**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**MARCH 24TH, 2021**

**READ THIS PLEASE:**

**Office Space**: Family and Children Services of L, L & G has sold the space to Weatherhead Brewery/Andrew James. The closing date is March 25th, vacate by July 30th, and out by September 30th if we do not stay. I will meet with Andrew James form Kevin James construction on Monday March 22nd to discuss continuing to rent the space. This means we may need to find alternate space. I have reached out to YAK – Rachel Roth about space. The challenge with sharing space with a youth centre is they are occupied generally from 2:30 to around 6:00p.m. I have also reached out to the Anglican Church and spoke with Reid Kilbourne, who are looking at renovating their space where one wing would be low income/ subsidized housing apartments (possibly for youth), and the other wing would be offices and shared space/services. We discussed our IRP and their next steps. They need renovation funding and to bring together interested parties. Reid will follow-up with me when he has more information. They have engaged a planner/contractor to determine what needs to be done to the property.

1. **Lanark County Child and Youth Service Collaborative**:

**Key Messages**:

* Transportation for seniors will be provided to get COVID-19 vaccines. Agencies are pooling transportation budgets to deliver the service.
* Naloxone available at any pharmacy for free
* The Table- $8000 in grocery cards – GT and Loblaws
* L, L & G Health Unit report – will have to reschedule 4K second shot appointments – using volunteers to schedule appointments. Age 80+ appointments to schedule will happen on Monday. Call volume is excessive. Our classification from the province is about to change. SF is using volunteers at the vaccination sites to help email: [ed.seniorstherapeuticcentre@gmail.com](mailto:ed.seniorstherapeuticcentre@gmail.com)
* The past two meetings have focused on changes to Family and Children Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville initiative that: Child Protection is Everyone’s Responsibility. We all have a role in preventing child abuse and responding to child abuse.

1. **Polar Bear Plunge:** Joellen, Aisha and Alfred met to start planning. There was a decision to use some of the revenue to cover marketing/communications expenses. Alfred is going to get a quote and communications plan from Cat’s Cove.

**Key Points:**  Safety and COVID-19 precautions will be observed

* Need high profile plungers
* Need to engage OPP, Crown, Lawyers, Insurance – Teams & Team Challenges
* Take away breakfast
* Communications/Marketing - $ set aside
* Need 30-40 plungers raising a significant amount of money $250-$1000

1. **Summer Student:** Our 10-week summer student, 37.5 hrs a week has been approved by Canada Summer Jobs. They are paid the minimum wage and we are supplementing to $16/hr.
2. **Ontario Trillium Foundation:** We are still waiting to hear back about our Trillium Grant Application.
3. **United Way East Ontario:** The final report for June 2019 to Dec 2020 was submitted.
4. **United Way East Ontario Emergency Community Support Fund:** Final Report is due April 1st , Funding is on track and the report will be submitted on time.
5. **Facilitator Training:** The facilitator training is halfway completed. The youth centres are participating in the training to deliver restorative justice facilitation at the youth centres: YAK (3), Lanark Youth Centre (2), Mississippi Mills (1), Carleton Place (1), Smiths Falls, (0). We were unable to get anyone from Big Brother Big Sisters to take the training because of staff changes and other obligations. This is our first time offering our training on-line. We are pleased that the feedback so far has been very positive, and participants seem very engaged. Aisha, Sheri and Joellen are delivering the training.
6. **Web-site:** There will be two month extension to provide feedback on the Web-site. Please review the web-site by the end of May and make recommendations for improvements. The student we get in June will make the changes
7. **MCCSS:** Jane Rumeleski has been the program coordinator for YJC for several years, first with MAG and now with MCCSS and she is moving to a new position. Our new program coordinator will be Alicia Issardeep and the program manager is Lisa Jackson. Funding is on track and final report due April 15th will be submitted. We had a meeting with MCCSS and funding for 2021/22 is confirmed at the same levels. Sheri and I took the SOR-RL training on COVID-19 reporting.

MCCSS decommissioned (25) the Youth Justice Residential Programs and decreased operational capacity within the Youth Justice System. These closures are part of the ministry’s plan to modernize the open and secure custody/detention system to reduce costs and resources. Locally, the Laurencrest Youth Centre in Cornwall where we have had youth go, has been closed (5 places in the east with 42 beds).

1. **Capstone Research:** Our report has been shared with the Department of Justice (Jane Evans, Research and Statistics Division), MCCSS & local Crowns and Canadian Restorative Justice Consortium (Norm Desjardins).
2. **The FASD and Restorative Justice Report** to which LCCJ contributed as part of the study is complete and has been posted on the Department of Justice Website.

*Exploring the Use of Restorative Justice Practices with Adult Offenders with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)*

The report can be found at the following link: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/jr/efasd-etcaf/index.html>.

This link has been shared with MCCSS & local Crowns and Canadian Restorative Justice Consortium.

1. **Budget for 2021-22**. Completed. See finance report.
2. **Law Foundation** Responsive Grants: Up to $25K or $25K to $100K, Deadline: April 30, 2021

Responsive grants are one-time, project grants that support innovative, community-based ideas to improve access to justice.

**Discussion:** Do we want to put in an application for a Responsive Grant for $25K for a SA/DV Restorative Justice Diversion Steak-holder Convening and Program Development Grant?

1. **The Bell Let’s Talk:** grant is open until April 15th, their focus is on providing youth mental health services. We could put in a grant

**Discussion:** Do we want to put an application in for BE STRONG 2.0 in a school or schools?

1. **Triple P Restorative Parenting of Teens**: We have 18 people registered for the 4 week session that begins April 6th, 6:30p.m. Note: these registration numbers for Triple P is unheard of at the L,L, & G Health Unit. We surmise that a) parents and youth are struggling during COVID-19 and b) the course is more accessible because it is being delivered on-line which saves time and effort.