

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.

Board Meeting

January 16th, 2019 (5:30-7:30pm)

Location: FVPS Office, Charlottetown, PE

Present: Danny Gallant, Shira Zipursky, Melissa Munro-Bernard, Kent Bruyneel, Andrea LeClair Sheffler, Tina Pranger, Danya O'Malley (ex officio), Dara Rayner (ex officio),
Regrets: Amanda MacLean-Franciosa, Selina Pellerin, Lauren Gallant

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended move #6 & #9 to after #3.

M/S: Danny Gallant/Amanda MacLean-Franciosa

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 21st, 2018

MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented.

M/S: Andrea LeClair Sheffler/Danny Gallant

CARRIED.

A. Business

3. New Board Members

We have two board vacancies and have posted publicly that we are accepting applications for new members. We received two applicants from potential candidates. Kent will reach out to the two candidates to have them set up a meeting with Danya.

4. Temporary Shelter Support Line

We have been asked by government to provide to a temporary shelter support line. The question from the Board is, as a short-term piece of work, is there a benefit to us doing this support line? The board is in support of the contract as presented.

MOTION: The board moves to carry out the work being done as it is outlined in the contract. The board will sign the contract with the Department of Family and Human Services when there is a caseworker from Social Programs put in place.

M/S: Kent Bruyneel/Danny Gallant

CARRIED.

5. Board Meetings

Tina wanted to raise the issue of board meetings, quorum, and attendance. We are cancelling 2-3 meetings a year due to quorum, and at meetings we are often missing 2-3 people. The by-laws state that we are only required to have meetings 4 times per year. Also, if a member has 3 or more unexplained meetings, then they could be asked to leave. In addition the by-laws state that board members must attend 75% of meetings.

The Board feels the meetings are engaging and the agenda is relevant. We will continue with the meetings on Wednesdays. Instead of decreasing the meetings per year, from time to time if we have low attendance or nothing pressing, we will cancel the meeting. We will also continue to have online discussions as needed. If people can't attend the meetings, there are to let Dara and the Board Chair know by Monday on the week of the meeting.

6. ED Report

- **Pan-Canadian Voice on Women's Housing** – CMHC will be planning the symposiums annually. The next one is in Winnipeg in the summer. Danya sits on the advisory committee for the symposium.

- **Make It Your Business Update** – we are checking with the new Mayor to see if he will be continuing with the Mayor’s Purple Ribbon Task Force. The views on our Child Abuse video are over 16,000.
- **Office in Montague** – Gwyn has moved into the Families First building. It is a new building with a child care space and a full kitchen. Gwyn is able to host her Cooking for Wellness group there.
- **Blooming House** – Government is funding Blooming House to start up. Liz Corney has spearheaded this initiative. Government informally inquired if FVPS would be interested in operating a women’s homeless shelter. Danya declined, but offered to help train their staff and invite their staff to our training activities.
- **New single units through FHS** – Danya has seen the floorplan for the new units. It will be located on Beach Grove Road. There are 10 units for us and 10 for children aging out of foster care.
- **Financial Campaign Update** – we are at about \$56,000.00. This has been our most successful campaign to date.
- **FVP Week – events** – There are many events planned, the Walk in Silence is on the Wednesday of that week. There is a kickoff event at UpStreet Brewery, where we are launching the Engaging Men and Boys web resource. Danya will send out the list of events that are taking place across the Island.
- **Family Violence Policy – City of Charlottetown** – Danya has set up a meeting with someone in administration with the City of Charlottetown to speak about some of the concerns with their new family violence policy.
- **Anderson House Needs List** – we appreciate all that reach out to help our organization. Due to storage space we must refer people to the needs list for anyone that is decluttering.

7. Second Stage and SAS

- **Occupancy Report** - We are full at both locations.
- **Budget Analyses** – Danya reviewed the budgets versus expenditures of SS and SAS with the board. These projects have their year-end December 31st. Both projects are on target.

8. Personnel – No issues

B. Leadership

9. Financial Sustainability

- **Historical Funding** – Danya reviewed the historical funding with the Board. Danya would like to have a commitment from government for a percentage that they fund to our organization. While there is not a critical need for increased funding with our current level of community support, having a commitment of a percentage of funding would prevent a widening gap in the future.
- Review of Events
- Update on special projects

10. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

(March 20th, 2019 – 5:30pm)

Motion to adjourn – Shira Zipursky

Chair

Date

Secretary

Date