



FPA Minutes

January 19, 2015 6-8pm

PRESENT: Norah Savard, James Savard, Darlene Coulter, Christina McNay

In Attendance:

North Bay - 9
Parry Sound - 0
Burks Falls - 1

Special Presentations:

- Kathy Luoma, Attachment Focused Parenting –absent due to illness; will be rescheduled

Committees:

- LOFF Update: In October a LOFF meeting was held. It was attended by all agencies represented by LOFF. Since it had been 5 yrs since LOFF was formed they wanted to review their goals and objectives with agencies especially in regards to leadership. Norah and a foster parent from Thunderbay have put forward their names as co-chair. It was decided those wanting to take positions would shadow current leaders for a year before resuming positions. A conference committee was formed and is represented by norah Savard for our region. A save the date flyer has been sent out. The dates of the conference are May 29-30, 2015. Excellent speakers are booked to do a few presentations (ie Lanny Anderson) Norah will discuss with Nancy to ensure that a good number can attend from the Nipissing Parry Sound area which will include workers and foster parents. Costs were not included on the flyer but meals are included. More information to come.
- LDF Update: Reference made to the January newsletter re increase in costs (email recently sent to all FP) to 17 cents effective March 1, 2015. (Norah: please double check rate?. They have a really good manual/handbook that helps to protect ourselves...keeping logs to support/protect ourselves. Check out their website. UFPCCC in talks with a united insurance broker. A survey is being conducted in order to give an estimate on costs.
- CAS Update: Beckett Penfold:
 - Agency being audited last week therefore other items has been put on hold.
 - Newsletters still being reviewed.
 - Caregiver Feedback has been sent out to all foster parents and waiting replies.
 - PRIDE training-Norah will go on panel at end of the training to share information about the Foster Parent Association.
 - Mentor Program- Mentor training will be February 6th

New Business:

- New Drop In Clinic: Available every other Wednesday; discuss all issues/nothing is held against you. Let Kathy know if you are attending; specifics to child behaviours/concerns. Information about the clinic on our website. Christine asked if they might offer something similar in other areas.

- Board of Directors – Norah to present to the Board of Directors in February about the FPA. Will bring the PP to review at our next meeting.

Old Business:

- Vote on Goals for 2014/2015 year:
 - Youth in Care Duffels
 - Review of Reimbursables
 - Training (FASD, Autism Spectrum, Parenting Skills)
 - Feedback F/U
 - Updates to caregiver manual
 - Visits not during school hours
- A motion was brought forward to vote on the above goals for 2014/2015 by Bonnie Brewer and seconded by James Savard. The motion was carried. put forth motion that these would be items we would work on during 2015.
- Mentor Advocate Program update
- Christmas Social - review and plan for 2015 to start in September; improve data needed; Note to bring this issue up on May agenda. Gifts for foster children – need to formulate and need to improve system of purchasing gifts for children. It was suggested that we let foster parents come in and choose appropriate gifts for their children.

Round Table Discussion:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 from 6-8 pm (Monday is Family Day) –will be in this room again.

See agenda for outline of special presentations for February/March/April