

Executive Director's Report October 2018

- Webinar series registration was extremely low and we have cancelled this series. We were trying out a new evening time slot so community members could attend but will be returning to the workday time slot of 10am-noon on Wednesdays as this has always resulted in high engagement and participation.
- Sheri and I have had another meeting with our Youth Crown, Patricia Bowles, and she is very excited to know about our Consent Education module for young offenders. She is setting up a meeting with us and the Crown designated for domestic violence/sexual assault and dating violence. She also looked into seeing if the fees paid in the Direct Accountability Program (DAP- this is the formal court diversion program for adult offenders which is run by RNJ) could be directed to us sometimes but the list of charity options offenders can choose from does not allow for any justice partners as this is seen as a conflict of interest. Patricia is willing to write any letters of support we may need to ask for ministry funding for this. She also is putting us in touch with the MAG rep specifically allocated in our region for sexual assault and domestic violence (which neither Sheri or I knew even existed) as they have funding completely separate from our Youth Justice Committee funding contract for youth court diversion.
- I attended the most recent monthly facilitator meeting to go over a few things that needed refreshing including our process and decision-making around how facilitators are assigned to files, deviating from the script in pre-forum interviews and covering what parts of pre-forum interviews can be shared/not shared when interviewing other parties.
- We may be getting another student on placement with us. I interviewed her Friday and asked her to think it over now that she has a better grasp of what the placement would involve. I only hesitated because she lives in the east end of Ottawa and her placement would all be over the Winter months so I wanted her to make sure she would actually be willing to make the commute. We really do need the hours of work that placement students do for us so I have my fingers crossed she still wants to go ahead.
- Finance reporting, projecting and tracking is now all in accordance with the recommendations of Carole and Jennifer, with the exception of the automated payroll service as we need to hold off until Jan 1 to start that.
- Our Grant Writing Workshop fundraiser is happening on Oct 20th. I included the poster in your Board package as we still have some slots open and I'd appreciate if you could share it widely with all of your contacts. I am hoping to raise \$1,000 with this initiative.

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Local: Nov 20 Symposium

Provincial: More info on the new justice model being piloted in Kenora-community justice centres-

<https://news.ontario.ca/mag/en/2018/04/ontario-launching-new-justice-model-in-kenora.html>

National: Fierce national debate over Tori Stafford's murderer being transferred to a Healing Lodge that used RJ. Is RJ appropriate for murderers?

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/tori-stafford-s-father-says-killer-s-transfer-has-re-victimized-him-1.4115531>

International: Excellent essay on the use of RP to address sexual assault:

<https://www.vox.com/first-person/2018/10/10/17953016/what-is-restorative-justice-definition-questions-circle>