

**Meeting:** Open Meeting  
**Location:** Culver City Room, City Hall, Lethbridge  
**Date:** February 26, 2009  
**Recorder:** Leah Bruder

### In Attendance:

**PDD Board:** Henry Heinen; Jo-Lee Godfrey; Joy Lawson; Lorne Abells; Sandy Annis;  
Sharon Rowntree; Syl Bellefeuille; Tom Hopkins;  
**PDD Staff:** Leigh Bremner; Pam Williams; Wendy Coleman; Tina Zimmer; Janet Rosentreter;  
**Community Partners:** Sandra Magrath, ICE; Sean Wensman; Dave Lawson, LACL; Sandy Layton,  
Leadership Today, SRSAN; Chris Rowley, SRSAN; Heather Wiebe, SAIPA; Sue  
Manery, SACLA; Dani Hanna, Family Voices; Ben Rowley, Advocate; Hazel Mitchell,  
FASD Network; Merna & Ron Burr, Parent/Guardian, Ed Hinger; Rehab Society;  
Dianne Kotkas, LFS  
**Regrets:** Leo VandenHeuvel,

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 p.m.

### 2. Motion to go into In-Camera Session

**MOTION 09-05:that the meeting move in-camera**

**MSC: Tom Hopkins, Jo-Lee Godfrey**

**MOTION 09-06:that the meeting move out of in camera at 11:05 a.m.**

**MSC: Henry Heinen, Sandy Annis**

### 3. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

### 4. What is happening outside the PDD Boardroom?

**4.1.** Hazel Mitchell, Coordinator, Southwest Alberta Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Network  
Copies of the 10 year Strategic Plan were circulated, if additional copies are required please contact  
Hazel.

#### Alberta FASD Cross-Ministry Committee (FASD-CMC)

- ▲ Formed in 1998
- ▲ Membership includes:
  - Provincial government ministries
  - Provincial and community organizations
  - Regional groups
- ▲ Mandate is to develop and implement a provincial plan
- ▲ Co-chairs:
  - Alberta Children and Youth Services
  - Alberta Health and Wellness
- ▲ Leadership reviewed biennially
- ▲ Report to Deputy Ministers

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## Alberta FASD Partnership

### Accomplishments

- ▲ Improved knowledge and community linkages
- ▲ Developed interdisciplinary FASD training
- ▲ Developed and implemented clinical practice guidelines
- ▲ Mass media public awareness campaigns
- ▲ Developed and implemented FASD Service Network Model
- ▲ Working on the development of baseline measures across the Networks to support the formative and summative evaluations
- ▲ Developing a leading practice resource to support specific areas such as adult assessment and diagnosis

### FASD – Cross Ministry Committee Members

#### Ministries

- ▲ Advanced Education and Technology
- ▲ Children and Youth Services
- ▲ Education
- ▲ Employment and Immigration
- ▲ Health and Wellness
- ▲ Aboriginal Relations
- ▲ Justice and Attorney General
- ▲ Seniors and Community Supports
- ▲ Solicitor General and Public Security

#### Agencies

- ▲ Alberta Health Services – AADAC
- ▲ Alberta Mental Health Board (AMHB)
- ▲ Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission
- ▲ Public Health Agency of Canada
- ▲ First Nations and Inuit Health

### FASD – Cross Ministry Committee Members

#### Purpose

- ▲ Cross-ministry strategic planning
- ▲ Implement the FASD 10-Year Strategic Plan
- ▲ Operational collaboration amongst provincial ministries
- ▲ Collaborative approach to planning and delivering government programs and services
- ▲ Share expertise, best practices and resource materials
- ▲ Facilitate opportunities for community stakeholders to network

#### Principles

- ▲ Focus on FASD is across the lifespan and cross-ministerial
- ▲ Prevention, diagnosis, and support
- ▲ Networking among stakeholders is important
- ▲ Commitment to engaging community stakeholders
- ▲ Input from Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal communities is fundamental for planning

#### Roles and Responsibilities

- ▲ Ensure consistency and synergy in government goals and priorities for FASD
- ▲ Develop framework to guide cross-ministry planning and specifically across the lifespan
- ▲ Facilitate linkages and cross-ministerial support with related initiatives
- ▲ Identify and develop strategies that respond to gaps in services
- ▲ Remain engaged with Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal community stakeholders and agencies

#### Activities

- ▲ FASD Provincial Activity Inventory (completed March 2004, verified 2006)
- ▲ Review Diagnostic and Assessment E-Scan
- ▲ FASD Provincial Strategic Framework
- ▲ Engage community through methods such as annual conference, consultation, etc.

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- ^ Developed the FASD Service Network Guidelines
- ^ Developed Network Program Guidelines

#### *Strategic Framework*

- A unique Cross Ministry approach to address FASD issues across the lifespan
- Services across the continuum and a wide range of perspectives

#### **Service Categories**

- ^ Prevention and Awareness
- ^ Diagnosis and Assessment
- ^ Supports for Individuals and Caregivers
- ^ Training and Education
- ^ Strategic Planning
- ^ Research and Evaluation
- ^ Stakeholder Engagement
- ^ Approved by Cabinet in October 2006
- ^ \$4 M announced in 2007-08 Provincial Budget
- ^ Minister announced implementation of FASD Service Network Delivery Model in May 2007
- ^ As part of the overall Strategic Plan, FASD-CMC received additional funding of \$12.5 M for total of \$16.5 M

#### FASD Service Networks

*Vision: That Alberta has a comprehensive and coordinated provincial response to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder across the lifespan and continuum of services that is respectful of individual, family and community diversity.*

#### *Philosophy*

- ^ Sensitive to developmental level
- ^ Maximize potential
- ^ Recognize strengths and challenges
- ^ Promote specialized approaches to assessment, intervention, and support
- ^ Enhance and align with existing services and create new services where needs are identified

#### *Principles*

- ^ Develop a collaborative and flexible approach
- ^ Align with provincial strategic directions
- ^ Promote a strengths-based approach
- ^ Address needs across the lifespan without age barriers
- ^ Focus on accountability and transparency
- ^ Build on existing capacity to address identified needs
- ^ Be respectful of a wide range of perspectives

*Philosophy: Link FASD diagnostic evaluations directly to prevention efforts (mentorship programs) and to multi-system interventions that are appropriate and based on the needs of each individual assessed. Sterling K. Clarren MD CEO and Scientific Director, Canada Northwest FASD Research Network*

#### *What is a Network?*

- ^ A grouping of individuals, organizations, and agencies
- ^ Non-hierarchical basis
- ^ Around common issues or concerns, which are pursued proactively and systematically
- ^ Based on commitment and trust

FASD-CMC - FASD Service Networks

- ▲ Original 7
- ▲ Enhanced to 12

**12 FASD Service Networks**

*Services*

- ▲ Targeted and indicated prevention
- ▲ Diagnosis and assessment
- ▲ Supports for individuals and their caregivers

*Client Target Group*

- ▲ At-risk families
- ▲ Individuals suspected or diagnosed with having FASD and their caregivers

*Membership*

- ▲ Network Service Providers
- ▲ Other Service Providers

*Collaborative Model*

- ▲ Working agreements established within the Network and externally
- ▲ Identified Banker (receives and manages funds within Network)
- ▲ Formal agreement among Network members

*Client Target Group*

- ▲ At-risk families
- ▲ Individuals suspected of having FASD and their caregivers
- ▲ Individuals diagnosed with FASD and their caregivers

**What happened in the South Network?**

**July –Dec 2007**

- ▲ South Network – Medicine Hat/Lethbridge
- ▲ Formed interim Leadership Team
  - Medicine Hat 2
  - Lethbridge 4
- ▲ Wrote proposal to receive start-up funds and funding proposal
- ▲ Hired consultants to complete survey of services and gaps
  - Medicine Hat 1
  - Lethbridge 1
- ▲ Completed funding proposal
  - Asked for \$685,000
  - Received \$500,000

*Service Delivery*

**Jan-Dec 2008**

<b>Received</b>	<b>Lethbridge</b>
Neurodevelopment	
\$300,450	\$240,000
Mentoring/Coaching/ Advocacy	
\$157,050	\$91,000
Network Communications Coordination	
\$42,500	\$21,000
<b>Total</b>	
<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$352,000</b>

*Issues*

- ^ Large region
- ^ 2 Health Authorities
- ^ 2 Children Service Authorities
- ^ Areas at different levels of service provision and organization of FASD coordination

**May 2008**

- ^ South Alberta FASD Service Network split to South 1 (Lethbridge) and South 2 (Medicine Hat) (Reporting remained together)
- ^ Funds received in Jan 2008 maintained by each service provider
- ^ Coordination funds split (\$21,000 each)

**July 2008**

- ^ Request start-up funds (\$30,000) for development of new funding proposal
- ^ Engage consultant to write proposal, work with Network in developing service delivery, and community development

**July-Aug 2008**

- ^ Funds available for services for adults with FASD from Alberta Seniors and Community Supports
  - Determine services/supports and needs
  - Meet Network outcomes
  - Support proposal development
  - Support research opportunity
    - ^ Adult Justice
    - ^ University of Lethbridge

**September 2008**

- ^ Strategic Planning Session (Sept 11)
  - Review :
    - ^ Survey of 2007
    - ^ Services provided/gaps
    - ^ Where do we need to go?
  - Consensus of required services
- ^ Strategic Planning Session (cont)
  - Service Gaps Prioritized
    - ^ Cross Sector Do-for-it Individual /Outreach Worker
    - ^ Expand Complex Case Management (includes transition – 18+)
    - ^ Development of “Navigator” – knows community services
    - ^ Skills training
    - ^ Adult Justice
  - Support existing services – Assessment and Diagnosis /Coaching and Mentoring /First Steps /Youth Justice

**October 2008**

- ^ Prepare proposal for South Alberta FASD Service Network
  - Due October 15, 2008
  - Allowable funds
    - ^ \$435,000 to \$680,000 (included 2008 allocation of \$352,000)
- ^ Submitted proposal for \$680,000
- ^ Received \$748,000
- ^ Allocation based on
  - ^ Gaps in service /need
  - ^ Level of service capacity
  - ^ Barriers /population
  - ^ Prioritized for direct delivery
  - ^ Build on strengths and capabilities
  - ^ Service across the lifespan
  - ^ Culturally diverse

*Funding Breakdown*

**January 09-March 2010**

Assessment and Diagnosis	\$ 336,500
Supports for Individuals and caregivers	\$ 320,000
Case management /case plan reviews	\$ 20,000
Network coordination	\$ 72,325
Alberta Seniors and Community Supports	\$ 125,000

*Existing Programs (Best Practice)*

- ▲ First Steps
- ▲ FASD Youth Justice
- ▲ CFSA Pilot Project
- Standards for working with children affected with FASD

Services Receiving Funding

*Assessment and Diagnosis - Family Health Home Visitation - Chinook Health Region*

**Phase One**

- ▲ Flow map the proposed FASD diagnostic process for children and adults
- ▲ Identify key team members in the diagnostic process
- ▲ Identify members of the multidisciplinary assessment team
- ▲ Identify the cost of assessment and diagnosis for children and adults, including: testing instruments, contract services for CLP, OT, PT, psychological testing, etc.

**Phase Two**

- ▲ Recruit personnel based on identified coordination/service needs. Particular attention will be paid to building on existing relationships, maximizing capacity, and looking toward sustainability.
- ▲ Educate and train team members using the Canadian Guidelines for Diagnosis of FASD.

**Phase Three**

- ▲ Implementation of the diagnostic process
- ▲ Evaluate and modify clinic structure to maximize outcomes
- ▲ Ongoing review of outcomes
- ▲ Program evaluation at conclusion of year one, two, and three

**Phase Four**

- ▲ Sustainability

*Mentoring, Coaching and Advocacy-McMan Youth, Family and Community Services Lethbridge*

**Current Services Include**

- ▲ Face-to-face contact – mentoring
- ▲ Development of a Support/Service Plan with each family
- ▲ Development of a Relief Plan for each family
- ▲ Development of a Crisis Response Plan for each family
- ▲ 24-hour on-call Crisis Support
- ▲ Formal and informal FASD training opportunities
- ▲ Clinical Consultation regarding behaviour problems
- ▲ Support Groups
- ▲ Culturally Sensitive Practice
- ▲ Caregivers can be self-referred, referred by Resources for Children with Disabilities, referred by community source or by Child Protection Services
- ▲ Caregivers may or may not have Child Welfare status
- ▲ Caregivers need to live within a 30 kilometre radius of Lethbridge
- ▲ Goal is to expand the services and support to the entire region in addition to enhancing services to increase the age cut-off from 18-22 years
- ▲ Expand to include services across the lifespan

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- ^ Enhance services in the west region
- ^ Enhance services to extend beyond the 30 kilometre radius
- ^ FASD Outreach program will provide advocacy with a range of support to caregivers and children aged 0-18 years who have or are suspected to have FASD
- ^ 2 FASD Outreach Workers
- ^ 2 FASD Life Coaches (full time)

#### Services Receiving Funding

##### *Network Coordination*

- ^ Establish Leadership Team
- ^ Develop coordination
- ^ Contracts for agencies delivering service
- ^ Establish relationship with Banker

#### South Alberta FASD - Service Network

- ^ Network Coordinator
  - Hazel Mitchell
- ^ Leadership Team
  - Meet monthly: 4th Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm, Holy Spirit Board Office
- ^ Network Meetings
  - 4 times per year (April, July, October, January) 4th Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm
  - Annual Meeting (June) 3rd Tuesday

It is estimated there is approximately 1,500 cases in the region that includes children and adults.

The Chair thanked Hazel for the presentation.

#### **4.2. Dianne Kotkas, Lethbridge Family Services**

In October of 2008 Dianne had the opportunity to be a part of an international delegation (6 from the U.S., 1 from Australia, 1 from Canada) that went to China to share tools and methodologies to the government and to the service providers and to give them some ideas as to what is happening in other parts of the world in the field. The first individual that they met with was a professor who was associated with the Chinese research institute of rehabilitation information. The professor provided data regarding the prevalence of disabilities in China as well as info regarding the type of services provided. There are approximately 80 million individuals with disabilities (includes spectrum of disabilities). The majority of the services in china are focused more on the education system. The delegation toured a non government funded "university". This is a special university in Beijing for individuals up to the age of 24 with disabilities. It is a residential school during the week, the students return to their homes for the weekends. The residences were divided with the boys living on the main level and the girls on the upper level. There were 6-7 students and 1 teacher living in each resident. Every grade is responsible for different chores within the school as well as each grade had to grow a crop. The delegation had permission to take pictures. Another example of services was a small community group who developed a program for individuals who had nothing to do after graduating from the special school. The community group was run by teachers and family volunteers. The delegation also toured a government run special education school for grades 1-9. There is a presumption that institutions are still prevalent because the delegation did not see individuals with significant challenges. Based on the tour it is believed China is just starting to move into the de-institutionalization stage that Canada went through 30 years ago.

The Board thanked Dianne for her presentation.

**LUNCH 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**5. Review and Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION 09-07:** that the agenda be approved as presented  
MSC Jo-Lee Godfrey, Tom Hopkins

**6. Review and Approval of the Minutes of January 22, 2009**

**MOTION 09-08:** that the minutes of January 22, 2009 be approved as presented  
MSC Sharon Rowntree, Henry Heinen

**7. What is PDD doing in the South Region and across the Province?**

**7.1. Chairperson's Report**

The Chair will take the initiative to write letters to all of the Service Provider Board Chairs extending an invitation to the boards to invite PDD Board and CEO to board meetings to provide an opportunity for dialogue and to answer any questions. The purpose of the meetings is to strengthen connections with agency boards.

Southern Alberta Disability Action Team (SADAT)

The team consists of 4 representatives from each of the pillars: PDD, Families, Individuals and Service Providers. The Team went through a facilitation process to re-define the Terms of Reference and purpose of the team. Each stakeholder group is now referred to as a pillar; each pillar is tasked with reporting what's happening within their pillar as well as to report information back to the respective boards. It is an education process, a learning opportunity and an opportunity to vent frustrations. Ron Burr is the newly elected chair, and Joy Lawson is Vice Chair.

Core Governance Policies

The Chair shared the two new governance policies. The first states that board members cannot serve more than 10 years on the Board. The second policy states there is a zero tolerance for fraud or error and the Board has an obligation to ensure there are local policies in place.

What We Heard Report

Copies of the report were circulated and are available on the ppdsouth.org website. In the covering letter enclosed with the report the Minister spoke to 6 priority areas for action that the Ministry is pursuing. The 6 priority areas are"

1. Eligibility Regulation
2. Define Mission & core Businesses
3. Develop Common Approach of Assessment of Individual
4. Increase assistance and flexibility
5. Complex Needs
6. Increase Effectiveness and efficiency

The priorities are high level at this time. The Council of Chairs have been tasked with developing the strategies for each of the priorities. The Minister has established fairly tight deadlines for the completion of the strategy. The Minister has indicated she plans to consult with communities and stakeholders; however, we currently do not have a framework for how the consultations will occur. The process will be developed as the strategies are developed. The Minister has the final approval of the action plans.

Community Comment: In the What We Heard document it was stated they heard flexibility for families under the Family Managed Supports and flexibility for agencies was important; however, in the letter from the Minister the flexibility for agencies was dropped. There are concerns that the aspect about flexibility for agencies was dropped.

The Chair invited anyone with concerns or thoughts about the 6 priority areas for action forward them to Lorne or Leigh.

### Recruitment of New Board Members

The Board has two positions to fill. The recruitment process opened on February 9<sup>th</sup> and closes on the 27<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Board please encourage them to apply prior to the deadline. Interviews will occur in Lethbridge on March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Governance Council

PDD signed a governance agreement with School District 51, Barons Eureka Warner FCSS, Children's Services and the City of Lethbridge. The spirit of the agreement was to work collaboratively together to address gaps within the region and to share expertise, resources to address initiatives. The Governance Council has been reviewing the purpose and format of the Council and through a facilitated session determined the Terms of Reference needed to be reviewed. A sub-committee was struck and presented revised Terms of Reference to the Council. The Council members were tasked with reviewing having their boards review the Terms of Reference for approval. The Board reviewed the Terms of Reference and had lengthy discussion in the in-camera meeting.

**MOTION 09-09: That the PDD South Board authorizes the PDD Chair and the Board member Henry Heinen to accept in principle the re-stated draft Governance Council Foundation Document of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

**Further That, the chair and Board member be authorized to participate in any changes or amendments that may be necessary to the Foundation document that support the principles and values of PDD South.**

**MS: Tom Hopkins, Henry Heinen**

**For: Tom Hopkins, Sandy Annis, Lorne Abells, Henry Heinen**

**Against: Sharon Rowntree, Jo-Lee Godfrey, Joy Lawson**

**Abstained: Syl Bellefeuille**

**Carried**

### **7.2. CEO Report:**

#### Symposium March 26-27<sup>th</sup>

The purpose of the symposium is to celebrate accomplishments from all stakeholders perspectives and to release the results of the Wheel of Life Stakeholder Engagement Process.

#### You Made a Difference Awards

PDD South will continue the 'you made a difference awards' and each agency has the opportunity to nominate two of their staff who will be provided a per diem to attend the ACDS Conference. 2 staff from each agency will be given a per diem to attend the ACDS Conference.

#### 2009 Meeting Schedule

The finalized 2009 Meeting schedule was distributed.

### Business Plan

The Business Plan is based on the information gather by the Board from stakeholders, the results of an environmental scan, as well as staff and stakeholder input. The Business Plan consists of standardized Ministry goals, the strategies may be different but goals are to remain constant throughout the province. The CEO provided an overview of the draft Business Plan.

### **7.3. Liaison and Community Engagement Committee:**

#### East

The Liaison & Community Engagement Committee has been functioning for three years and used to cover the entire south region. The committee has recently been divided into two, one representing the east and the other representing the west. On Feb 9<sup>th</sup> the East Liaison & Community Engagement Committee met for the first time. The members who were able to attend were very enthusiastic and anxious to get started. The Chair, Sharon Rowntree, provided an orientation to the new members.

#### West

The committee met last Friday, the entire committee was in attendance. The Chair provided an orientation. Committee discussed volunteerism and spoke about how we could recognize the Individuals with Developmental Disabilities for their significant volunteer contributions in the community.

#### **7.4. Committee Reports (update on SMART Plans)**

##### **Executive Committee**

No report

##### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee and administration received a letter from the Senior Manager of Monitoring and Oversight requesting Board input into risk areas that have been identified or need to be addressed. A list of risks identified by the Board will be compiled and circulate to the Board for approval.

##### **Task Force on Community Engagement**

No report

##### **Communications Committee**

The Communications Committee met to review the 8 proposals submitted in the RFP Competition. The top three proposals were identified and reference checks were conducted. MK Strategy Group was awarded the contract. The consultant will meet with Communications Committee the first week of April. The Committee chair thanked all team members for their contributions.

The chair thanked the Committee for their hard work and thanked Tom for assisting the committee.

##### **CEO Evaluation Committee**

The Board has started on the Evaluation which is due on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The evaluation will be finalized at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

##### **Board Evaluation Committee**

The Board Evaluation consists of an evaluation of the Board has an entity as well as individual Board Evaluations. Documents for the evaluations will be circulated at the April meeting.

#### **7.5. Finance Report:**

PDD has a budget of 62,061,000. As a result of the diligent monitoring and early interventions by administration PDD South's budget will balance, provided requests for services stay same. All regions were told they had to balance their budgets. Some regions had to undertake cutting measures to achieve a balanced budget

PDD South currently funds 1105 individuals. 10 individuals from Michner have transferred to the south region. PDD provided services to 47 new individuals. There are 23 individuals no longer require supports. 24 individuals have been deemed eligible and are looking for supports. 10 individuals under the age of 18 have been deemed eligible and will be turning 18 with the next quarter. 9 individuals are meeting with staff to determine eligibility.

#### **7.6. Board Member Reports**

**Tom Hopkins:** no report

**Sandy Annis:** participated in the RFP Evaluation process

**Joy Lawson:** no report

**Sharon Rowntree:** no report

**Jo-Lee Godfrey:** no report

**Henry Heinen:** no report

**Syl Bellefeuille:** Attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CORE Association concert series. It was a wonderful Show

**Lorne Abells:** no report

## 8. What are our Partners doing?

### 8.1. Family Voices

Dean Fowler, Meyers, Norris and Penny, gave a presentation for families on Registered Disabilities Savings Plans (RDSP). The presentation brought out new families and facilitated new connections. Family Voices coordinated a Family Managed Supports (FMS) Workshop, and one family actively involved in FMS and Tina Zimmer, Family Managed Supports Coordinator, give presentations. Dean Fowler provided information regarding payroll. Dani Hanna attended training in Edmonton through AACL. At the Family Voices "Hot Topic" meeting families had a number of questions about funding and the new contract.

### 8.2. Lethbridge Association for Community Living

The AACL Family Conference is scheduled for March 19-21<sup>st</sup>. PDD South has made sure families and individuals have the opportunity to attend. The AACL conference is said to be the largest family conference of its kind.

LACL AGM is schedule for March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Culver Meeting Room City Hall. Invitations have been sent out. Notice of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Dance on May 2<sup>nd</sup> were circulated.

### 8.3. Chris Rowley

Chris Rowley secured a public speaking engagement at a local high school. The purpose was to discuss what it is like for an individual with a disability in school. The engagement went really well, the students asked a lot of questions. It was a great opportunity to engage students in grades 10-12.

### 8.4. South Region Self Advocacy Network (SRSAN)

SRSAN has not met since the last update was given at the January PDD Board meeting. The next meeting will be held at the Medicine Hat Lodge on March 11<sup>th</sup> 10-3 p.m.. The latest edition of the Ripple newsletter is out and copies were circulated. The goal planning committees have been meeting and are excited about the progress they are making. The Social Events committee is planning their first event for June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be hosting a community awareness event called the "Self Advocacy Walk and Role for Fun". The Teaching Community Committee has started approaching local businesses asking to leave SRSAN and Self Advocacy Paper information, such as the Ripple newsletter, in their waiting rooms. The committee has also requested to give a self advocacy presentation at the 2009 Summit. The Developing Workshops Committee is designing surveys that will be circulated to support staff and self advocates in the south region to see what type of information needs to be included in the workshops they are coordinating.

### 8.5. Southern Alberta Individualized Planning Association

The 2009 Summit will be occurring in October in Edmonton. The Summit is an opportunity for individuals to come together to discuss Self Advocacy. With the success of the Rights DVD, SAIPA is undertaking the development of another DVD about self advocacy in action. The goal is to have 2 DVDs at the end of the project.

### 8.6. Service Provider Council

The Service Provider Council Chair requested permission to have the Service Provider Council Committee Chairs attend future Board meeting to provide updates from their committees. A lot of focus has been on the new contract template. The Service Provider Council is challenged with getting the group to work together to share common concerns. 55 agency representatives and 7 PDD representatives attended a meeting on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> to provide an opportunity for questions and answers. PDD Staff and the Service Provider Council have committed to continue the joint meetings to facilitate open and active communication.

**9. What is happening in our communities? (Upcoming Events)**

**9.1. Alberta Association for Community Living 2009 Family Conference March 20-21**

Henry Heinen and Top Hopkins will be attending.

**9.2. Best Practices & Innovation Symposium (March 26-27)**

There will be an event the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> and day long event on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**9.3. Alberta Council on Disability Services Conference April 6-8,2009**

Lorne Abells will be attending.

**9.4. Now We're Talking May 2009 for more information: [www.nowweretalking.ca](http://www.nowweretalking.ca)**

**10. Correspondence and Information**

**10.1.** LACL Spring Journal

**10.2.** LACL Grant Application

**MOTION:** that the meeting be adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**MC: Jo-lee Godfrey**

**11. Next Board Meeting:**

Thursday March 26, 2009

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Date of Approval

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Lorne Abells, Board Chair

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Leah Bruder, Recorder

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