

**PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting**  
**February 21, 2018 (5:30-7:30pm)**  
**Location: FVPS Office, Charlottetown, PE**

**Present:** Lauren Gallant, Kent Bruyneel, Shira Zipursky, Danny Gallant, Leslie Hadfield, Amanda Cudmore, Alanna Jankov, Tina Pranger, Danya O'Malley (ex officio), Dara Rayner (ex officio),  
**Regrets:** Selina Pellerin, Lee Anne Farrar

**A. Business**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as presented.

**M/S:** Kent Bruyneel/Danny Gallant

**CARRIED.**

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of January 16th & February 5th

**M/S:** Alanna Jankov/Lauren Gallant

**CARRIED.**

**A. Business**

**3. Status of Women Call for Proposals**

Status of Women Canada has put out a call for proposals to create programming to address Gender Based Violence. Ideally with a focus on underserved populations, such as people with disabilities, new immigrants, rural and remote individuals, trans and gender non-binary individuals, etc. Danya met with Kirsten Lund and other service providers and did some brainstorming. A small working group was assembled to put together an application. Danya, Jill Kilfoil from Women's Network and Sigrid Rolf from the PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre will put together the application, which will then be edited by Jane Ledwell. The application is due March 1<sup>st</sup>. About 30 successful proposals will be given \$30K to fully develop and work plan and program outline, completing things like needs assessments and other background info. Of those 30, 12 will be granted \$1 Million spread over 4 years. We feel we are uniquely able to offer a province-wide initiative. The project will be a partnership with PEI RSAC.

**4. Current Market Activity - Summerside**

The market activity of our Second Stage property was reviewed with the Board. The market has improved since we last explored selling the property. Joel Brennan has not done an internal inspection of the property yet, though he has seen inside our O'Leary duplex. The Summerside property has been renovated more recently and is in better shape than the O'Leary duplex. We have a new client at Jennifer Street, and thus we are reluctant to list the property immediately.

**MOTION: To contract with Joel Brennan of Royal LePage for 3 months to list the Second Stage property on 317 Jennifer St in Summerside.**

**M/S: Alanna Jankov/Danny Gallant**

**CARRIED.**

**5. ED Report**

**Provincial RFP** – Infrastructure money was announced for shelters and transitional housing by the Federal Gov't in 2015. Danya had a meeting with Housing on how this money will be used. They are creating a 4-6 unit building in Charlottetown that we will manage in terms of tenants and programming. It is being built to accommodate our single female clients, as this is the demographic that has the most difficulty in securing safe and affordable housing. The building will be financially managed by Family

and Human Services. We will have no financial responsibility for this property.

**Outreach – O’Leary** – Kara Katmouz our Outreach Coordinator has left the organization for a position with Mental Health and this job has been posted and interviews are being held next week. We wish Kara all the best.

**Red Shores Sweetheart Dinner** – The Sweetheart dinner at Red Shores was a great success this year. The event netted \$6000. We used the promotional part of the event to introduce the attendees to the *Make it your business!* video series.

**Training on Indigenous Issues (Potential date in May)** – The board expressed wanting additional training in Indigenous affairs before adding a statement about this in our Statement of Beliefs. This training is being provided to our staff for no cost in May, and we will also do a condensed version for the Board that evening.

**Current funding request** – We have \$101,000 for funding proposals are out for consideration. We have requested money from HPS, Telus, Department of Justice and Canadian Women’s Foundation.

**Make it Your Business! – Update** – We did the video launch last week and it was well received. Danya was approached by Chances/Best Start to do a presentation to their 150+ workers. City of Charlottetown has also said that they want this training to be mandatory for all municipal employees.

**Meeting with Summerside Mayor** – Danya met with the Summerside Mayor recently. For the second year in a row we did not receive the municipal grant from the City. As we have several new people in their roles, Danya set up a meeting with him so that he’s aware of how much we do in the region. Danya prepared a bio on Lee Anne, our main referral sources in Summerside, our stats in the area, etc.

**Charlottetown Mayor Retiring** – There has been a lot of conversation whether the new Mayor would continue the Purple Ribbon Task Force. Danya is proposing that the Board contact the new Mayor once he/she is elected to see if this will be continued. The committee has been responsible for many violence prevention programs over the past few years. Most recently, Platinum sponsor for the *Make it your business!* series.

## 6. Second Stage & SAS

**Occupancy Report** – Both buildings are full.

**Upcoming Audit and AGM** – our bookkeeper is coming tomorrow to review the books in preparation for the audit. The AGM for both SS and SAS will be in April.

**Capital Replacement Plans 2018** – We have approval to update our Capital Replacement Plans for an additional 3 years. These plans allow for additional funds from CMHC to keep the apartments in good repair.

## 7. Board Business

**Endowment** – Valerie Docherty will be coming to our next meeting regarding our endowment committee, she will provide training and information to the Board.

**Executive Committee Meeting** – the committee met last week to discuss:

*New Member Orientation* – what currently happens for new members is our ED meets with new members to provide this training. The committee has decided that the Board should be more involved with this training.

*Update of Bylaws* – some of the bylaws need to be updated. Selina will review the bylaws and will bring proposals back to the Board.

*Performance Review* – this will be done for Danya soon, the committee has some ideas and will take this to the Board.

*Strategic Plan* – although the Strategic Planning sessions came up with visions, a plan has not

been put in place. The committee will come up with a draft of the strategic plan including targets and outcomes to take to the Board for discussion.

**Board Vacancy** – we will wait until the AGM before we add an additional board member.

The bylaws state a minimum of 7 and no more than 11 members. Until the AGM we will remain at 10 members.

## **B. Leadership**

### **8. Advocacy & Community Partnership**

#### **Livable Income Committee – Discussion with Jill Kilfoil**

Jill has been on the working group for about a year and a half. The group meets monthly at the VRC. Although the income pilot for the Island will not be going ahead, the committee meets to discuss how they can advocate for better policies and guidelines around ensuring Islanders have a livable wage. We know that current minimum wage does not allow a person to successfully move off financial assistance. This affects women in particular, and more women work in low-wage jobs, and may be responsible for childcare costs.

#### **Our Turn National – Open Letter to PEI Gov’t**

UPEI has a chapter of the student-led movement to pressure post-secondary institutions to address sexual violence on campuses. The groups challenge schools to have policies in place to support victims of sexual violence. At UPEI this groups is led by Taya Nabuurs and Paxton Caseley. The group is writing an open letter to the provincial government urging them to create legislation to support victims of sexual violence. They have approached our organization to see if we would be willing to sign the document. Other notable women’s organizations have already signed. Individuals are also able to sign the letter. Dara will forward the link to sign.

**MOTION:** To sign the Open Letter to PEI Government as an organization.

**M/S:** Danny Gallant/Alanna Jankov

**CARRIED.**

### **9. Other Business**

### **10. Personnel - None**

### **11. Next Meeting: *Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 5:30pm***

Motion to Adjourn: Alanna Jankov

**Actions: Make a decision by May on price and date to list.**

**When the new Charlottetown Mayor is elected, the Board will send a letter regarding the Purple Ribbon Task Force.**

**Discussion on access to MH & Addiction services on PEI – Add this to Leadership for March.**

**Tina is away from February 25-March 12.**

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Chair

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