current list of AAN Recreation table members and all table member are encouraged to cross reference the current list of members (page 1 in the same document)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zpTaoy_Fec7SlgSqS2B4fmTG5GpLMkx1BMsf57mP1Y/edit?usp=sharing

Links:

Recreation Discovery: <https://www.calgary.ca/csps/recreation/recreation-discovery.html>

Member Spotlight Series Sign-up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KAh5_7ou1uRE2ITDXGHXyf6R_YpGkJsmza8xCNIFY0/edit?usp=sharing

Vaccine policies for staff and clients

- DDRC: employees who took the vaccine can upload the information and are granted 3 hours of lieu time. Currently not tracking or asking staff regarding their preference and relaying the same information to the networks as well.

- Vecova: staff are not asked but if they prefer, they can share the information and can take time off to get the vaccine. 95% of individuals in in-housing have received the first dose. Asking for immunization info is standard part of the process in the PDD realm.

Events

Research and Community Engagement Seminar - Dr. Kelly Arbour
Thu, June 24, 2021

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	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM MDT https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/research-and-community-engagement-seminar-dr-kelly-arbour-tickets-156964088815
	Wrap-Up/Adjournment <u>Next meeting:</u> Date: July 17, 2021 Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Location: Zoom

