



KFACC Membership Meeting

Thursday May 6, 2021, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Attendees:

Theresa Metcalfe (KIH), Michele Arsenault (V/WAP), Carolyn Rice (KPF), Jane Lewis (KHSC), Paula Laughlin (Victim Services), Maryam Pandi (SACK), Lisa Fox (KIH), Leigh Martins (KIH), Deirdre Reddick (KAVAC), Barb Lotan (Queen's), Julie Langan (JHS), Laurie Rabbie (Ontario Works), Laura Jantzi (ISKA), Alicia Lambert

Regrets:

Kim Irvine-Albano (Resolve), Kim Graham (SACK), Terri Kennedy (KPF), Rifaa Carter (KAVAC), Geanina Circei (SACK), Antonia Racz (SHRC), Susan Potvin (KFL&A Public Health), Jackie Smith (HARS), Tammy Wright (Youth Diversion), Sam Galati (KMFRC), Lousanne Rode (FACSFLA), Lisa Kirkby (CFT), Marg McDade (VWAP), Lisa Kirkby (CFT), Deb Wood (Purple Posse), Kevin Raison (Resolve), Angela Watson (Kingston Home Based), Alicia Audet (Supervised Access Centre), Kathy Reid (KHSC), Kate Melendy (CFB Kingston), Kelly Rathwell (Justice), Colleen Fairholme (KMFRC), Kathy Cabral (Ontario Works), Kathy Thompson (Resolve), Alicia Dornan (FACSFLA), Debbie Klassen (Ontario Works), Amanda Lane (EFry), Anya Brooker (SLC), Mabel Delaney (KAVAC), Elizabeth Stevenson (ILCK), Rebecca McLaughlin (EFry), Tracey McCallum (ODSP),

1. Welcome and Introductions:

2. Acknowledgement

"To begin, let us acknowledge that Kingston is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee territory. We are grateful to be able to be live, learn and play on these lands."

To acknowledge this traditional territory is to recognize its longer history, one predating the establishment of the earliest European colonies. It is also to acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it – people whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Approved with no changes

4. Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2021

- Approved with no changes

5. Call for Conflicts of Interest / Respectful Communication

- No conflicts announced

6. Action Items

6. A. Website Audit Report

- We have received the audit report from Primal Glow Communications and they have recommended a 3 stage path forward that will cost \$7161.50 after the deposit.
- The Administrative Group would like to move forward, but there are concerns with the budget as this will put us over for fiscal 2021/2022
- Anna has contacted Primal Glow Communications to inquire if we can lower the cost by having her take on some of the work
- Please keep your eyes open for any grants that would help to fund the website

6. B. Final Strategic Plan Survey

- The survey is open until May 10, please take the time to complete it

7. New Business

7. A. Local Data Trends On DV As A Result Of The Lockdown – Laura Rabbie

- Open a conversation regarding social services and statistics regarding DV and the pandemic. The information has ebbed and flowed as the lockdowns have happened (look to the OAITH Femicide report located on their website).
- **KPF** released some numbers which are included in the Strategic Plan; they are seeing more domestic arguments and assaults over 2020. No statistics are available for 2021 yet.
- **KGH SA/DV Unit** – no significant decrease in the numbers but injuries have been much more severe. They are launching an IPV study and should have further data come the fall. Noted that there is no alternative for victims to returning home which is causes a delay in counselling and secondary treatment as there is no safe place for counselling. Also seeing a significant increase in substance abuse and mental health conditions with both victims and abusers.
- **SACK** - has had an increased demand for services; will look at the data and get back.
- **JHS** - the bail program is reviewing data, but has noted more violence in attacks i.e. choking etc. which has caused more in-depth work for safety planning.
- **Victim Services** - echoes the increase in violence. They are putting more people into hotels, suppling groceries and cell phones to help connect with counsellors. More safety planning is occurring as well.
- **KIH** has noted that more women are going back to their abusers due to lockdowns, bubbles and lack of affordable housing. The 3rd lockdown is seeing more struggle with isolation along with the impact on the kids causing them to stay connected when they don't want to.
- **City of Kingston** - kids are not safe at home and cannot access services including food and counselling. They are having an increased exposure to violence.
- Can we all pull our numbers and put into a report?
 - **SACK** - we pulled year end stats for funders
 - **VWAP** – it is hard to separate breech of orders vs. act of violence as it's difficult to drill down to case specifics ((multiple types of charges which are not specified in the files)

- **KPF** – can pull by offense code to break down specifics which would give us an overall view. Carolyn will ask their data analyst to get the information for 2020
- **JHS** – all charges get bundled and with bundles and promise to appear it's hard to separate
- **Supervised Access Program** – will get data on parental visitations and share
- Some numbers are included in the new KFACC Strategic Plan
- Laura Rabbie (City of Kingston) has offered to collect the data as they have a data officer who can assist in a report – please email your agencies information to her please
- We need rural statistics from the OPP – Michelle and Paula will ask

7. B. Workgroup Budgets & Timelines

- If the Workgroups can cut costs to put towards the website update please do so
- Diversity and KAVAC are focussing on further ARAO training
- EAC is looking at mental health through COVID-19 training

7. C. Workgroup Membership Vote re: Meetings July & August 2021

- Vote is **NO**
- Last meeting is June 3rd then September 2nd

8. Strategic Plan Work Plan

- Waiting on the survey results

9. Budget Update

- Waiting on the year end ledger from KIH to confirm numbers
- Going forward only Paula and Anna will connect with the accountant at KIH on KFACC's behalf

10. Workgroup Updates

- **KAVAC**
 - ⇒ Had a meeting in April and reviewed GBV National Action Plan details; will be presenting at the June KFACC meeting and will have the final report soon
- **Diversity Workgroup**
 - ⇒ Meeting soon
 - ⇒ Reached out to the Queen's Diversity Equity Branch about ARAO training
- **Education Advocacy & Communication (EAC) Workgroup**
 - ⇒ Plan for the year is part 2 of the mental health for workers
 - ⇒ Looking at options for speakers
 - ⇒ Have revamped the "Still Here For You" media campaign
 - ⇒ Ads are up on the Kingstonist and in all 50 Kingston Transit buses
- **Protocol Workgroup**

- ⇒ Working on revisions as the language is outdated and needs to be updated i.e. IPV vs. PA. Consistency in language is important especially that it's been changed in the Strategic Plan.
- ⇒ Looking at developing a community wide consent form to assist case management as the first step of the new Strategic Plan
- **Administrative Workgroup**
 - ⇒ Has been focused on the fiscal year end budget, finalizing the Strategic Plan and gathering information on the website rebuild
 - ⇒ Updated roles on the Administrative Group:
 - ⇒ Kim Irvine-Albano, Resolve (Co-Chair)
 - ⇒ Theresa Metcalfe, KIH (Co-Chair)
 - ⇒ Paula Laughlin Victim Services (Financials)
 - ⇒ Maryam Pandi, SACK (VAWCC Representative)

9. Community Updates

10. Next Meeting

Thursday June 3, 2021 @ 9:00AM - 10:30AM

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