

CALGARY ABILITY NETWORK

July 2017 Monthly Recap



The Calgary Ability Network is focusing on planning for the next year; our planning sessions are being facilitated by Alberta Culture and Tourism.

TRANSPORTATION



Attended: 6

Regrets: 5

Alberta Culture and Tourism facilitated the July CAN Transportation meeting. The group identified the following as potential action areas: *mapping the transportation landscape, creating a hub of information, driver safety and sensitivity training, influencing policy, and improving communication between services and users.* The group will begin collecting transportation resources over the summer.

Next CAN Transportation Meeting:

Alberta Culture & Tourism Planning Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 13, 2017
11:00—1:00pm
Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta

RECREATION & LEISURE



Attended: 12

Regrets: 5

Alberta Culture and Tourism facilitated the July CAN Recreation & Leisure meeting. The group discussed Vision, Mission and potential action areas. A summer sub-committee will draft a Vision, Mission, value statements, goals and structure prior to the September meeting.

Next CAN Recreation & Leisure Meeting:

Alberta Culture & Tourism Planning Meeting
Thursday, Sept 21, 2017
9:00 - 12:00
Performing Arts Youth Centre

POVERTY REDUCTION



Attended: -

Regrets: -

The CAN Poverty Reduction did not meet in July. Over the summer, the CAN Poverty Reduction table will be conducting an environmental scan of poverty reducing initiatives in Calgary and Alberta.

Next Poverty Reduction Meeting:

Alberta Culture & Tourism Planning Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 19, 2017
1:30—3:30pm
Society of Treatment of Autism

HUMAN RIGHTS



Attended: 6

Regrets: 5

The CAN Human Rights table met on July 6th. The group discussed adopting an existing "human rights" definition. In preparation for planning, the group completed a SWOT analysis. The group has created a sub-committee to draft a "Human Rights" definition to bring to the larger group for review in September.

Next Human Rights Meeting:

Alberta Culture & Tourism Planning Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2017
Time: TBD
Community Living Alternative Services

COMMON THEMES

ALBERTA CULTURE & TOURISM PLANNING

- Each table is in the process of planning for the next year; these planning sessions are facilitated by Alberta Culture and Tourism. The purpose of these planning sessions is to further define who we are, what we do and where we want to focus our energy as a group.

UPCOMING EVENTS/UPDATES

MEETING WITH ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES

Brittney met with three Health Promotion Coordinators from Alberta Health Services who work with school districts.

- Current focus areas of schools include: healthy eating, physical activity and mental health and wellness
- Expressed interest in sharing space between schools and recreation facilities (Joint User Agreement)
- [CBE Community Learning Opportunities](#) is an online hub where any organization can post upcoming events

MEETING WITH CALGARY CITY COUCELLORS

Brittney has been meeting with members of the City Council to introduce CAN and learn more about what is happening at the city level that could affect persons with disabilities.

- The City has facilitated accessibility tours—tours where people are “given” disabilities (sitting in a wheelchair, being earmuffed, being blindfolded, etc.) to increase awareness about the importance of accessibility.
- Currently discussing the idea of creating shared spaces and how to ensure they are accessible for persons with disabilities.

CAN WEBSITE UPDATES

The CAN website now has an option for community partners to submit upcoming events: <http://www.calgaryabilitynetwork.ca/events-calendar.html>

For further information, visit: www.calgaryabilitynetwork.ca

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Thank you all for your continued interest and support; the success of CAN is dependent on having your voice at the table!