



Chairs: Kim Presser, Karen Dommett

Present

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| Scott Godfrey (AAFSC) | Kim Presser (Between Friends) |
| Ermira Kusari (CAN) | Dean Svoboda (AAFS) |
| Karen Dommett (Calgary Adaptive Hub) | Janice Schneider (Stars Youth Singers) |
| Leonard O’Keefe (DDRC) | Nikola Stevens (We Did It) |
| Shanice Grandison (AAFS) | Karly Mortimer (National Access Art Center) |
| Susan Cortes (Children’s Link) | Shannyn O’Callaghan (Children’s Link) |
| Tara Chisholm (ISR) | David Legg (ISR) |
| Deborah Olohi (Easter Seals Alberta) | Gennie Liu (City of Calgary – Recreation) |

Meeting Minutes

1	Land Acknowledgement Welcome and Introductions
2	<p><u>Member Spotlight – Inclusive Sport and Recreation Collaborative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The collaborative started out of the need to provide a forum for conversation and information sharing and dialog as related to sport and recreation for persons with disabilities. Hosted a conference in Edmonton 4 years ago and continued to connect and meet, currently online. - There is a steering committee in place (https://activealbertacoalition.ca/isr/). Average attendance in virtual meeting is around 50 people. Areas of focus as represented by participants: Paralympic and disability sports, special Olympics, intellectual disabilities, and other that come with an able-bodies lens but want to learn and be more engaged in inclusive sports. Have also connected with the Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association and many of their members have expressed interest in connecting with them. - The participants at the meetings represent a broad “big tent” perspective including organizations that provide sport, physical activity and recreation services for persons living with a disability across continuums, from the puddle to podium, an individual’s lifespan and abilities. Members are persons with lived experience and those who support them alike. - There is no funding or point-person currently in place. - City of Edmonton is looking into starting an inclusive sports and recreation groups within the City. - Have been working with various groups to lobby for inclusive sports and recreation to the Government of Alberta. The collective offers the opportunity for a unified voice.

There are opportunities for ISR and AAN to collaborate and support each other's work and move the agenda forward.

Member Spotlight Series Sign-up:

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

Agency Updates – Summer programming

We Did It! School-Age Care Society: online art classes once a month, hosted and led by volunteers. Classes are open to everyone and are free of charge. Looking to partner with other organizations to spread the word about the programs.

Children's Link: community calendar on the website. Anyone interested in showcasing their programs and activities, contact them. Continuing to Conversation Cafes for parents with children with disabilities (twice per month). They have been very well received. Working on podcasts, one coming up in June. Continuing to work on the expansion in the Medicine Hat and Lethbridge region. If you know of families that need assistance with transitioning, connect them with Children's Link (there is a fee associated with it however there is financial assistance available).

DDRC: have been noticing that people are taking time off to enjoy the weather. With Calgary Stampede being a go, there are a number of people interested in going so trying to figure out the logistics of supporting them. A few people have been accessing the office as well. Working on figuring out a plan of going back to programs safely.

AAFS: running many online activities. Looking into providing options with plans for virtual, in-person and dual-platform (have successfully ran programs already on dual-platform). Have received a grant (alongside Rec Respite) to help organize a ParticipAction Campaign for June. Looking into summer planning (i.e. venues, parking lots). Will be running a Lego program with representatives from other countries Zooming in as well. Adaptive and inclusive mechanic garage program.

National Access Art Center: continuing with remote program and gearing up for a busy summer. Dance and movement classes have been announced; team taught by people with a lived experience. Queer Accessible Arts Cabaret (QAAC) program is now open for registrations: <https://accessarts.ca/programs/>. Hosted an event with the British High Commissioner, Minister of Multiculturalism and other representatives from the Federal Government where 12 of the works created were acquired by Global Affairs Canada to be part of underscoring some of their diplomatic strategy. This is great step towards exploring the great works can be exported from Alberta. Focusing on international presentations: UN meeting on Climate Change and a tour of East Asia (residencies and

exhibitions in Soul, Tokyo, Osaka). It would be beneficial for everyone to look into support with the placement of persons with disabilities in the new positions available through Alberta Jobs.

Easter Seals: focusing on the Equipment Loan program as more people are getting vaccinated and can safely get outside. In talks with ASH regarding opening overnight camp. Have a new student on board working on virtual programming.

Between Friends: continuing with virtual programs (15 – 20 a week; 103 hours each) run by the BF team. Waiting to hear from the Government regarding camps to start planning and will communicate with families about potential plans for the summer.

City of Calgary – Recreation: everything is currently closed (indoor and outdoor) until May 30 and waiting for the next announcement from the province to determine the next steps. There have been challenges with running outdoor programming due to restrictions. Outdoor Adventures program (one-time golf and other activities to encourage outdoor activities and socializing) and I Love Outdoor Sports (opportunity to try adapted rugby and working with Alberta Athletics on physical literacy skills in the outdoors). There is a lot planned for the summer, including camps, all outdoors.

Calgary Adapted Hub: will be launching the website next week. Will be working towards connecting with families that fall into a grey area in terms of the ability and participation in activities and working with program partners to then identify the right fit. Currently in the early stages of strategic planning. Working toward virtual camp programs through the Universities. There are many proposals underway for the fall as well.

Youth Singers: received funding from one of the partners for the STAR Online Show. Youth Singers have adopted a dual-platform since the beginning of the pandemic and are doing really well. Working towards an outdoor classroom and funding for it. At the Parkland Community Association are working towards accessibility and it is available to those who may need to use it.

Resource Directory Update

- Shanice is a practicum student with AAFS who is working alongside Scott to build the Resource Directory for Accessible Recreational Programs. Currently there are about 80 programs inputted in the spreadsheet.

Next steps for the table

- Continue on current and explore other opportunities that arise in terms of advocacy for inclusive recreation

CAN Recreation Table

May 20, 2021



Events

ISR Collective Virtual Meeting

Monday, June 7 from 11:00am - 1:00pm(MT)

RSVP: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUqs4IAHUIcbf9uCYOZ-Ne46ODzAUPI2OALUeoPsdsk2XI9g/viewform>

Wrap-Up/Adjournment

Next meeting:

Date: June 17, 2021

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Zoom
