



**Chairs:** Suzanne Jackett, Linda Tanigami

**Present**

Katie Mertens (CP Kids & Families)	Suzanne Jackett (Between Friends)
Justine Paul (Chrysalis)	Leonard O’Keefe (DDRC)
Ermira Kusari (CAN)	Mezaun Lakha-Evin (CPAA)
Cienna (Between Friends)	John Marquina (Ability4Good)
Kim Yager (Vecova)	Karen Hurley (Special O Calgary)
Katie Mertens (CP Kids and Families)	

Item	
1	Welcome and Introductions
2	<p><b><u>Agency Updates:</u></b></p> <p><b>Children’s Link</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Looking into how the different fairs that they host will look like this year – they will likely be virtual.</li> <li>-Continuously updating the event’s calendar – feel free to contact them if you would like your programs featured in it.</li> <li>-Families are wanting to do things in the community but also being cautious about it; as well as financial stresses for those whose children want to attend camp.</li> </ul> <p><b>DDRC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Have opened up the building a bit more. The building has been routed with arrows and a Covid-19 questionnaire and temperature check is conducted at the gymnasium. For people who leave the building for more than 15 minutes, they have to go through a temperature check again upon return. For the most part, clients can manage on their own with the questionnaire and for those that have difficulties they ask CRWs to assist them.</li> <li>-Providing hand sanitizers and gloves. In addition, have full PPE in case someone shows symptoms so that they can be suited up while they wait to be picked up by someone in the isolation room. The isolation room is close to the exit door and has a phone and has an office feel rather than an isolation room.</li> <li>-The reopening process is going much better than expected.</li> <li>-Aside from the community walks, if a community agency reaches out to them, they have been exploring those options such as the YMCA.</li> </ul> <p><b>Chrysalis</b></p>

- Continuing with the three streams: virtual, mobile (one to one visits) and in-facility services. Maximum attendees in the office: 15 members and 6 staff.
- Conducting a questionnaire for all those who attend programs and services in the office. The questionnaire is sent to them prior to coming to the office so that they can fill it out. Members cannot change rooms at this time when attending programs and supports in the office.
- Staff members wear masks at all times and members wear them as much as possible. Using plexi-glass at the front desk and maintaining distance in the program rooms by spacing the tables so that people can take a break from wearing a mask that way.
- If clients request to visit other places in the community, they are leaving it up to the staff to decide on it, while taking into account the protocols.

### **Between Friends**

- Cienna: program relaunch manager. Hoping to assist in the full relaunch (similar to Telus Spark where she played a key role) while taking into consideration the diversity of members that attend programs. Meeting with each agency within CAN Recreation individually before starting collaborative work as a subcommittee. The goal is to take the general guidelines provided by the Government and create more specific guidelines as they pertain to various disabilities and that we are all consistent in the approach.
- For those interested in accessing their facilities, there might be an extra charge which would go towards ensuring that washrooms are properly cleaned and sanitized. Families will not be able to book the site at Riveredge Park on their own due to insurance restrictions however there are collaboration opportunities between agencies.
- Continuing with online programs through WeConnect and will likely becoming a regular offering. Will not be offering programs in the fall. Trying to get some in-person programming.

### **Vecova**

- The main facility is not open yet due to the complexity of the building (the pool, being open to the public). Planning to open in September – unsure what the protocol will look like at this time.
- Started some community-based programming and have provided some in-home supports (supportive roommates). Serving 15 individuals (out of 100) and 10-15 being supported through the group homes. For community based-programs, it is assessed on individual cases to determine the risk factors around transportation and what are safe activities for them to participate in the community.
- Have not committed to full time programming since there are not many community locations opened. Working with Telus Spark, YMCA, Zoo, Heritage Park, libraries, etc.

-Expected to have more interest in the in-home model of support however people have not been feeling very comfortable having someone coming into their home.

### **CP Kids and Families**

-Online camp-in-a-box and the feedback has been great with parents requesting that they do it again in August. Once a week outdoor meet-ups for the children in those programs. Meeting in a park and playing physical distancing games.

Required to come with an aid and wear masks when possible. Staff and aids are required to wear masks. Interested is still low for meet-ups.

-Continuing with virtual programs: bingo, karaoke and music.

### **CPAA:**

-Conducted a survey to determine if members are interested in in-person classes. 42% expressed interest to coming back to programs and 1/3 of them have noted that they are comfortable sharing their medical status (e.g. fever, runny nose).

Based on the data, it is likely that programs will not start in September.

-Continuing with online programs and starting September programs will be provided at a fee. The All Access Pass will be \$80.

### **Special Olympics Calgary**

-Working on a return to play plan.

-Will do three pilot programs starting October to see how it pans out. Most of the facilities are open and ready to take them in. Working with them with protocols on both sides. Will be conducting a survey to see if athletes will be coming back. For those coming back, each athlete can do one sport during one season (fall-winter; summer-fall). There will not be games and leagues; it will be skills and drills in the sports they participate in.

### **Ability4Good**

-Opening mid-August. Conducted a survey with their members and 35% noted they are interested in returning to programs. Staff will be required to wear masks however they are not mandatory for members. Setting the limit to 5 children per program in the facility. Respite and community programs have been following the same protocols.

### **PPE: masks and visors**

-People have adjusted well to masks (disposable ones are more comfortable to wear for longer time periods). People are not up to wearing face shields.

-Face shields are not as effective as the masks and are meant to be worn along with a mask.

-Comment: it is important to wear masks/shields for all children as the number of children in the US passing away has been increasing.



-It is important for the agencies to have certain guidelines when it comes to wearing masks so that it is uniform across agencies.

**Cleaning and sanitizing: whose responsibility is it?**

-Some agencies already have people that took care of the cleaning regularly but they might be coming in more frequently now.

-In some agencies, that was part of the job description. In other agencies, staff have taken it on to those duties as well.

Wrap-Up/Adjournment

**Next meeting:**

**Date:** August 20, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Location:** Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821750886>