



CAN Recreation & Leisure Table

July 27, 2017
 Vecova Centre
 Minutes of Meeting

Present:

- Wendy Roby – Vecova
- Reign Devera – URSA
- Katie – Between Friends
- Tracy Mancini – The City of Calgary Recreation
- Laura Brunton – U of Calgary
- Sarah MacEachern – Alberta Children’s Hospital
- Suzanne Jackett – Between Friends
- Natalie Pentney – The PREP Program
- Linda Tanigami – Village Square Leisure Centre
- Janice Schneider – Youth Singers STAR
- Annelies VanderLaan – Muscular Dystrophy Canada
- Brandon MacLean – March of Dimes
- Brittney Gavin – Calgary Ability Network

Regrets:

- David Legg – Mount Royal University
- Ellen Percival – Calgary’s Child Magazine
- Karen Hurley – Special Olympics Canada
- Mandi Parkin – Prospect Now
- Stephanie Jubb – The PREP Program

Facilitated by: Justin Solamillo – Alberta Culture & Tourism

Item		Action
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Context Setting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participants introduced themselves and the organizations they represent 	
2.	Foundational Statements <p>Group discussed the Mission Statement created by the previous CAN Recreation table which states:</p> <p><i>Though collaboration and advocacy, we will increase awareness of the importance of recreation opportunities, as a means of enhancing the quality of life of all persons with disabilities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Likes that the statements speaks to advocacy and being a collaborative 	



- Increasing awareness – supporting things that are already in place
- Likes the word “opportunity”
- “Education” – is it missing? Or would it be included in advocacy?
- Who are we talking about educating? (families, clients, service providers, communities?)
- “Importance” stands out more than advocacy and collaborative
- “Importance” was relevant to the table in the past because government wasn’t recognizing recreation as important
- Like the “quality of life” aspect – this is our purpose and the vehicle is service delivery
- Understanding – education of what recreation is and that it can be a life-long activity
- “Inclusion” is missing
- Mission statement has provided direction for the group in the past; advocacy and recreation for all is the most important, it’s a collaborative effort
- “Target audience” is missing

Group discussed the **Vision Statement** created by the previous CAN Recreation table which states:

That recreation is recognized as a vital component of life, for all persons with disabilities.

- Full inclusion
- Finding safe places for education for creating inclusive programming – helping with being able to be inclusive and reducing fear
- It is understood that recreation is important
- Inclusion is recreation – requirement to participation
- Parents and families having the information to help with their recreation journey
- Providing information to parents



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There needs to be a <u>cultural shift</u> towards inclusion – inclusion needs to become a way of working and way of life - Everyone has the right to recreation - No barriers to access - Choices - See decrease in obesity and improved health - <u>Recreation for all</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How do we narrow this down? o Vision is dream state, vehicle is the mission o Vision statement is not something we can do alone - Felt Vision statement silos persons with disabilities - Recreation (inclusive) is being done - Involved in recreation and leisure 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Situational Analysis – Scanning the Environment</p> <p>1. What other questions do we have about Recreation & Leisure in Calgary?</p> <p><i>a. What would help you stay engaged?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Manageable chunks with meaningful and timely impact - Timelines - Sub/working groups - Effective collaboration – knowledge of each organization - Measurable and tangible outcomes - Resources <p><i>b. What would encourage other stakeholders to be a part of the group?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying or formalizing who might be a stakeholder - Identify when is appropriate to engage specific stakeholders 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Return on investment - Creating stature so we are listened to - Awareness that we exist - Achievable and focused goal – S.M.A.R.T goals <p><i>c. What would be important to know for the organization you represent?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alignment and impact of group goals with organization goals - Connections and building good working relationships - Gap recognition - Access to resources <p><i>d. What does the opportunity for networking in this group mean to you?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase awareness of the field - Understanding gaps to progress your work - Know what “people assets” you could engage to help - Networking for a purpose – to move work forward - Interagency meeting? Don’t we already have this? - Building a focused group who as a team can have “one voice” advocating for our community - Closing gaps - Networking is very important – we are creating a network <p>2. What information should the working group use/look at while developing a plan for the group?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available resources in Calgary – contact groups to see if interested in CAN/advocating and to make them aware we exist - Barriers to access in Calgary – Survey? Old data? 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding information – for our group, for programs/facilities/service providers/government – advocacy focus? - Sustainability of programs – understanding why things change/disappear, not all money – logistics of payment? Decision makers? - Awareness of all levels – municipal, federal, etc. - Trends - Successes from other advocacy interest groups - Current policies and procedures that effect barriers to recreation - Tangible data and research - Inclusion training providers <p>* Environmental scan has been done</p> <p>3. What emerging trends, policy changes, or impending pressures could impact the work of the Recreation & Leisure group?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volunteer fatigue - Lack of funding for working groups i.e. rumours to changes/loss of current methods of funding - Organizations and volunteers feel insecure and can't use your energy for change/impact - Jooay and other iterations of "apps" – "sexiness" in the beginning but this wanes - Moving target – landscape is constantly changing - "Flavour of the week" – capitalizing on this - Being prepared for changing demographic - Doing this work off side of our desks – require economic driver - Calgary as a sport city – maybe losing the Recreation/play; focus on sport - The City of Calgary hosting the International Play Conference - Missing education/support piece for Recreation/Leisure providers 	
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- More tech pros/cons (communication vs. sedentary)
- *Inclusion mindset shift (programs for inclusion) – inclusive programming comes naturally
- EVERYONE IS INVOLVED (city/provincial/federal)
- Accessible Canada legislation
- Families/groups are pushing for inclusion
- Increased awareness – people are recognizing the problem
- Increased apps – high technological fluency/literacy
- Policy change – some public space are accessible
- Pressure (new buildings) to make them accessible
- Hiring (inclusive) – increase moving out of Alberta

4. Which of these pressing issues do you think the group could address?

Advocating for community knowledge and understanding of issues and importance of recreation for all

- Yes – total alignment with creation for all
- Core component

Appropriate facilities to support people facing persons with disabilities as it relates to recreation and leisure

- Advocating/accessibility
- No do – could have influence – direct to those who do accessibility audits
- Accessibility in access now
- Jooy

Recruitment and access to adaptive equipment



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- No – too focused and not big picture enough- Too specific- More individual awareness i.e. solution exist to be accessible- Potential Jooy vehicle to encourage this <p><i>Increasing the knowledge of programs/activities/supports available among individuals and their support networks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yes – aligns with what we have discussed as our role <p><i>Cost and availability of supports</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No – database? Resource list? <p><i>Affordability of classes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- No- Jooy <p><i>Staff training and knowledge in working with persons with disabilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Knowledge yes, training no but could think about separate group to create this; list resources- Resource kit for high level involvement- Inclusion Alberta does free staff training <p><i>Accessibility of programs (transportation, finances, participation)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jooy- Networking value that you take back to individual organization- No <p><i>Staff training and knowledge on how to accommodate for people who face barriers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yes – have impact on high level	
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Opportunities that fit the needs of the population, inclusion with their own peers

- Is this about promoting?
- Is this about providing choices for families?
- Promoting Jooay or similar
- Yes
- Need to identify our audiences – communication strategy and messaging will need to be different for each

Reflection – What stands out to you?

- A lot of work under “pressing issues” is being done by Jooay (e.g. cost, mapping existing programs)
- Need a group that people know they can go to with their ideas – better connecting people and resources
- Environmental scan exists with Jooay
- Work of the table could assist in maintaining Jooay – organizations keep their own information updated
- Important to ensure Jooay is up to date before promoting it to parents
- How do we get a Jooay for adults?
- *Need update/presentation on Jooay
- Current trends – learning from other advocacy groups to improve our legitimacy
- Economic climate
- We are competing with other interest groups
- The work at the CAN table is not the primary work of its members
- Inclusion is a “hot topic” – timeliness
- Not becoming too broad
- Conversations are large with our target audiences
- Need S.M.A.R.T goals – focused
- Volunteer fatigue – reasonable asks will lead to commitment



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Networking – what we are doing at a big picture level – no roundtables to share what we’re individually doing – networking can happen naturally around meetings 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Organizing our Work</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create summer sub-committee to draft vision, mission, value statements, goals, and structure prior to September meeting - Create a history and milestones document on the CAN Recreation & Leisure table - Have session on Jooy in September meeting - Send Jooy questions to Sarah MacEachern - Think of possible goals for the table and send to Brittney Gavin <p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:00 – 12:00pm Performing Arts Youth Centre 1371 Hastings Crescent SE Calgary, AB T2G 4C8 Canada</p>	<p>BRITTNEY: Organize summer sub-committee</p> <p>ALL: Review sub-committee documents prior to September meeting</p> <p>BRITTNEY: Create a history and milestones document</p> <p>SARAH: Answer Jooy questions from group</p> <p>SARAH: Present on Jooy in September meeting</p>