



Chairs: Suzanne Jackett

Present

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| Miranda Brown (ASRAB) | Suzanne Jackett (Between Friends) |
| Ermira Kusari (CAN) | Wendy Roby (Vecova) |
| Bev Babuk (MS Society) | Dean Svoboda (AAFSC) |
| Shane Esau (Vi Ridell/U of C) | Karen Hurley (SpecialO) |
| Adam Long (Ups and Downs) | Telisa Dubasov (Dubasov Dance) |
| Paula Telfer (Easter Seals) | Emily Furber (Between Friends) |
| Brandon MacLean (Chrysalis) | David Legg (Mount Royal U) |
| Miguel Klassen (Mount Royal U) | Leonard O'Keefe (DDRC) |
| Jarod Huhtala (Mount Royal U) | |

Item	
1	Welcome and Introductions
2	<p>Active & Adaptive Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research looking at a convenient solution to enable already busy families to incorporate more daily activities. The goal is to keep the kids active it is an online subscription service that delivers toys games and activities to families and organizations. - It is meant to be adaptable, personalized and easy with a two-step process which requires a detailed profile and doorstep delivery of activity package. Professionals would evaluate the profiles in order to create boxes that are suitable for each client - When it comes to the size and contents of the box and they're keeping it open to the families to choose - Have looked at other resources that are offering similar things to ensure that their service is filling a gap instead of providing something that is already available - Continuing to research what is currently available in the market - Looking for best approaches to gathering information regarding a diagnosis/disability. - suggestion Asking about a diagnosis in a sensitive way ask About the positive things in terms of talent and ability and then follow up with challenges that they experience. This will provide a better idea of what the child likes an what they can and cannot do - Keeping the price low and affordable to ensure that more people have access to it

AGENCY UPDATES

Wendy – Vecova

- No new updates from the agency
- Subcommittee updates: following the first meeting, each member of the group was assigned a task to follow up with. In addition will be connecting with Mezaun and the larger post-Covid re-entry strategy task force to see whether the two committees can be merged or continue separately moving forward.

Miranda - ASRAB

- A little bit anxious about things opening up as an agency have been talking about what programs they would be offering when the time comes and they feel more comfortable offering programs in terms of safety and ethics such as walks and dancing yeah however have not set a date yet.
- Had a virtual meeting with students in the sport literacy class I will continue to do so on a weekly basis and See what they prefer to do at home
- Looking into making the parents or guardians part of the activities instead of engaging volunteers

Paul - Easter Seals

no updates from the organization

30 opening is a bit soon as the clients are still too vulnerable

Using this time to look at ideas to provide services virtually however virtual is unnecessarily the answer to everything so looking at different platforms and ways to engage.

Dean - AAFSC

- Continuing to roll out more programs such as social media safety as clients are spending more time online now.
 - Building for after Covid and working with a software (Move and Prove) developed for high level athletes in remote locations to access top level coaching without travelling and looking into bringing it into the autism disability world to teach basic sports skills.
 - Looking into programs for the summer but it is difficult to put together programs that fit everyone. Some staff are engaging in private care however there is uncertainty on how to work in a safely manner.
 - Working to put together a video about being left behind in the decision making
- **Suggestion:** work together in a joint communication. Those interested in working with Suzanne on this, please contact her directly.
- **Wendy:** the post-Covid subcommittee can assist in drawing commonalities in terms of messaging.

Karen – SpecialO

- There are no summer programs and looking into fall programs. Due to the high number of athletes there is a lot of logistics to figure out. Two scenarios: 1) October-June or January-March and April-June programming for next year.
- Athletes doing well; coaches contacting them every week.
- Decisions are made at the national level and rolled out to the provincial level.

Bev – MS Society

- Following the reopening strategy however office will remain closed to clients at least until the end of May.
- Programming might be postponed until the end of the year.

Susan – Children’s Link Society

- Covid-9 resources on the website including education and exercise programs; respite agencies and respite private (left at the discretion of the parents to have staff at home). Updated continuously. If you have info to share, contact Children’s Link.
- Online coffee conversations – very well received (adjusted the time to what worked best for the parents).
- Unsure when staff will start returning to the office.

Telisa – Dubasov Dance and Wellness

- Started virtual classes – the children are doing well and participating. Programs are not accessible to everyone however there has been a decent following.
- Summer and moving forward – unsure at this time due to the health and safety of the participant and any liability issues and cost of providing PPE.
- Looking for collaboration opportunities with other agencies.

Adam – Ups and Downs

- Applied for the \$40,000 small business loans through the Government of Canada and have been accepted – does that affect the 30% revenue loss for the 75% wage subsidy?

Add on question: Funders have come forward to support the agency, how to account for those against wage subsidy and revenue?

**** Post the question on the shared resource document**

- Giving Tuesday campaign
- 75% rent subsidy – unique situation as subletting from another non-profit and looking into addressing that.
- Lots of planning with Street Meet now that it has been moved to virtual.

WORKPLACE GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

– provided by the Provincial Government as part of the reopening strategy. Encouraging the other sectors to take and adapt these guidelines to the corresponding sector. If we submit them as a sector to the AHS, they will provide feedback on our strategies.

<https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/covid-19-workplace-guidance-for-business-owners.pdf>

Leonard – DDRC

- Have been receiving positive feedback from checking in with clients. Have more than doubled the support hours in just a week by offering the phone and video support
- Had to let go of some CRWs and are working towards bringing them back
- Home-based support is minimal at this time. Networks have offered to set up space in their backyards or set up a sitting area where they can practice social distancing but still be together and have conversations, listen to music or practice interview skills.
- Community walks are popular and going well.
- Keeping the building open at very limited capacity for the clients that need to come in.
- Question: Are the guidelines set forth by the agency that need to be followed to enable clients to come to the office and if so, is there anything available that can be shared with other agencies? Are clients able to understand the physical distancing? The clients are responding very well to social distancing so there have not been any issues. Only allowing 15 people on each floor.

Shane – Vi Ridell

- Waiting on what the Government is rolling out in terms of camps. Some U of C camps are thinking of moving forward however no final decisions have been made yet. There are many people affected by the camps not running hence they might try to push for the camps to go ahead.
- They are looking at having students in at 50% population rate for classes however that poses a challenge of who gets to attend and who does not as there are people that need certain classes to move on to higher courses.

Question: Will it be on a first come, first serve basis? That is the understanding. Hoping to have more information soon. The children in camps are in the area of physical disability thus it is not too bad in terms of decreased immunity levels however they are in wheelchairs therefore the chairs would need to be wiped down every time after use. The cost associated with it is pretty high.

Question 2: Do you have a choice and a say in this if the University decided to go ahead with camps? Will have a choice as they staff it. If they are not comfortable to have the staff there, they will discuss it with the University. The camp will not be based on research any longer.

- Looking at changes resulting from providing activities in person and online. In addition, there are people looking at the activity monitors and getting the information from the individual to look at differences in activity levels (FitBit, Garmin, etc.). It has not been done yet in the disability activity side of things yet.
- McMaster University will be coming up with something in the next month on remote physical activity.



Suzanne – Between Friends

- Launched the next set of programs which will be 4 weeks at a time. Changed the name to We Connect and registrations are online.
- Looking into opportunities to create in-person family activities at the summer camp but would not be taking the responsibility of staffing or anything else.
- Reaching out to clients through phone.
- Looking into visits through barriers however not as a one-on-one support; referring people to various support groups; will be offering opportunities to families to get together and chat, if needed.
- There is an updated resource list available on the website.
- There are no plans to go back to the office soon.

David – Mount Royal U

- Keeping tabs on what other countries are doing as well as what the Provincial Government decides.

Reminders:

Update the joint calendar with your programs and activities:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DD9kZj5tnYKITPN23JL6pELJcjCxCrSaDEZleduTJL0/edit#gid=0>

Post any relevant resource, information or question in the shared resource

list: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z7KsZqJrife4eSejm86X-HeStPnPEDM0sOsLT09Ph70/edit?usp=sharing>

A model that might be suitable to some of the agencies or clubs, Burnaby Winter Club reopens for hockey with strict pandemic protocols:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/burnaby-winter-club-reopens-for-hockey-with-strict-pandemic-protocols-1.5552404>

- Communication piece regarding the agencies' response to the relaunch strategy and whether it impacts the programs and camps moving forward.
- Plain language is very important for newcomers to Canada – Children's Link has a communications person who we might rely on to put documents together in plain language.

Wrap-Up/Adjournment

Next meeting:

Date: May 14, 2020

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Zoom