

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

Community Living Chatham-Kent

Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley

Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Brenda Roby

Community Living Wallaceburg

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County

Kim D’Hooghe

Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton

Michelle Parks

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Lisa Demers
Jennifer Morrow
Terri Rawlings
Chris Preece
Lisa Thompson-Power
Hollie Sparling

Guests

Esther Trapp
Karen Holland

Regrets

Chris Preece
Tiffany Clarke
Kim D’Hooghe



A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

2. Adoption of SEAC Agenda - April 17, 2023 (Motion)

Motion By Michelle Parks and seconded by Brenda Roby to adopt the SEAC Agenda of Monday, April 17, 2023. **Carried.**

3. Review of SEAC Minutes – February 13, 2023 (Motion)

Motion By Wendy Smith and seconded by Brenda Roby to adopt the SEAC Minutes Monday, February 13, 2023. **Carried.**

4. Review of SEAC Notes - March 20, 2023 (No Motion)

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Esther Trapp,

Chatham-Kent Children's
Treatment Centre

Karen Holland, Pathways
Centre

Karen and Esther's presentation shared the following information:

- FASD is a permanent disorganization and impairment in the brain / FASD is not rare - a conservative estimate is 4% of the Canadian population has FASD.
- Diagnostic Criteria - getting a dx is a complex process.
- 10 Brain Domains - the capacity of the individual in each of these brain domains is measured during the assessment and in making the dx. The brain differences have an impact on behaviour and learning. There are overlapping characteristics with other diagnoses such as ODD and ADHD. Chronological age and developmental level do not match which affect both cognitive skills and social impairments. Early identification is important so that interventions can begin.
- A.L.A.R.M.S. = Adaption, Language, Attention, Reasoning, Memory, Sensory. These 6 categories represent primary behaviours of persons with FASD.
- Reframing the Behaviour - when you see behaviour, think BRAIN not BLAME. Students do well if they can. 8 Keys are strategies that work with individuals with FASD. They are: Concrete, Consistency, Repetition, Routine, Simplicity, Specific, Structure, and Supervision. In the centre of the 8 keys, and most importantly, is a trusting relationship in all environments. It is important to use a strength based approach using the individual's strengths and interests.



- FASD & Mental Health - Trauma and attachment are often associated with FASD. Trauma is the primary reason for behaviour issues. Attunement is important to create a 2 person experience where the individual can borrow your safety.
- FASD Referrals - SCCDSB has access to 2 FASD coordinators at each of CTC-CK and Pathways Centre for Children in SL. Referrals can be made by school teams, family service providers and families.
- FASD Resources - Books, websites and training information was provided.

C. ASSOCIATION REPORTS

1. Autism Ontario – Chatham-Kent Chapter

Tracey Haddy

- April is World Autism month. There are many workshops for all different ages on the Ontario Autism website.
- Educational scholarships are open and can be applied for by anyone associated with an individual with a diagnosis of ASD

2. Community Living Chatham-Kent

Kayla Murphy / Steve Stokley

- March 17, 2023 - CLC-K was thrilled to host MPP Trevor Jones, and Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer Fanny Vavoulis for a recognition event. The agency had received \$6,400 which allowed for the purchase of laptops with accessories to be utilized in the Outward Bound Program.
- Postma Heating and Cooling will be providing a \$1,000 donation to provide free beverages at the Library Cafe during the month of May.
- Enbridge has been secured as the Presenting Sponsor (\$2,500) of the Box Lunch/Box Lunch for Kids. Enbridge is providing a donation of \$1,000 towards the event as well.

3. Community Living Sarnia-Lambton

Brenda Roby

- Planning for Community Living month in May. Planning includes:
 - A letter will be hand-delivered to schools that have students with developmental/ intellectual disabilities and to all high schools in the area. Paul Stevens has offered to hand deliver these letters this week / next week (copy attached).
 - Mayors' Lunch on May 19, 2023 with invitations out by the end of this week.
 - Accepting nominations for the Hero Award.
 - Awareness campaigns include asking local business and social service agencies to change their outdoor signage in support, lawn signs will be available for staff and board to place on their lawn.



- CL-SL is happy to announce that summer day trips are back, starting with Day with the Jays on Saturday, May 13, 2023. The last Blue Jays trip was in 2019.
- CL-SL sponsors four awards each year to Lambton College Students who have been involved with an organization that is dedicated to supporting individuals with a developmental disability. The \$500 awards are presented at the Lambton College Academic Awards Ceremony. This year's awards were presented on behalf of Community Living by Paul Stevens, our Board of Directors Vice-President, to Julia Pagano, CYC Program; Ashley Cechovsky, SSW Program; Regan Knowles, CICE Program and Sarah Mackey, CICE Program. Congratulations to all the award winners.

4. Community Living Wallaceburg

Ryan Allaer / Wendy Smith

- Planning for Community Living month.
- May 2, 2023 in Wallaceburg, there is a flag raising at 11:00 am and awards to be presented at the ceremony.
- May 4, 2023 there is a stone dedication paying tribute to those who have passed on and were involved in the agency.
- A movie night will take place.
- Wallaceburg Chamber of Commerce event where the new snoezelen room will be highlighted.
- A concert with Crystal Gage is being planned where a ticket will be needed to attend. Contact Community Living Wallaceburg for more information.
- Tune in to CKXS radio to hear a new jingle for Community Living Wallaceburg which will be announced on the radio and new banners will be displayed in downtown Wallaceburg for the month of May.

5. Down Syndrome Association – Lambton County

Kim D'Hooghe

- N/A

6. Suicide Prevention Committee Sarnia-Lambton

Michelle Parks

- They are providing free safe talk workshops in the SL area.
- May 8, 2023 a community safe talk at the Sarnia library from 6 - 9 pm will take place.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES



E. NEW BUSINESS

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mental Health and Wellbeing Updates

Lisa Demers

- Max Stossel presented at the board last week on "Social Media Impact on your Child and Teen's Wellbeing."
- He presented to students and parents in both CK and SL.
- All funds raised will go to Noelle's Gift as a donation from SCCDSB.
- The School Climate Survey is live for staff, students, and families from April 11 - May 26, 2023.

2. ASPEN / IEP Engine

Jen Morrow

- The current IEP engine will no longer be active as of the end of July due to the provider no longer offering the service.
- Aspen is already being used for attendance and reporting within the board and will now also be used for the IEP engine.
- A team of staff from Planning, IT, and Special Education continues to meet regularly to develop the IEP portion of Aspen.
- A full day training for all elementary PRTs will take place on May 9/23. Additional training will take place through June and in early September so that PRTs are ready for the Term 1 IEPs in September 2023 having used Aspen.

3. Preschool Transition Update

Lisa Thompson-Power

- Lisa shared preschool transition data from 2017-18 through to 2023-24 for students entering school for the first time who have moderate to high level needs.
- The numbers trend upward. The 2023-24 data is the highest to date with a total of 21 students with moderate to high needs entering school in the Sarnia Lambton area and 20 students with moderate to high needs entering school in the Chatham Kent area.

G. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

- The Board is working on getting all board policies up to date.
- There are two new student trustees - Lily Cole from St. Patrick's and Georgia Pitblado from UCC.
- The Board is starting to work on budgets for this year.



H. QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

I. PRESENTATIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

J. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Monday, May 15, 2023

Monday, June 19, 2023

K. CLOSING PRAYER

L. ADJOURNMENT (Motion)

Motion By Wendy Smith and seconded by Tracey Haddy to adjourn the SEAC meeting of Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7:02 p.m. **Carried.**