

BOARD UPDATE CALL

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Via conference call

On Call

Jill Teeple
Leanne Wheatstone
Marcel St. Jean
Jennie Chanda
Stinder Lyall
Jim McNamara
Yvonne Spicer
Heather Campbell
Maurice Voisin
Maureen Roy
Doug Cooper
Michael Jacques
Melissa Young
Linda White
Marcy Galipeau
Shawn Pegg
Sue Talmey
Heather Evans
Terri Meshwork

Regrets

David Hill

Absent

Brittany Manu

Due to the COVID 19 outbreak, the purpose of the call was to give the Board an update on what Community Living Ontario has been up to since closing the office on Tuesday, March 17th.

Therefore, since this was not a special meeting of the board, quorum was not required.

Jill welcomed everyone on the call. Chris asked Shawn Pegg, our new Director of Social Policy to introduce himself and talk a little about his background.

Community Living Ontario (Chris speaks to this)

- The office closed on Tuesday, March 17th due to the self-distancing request by the government.
- Everyone is working remotely.

- We are open for business in terms of communications and the Province has designated our sector as an essential service.
- CLO's primary role is to be responsive to the current situation and be flexible and collaborative with our members and within our sector and outside of the sector.
- Our priority is the health and safety of people and families and to ensure that responses and supports are provided in a way that respects people's rights and dignity.
- The April 14th policy forum and board alumni event has been cancelled. We are however working a remote forum on COVID-19 and the healthcare response.
- The Family Engagements series was also cancelled for March and April. At some point we will resume the series.
- At present, we are keeping families engaged through communication and people are eager to come together but cannot at the moment. There will be a Steering committee meeting on April 15th to discuss this.
- The Student Link staff across the Province have now had their positions changed were in they are working remotely from home and not going out in the community.
- Daily calls with the Provincial Network and various other organizations trying to liaison with government.
- We are constantly paying attention to what the government is telling us.
- Looking at funding (\$50 million) and PPE equipment as priorities.
- Weekly calls with the Ontario Non-Profit Network to see how others are coping and to get messaging to government through that channel and address areas of commonality.
- Been in touch with the Ministry around passport and whether it can be carried over into the next fiscal year.
- Asked the Premier and Minister to thank the people who still have to work i.e. Long Term Care facilities, front line staff.
- Maurice had mentioned that the Government set aside \$20M for the sector.
- Starbucks has donated 550lbs of coffee to Community Living Ontario. We will use this to promote and send to local associations to use as a reconnect with their community in a promotional way.

Each department gave a brief overview of the current work they are doing.

Foundation – Heather Evans

- A notice was sent out to all strategic partners.
- Over \$25,000 received from a strategic partnership project.
- The Sponsorship proposal for conference is ready to go.
- Working on a digital campaign which will be sent out going forward.

Finance – Sue Talmey

- All funding coming from the Provincial and Federal government covers a majority of our expenses so there is no issue.
- We are in the process of sending out the assessment invoices.
- We will be taking advantage of any government incentives provided to us.
- In terms of our investments, we are safe with our GICs.

- In terms of our current long term portfolio we may have to revisit these in the next few weeks with the Finance committee.
- There is no guarantee regarding donors at this point in time with respect to the Foundation.

Communications/Marketing – Marcy Galipeau

- As mentioned earlier, the April 14th Policy forum has been cancelled. We are looking into a virtual substitution for this. We will promote this in lieu of the forum.
- To host a free webinar on April 14th with five people who will offer insights and guidance on how front-line agencies and other stakeholders can engage proactively with the health care system in their respective regions.
- Day at the Legislature scheduled for May 14th will either be cancelled or postponed.
- It is realistically not feasible at this time. We will work with Community Living Toronto on how to postpone it.
- Community Living Month – “Shine the Light” campaign is slightly inappropriate to do at this time. It’s not a time to celebrate. What do members need right now? A note has been drafted to our EDs regarding this. The note will come from Jill and Chris and go to the ED, Presidents, Council and Board lists.
- The Shine the Light campaign will be postponed until September.
- We need to stay connected and expand on this going forward with resources i.e. housing, poverty, EI, etc.
- Some of Linda White’s staff will be deployed to help with this support.
- A new resource hub being developed to advocate the 4 themes through social media.
- Maintain the sources and vet the work on social media and try to keep everyone updated with Government announcements and share resources.
- As of right now the conference will take place on September 16-18. We will however extend the date for all proposals.
- We have pulled together an external group which will kick off on April 7th.

Family Engagement – Linda White

- The provincial engagement series scheduled for March has been cancelled.
- Student Links team working remotely.
- Their positions have changed cannot go out into the community.
- Working with Steering Committee to find other ways to keep families we gathered engaged through communication.
- Some of Linda’s staff will help communications with the Resource Hub.

In closing, Chris reiterated that business is continuing even by remote. We will continue to be flexible, collaborative and continue to represent the CLO way by our values and principles by continuing to be supportive and keep the human rights and dignity of individuals at the forefront of this.

Jill suggested that we hold a Board ‘update’ call every two weeks. Everyone agreed that this was a great way to stay connected during this unprecedented time.

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

T. Meshwork
March 25, 2020

BOARD UPDATE CALL

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

On Call

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Michael Jacques

The purpose of the call is to keep the Board updated on what Community Living Ontario is working on during the pandemic. These calls will take place every two weeks.

Jill welcomed everyone on the call. Chris proceeded with an overview.

Community Living Ontario (Chris speaks to this)

- As you know, everyone is working remotely.
- All calls currently pertain to COVID-19.
- Chris said that he has a fabulous team working hard each day during these unprecedented times.
- CLO's primary role is to be responsive to the current situation and be flexible and to continue to be collaborative with our members within our sector and outside of the sector.
- Continued concern around isolation, staffing, access to PPE equipment, access to Childcare, etc.
- Our priority is the health and safety of people and families and to ensure that responses and supports are provided in a way that respects people's rights and dignity.

- At present, we are keeping families engaged through communication and people are eager to come together but cannot now. There will be a Family Engagement Steering committee meeting on April 15th to discuss this.
- Writing up weekly synopsis about the weekly calls with the Provincial Network and other organizations.
- We are constantly paying attention to what the government is telling us.
- Weekly calls with the Ontario Non-Profit Network to see how others are coping and to get messaging to government through that channel and address areas of commonality.
- Open letter from ARCH regarding triage of patients who would require care. If a person has cognitive issues, they may be more likely to be denied treatment based on the protocols. The protocols were leaked to a journalist who leaked them to Arch.
- Nothing has been implemented or made public but there is an indication that other Provinces are aware of this and may be coordinating their protocols.
- Chris had a conversation with Minister Smith's chief of staff who said she had no knowledge of the protocols but was concerned about the Arch letter circulating. Chris said the info in the Arch letter seemed accurate and she should investigate it. She said she will get back to Chris soon. If there's evidence the info in the letter was inaccurate, Chris told her he would circulate that information as widely.
- Met with Council to talk about their perspective and discuss the pandemic to ensure they are kept in the loop going forward.
- Reached out to Family Alliance Ontario to talk about the impact of COVID on families. Looking for the opportunity to hear from their networks as well as share our information.
- Chris and Linda will be on Eric Goll's conference call with families later this week to do the same.
- An ED call with CACL is scheduled for tomorrow, April 8th to discuss what things we will take forward to the Federal government.

Each department gave a brief overview of the current work they are doing.

Foundation – Heather Evans

- Will be highlighting our advocacy work more in messaging.
- Still working with the Foundation Board to continue with strategic planning and position ourselves to move forward when the COVID crisis lifts.
- Will be scheduling Zoom call with Strategic partners.
- Planning webinars with our strategic partners.
- Working on a digital campaign which will be sent out going forward instead of the Spring Appeal.
- Will meet sometime in May with the Fundraising sub-committee.

Finance – Sue Talmey

- All funding sources continue to be maintained so there has been no impact to our financial situation.
- We are receiving assessments cheques from our members. Their funding has not been impacted.
- We continue to receive stable income from the Government for existing programs.

- We continue to receive guaranteed income from the Stillman Estate. The amount we receive next year may be impacted by the fall in the investments this year if things do not recover.
- Funding levels remain the same.
- Continue to work with locals and work with what the government is offering for businesses impacted by COVID.

Communications/Marketing – Marcy Galipeau

- Resource Hub – updated weekly – please send along good information you think should be shared.
- Added a membership spotlight section to the resource hub for good ideas members can share to help the whole membership.
- Engagement up 125% online – people see that we are a trusted source
- Developing a strategy on how to expand engagement.
- We are increasing capacity to match our increased engagement.
- Healthcare advocacy
- Community Living month is postponed.
- Working on videos for social platforms and website going forward.
- Sharing of the resource page with Board – developing plain language – could use some help with that if Board members have some room in their schedules to help.
- Now is the time for Board members to become ambassadors of Community Living Ontario and encourage others to for example subscribe to Update Friday. We need to board to share, share, share our messaging. People are listening and looking for the info we are providing.
- Policy Forum was cancelled and replaced with a free webinar on April 14th with five people who will offer insights and guidance on navigating the healthcare system for people who have an intellectual disability. The webinar was initially going to host 250 live attendees. Additional people registering would be able to see the replay. We had more people registering than we anticipated. Up to almost 600 as of today. We have added capacity for 500 so see the webcast live.
- Day at the Legislature scheduled for May 14th will either be cancelled or postponed but we don't want to miss the opportunity to share that May is Community Living month. Videos will be created with Chris to share some messaging.
- The Shine the Light campaign will be postponed until September.
- We need to stay connected and expand on this going forward with resources i.e. housing, poverty, EI, etc.
- The team is working hard to maintain the sources and vet the articles on social media and try to keep everyone updated with Government announcements and share resources.
- As of right now the conference will take place on September 16-18. We have extended the date for all proposals.

Family Engagement – Linda White

- The provincial engagement series scheduled for March has been cancelled.
- Student Links team working remotely.
- Putting together a strategy to stay close to families to see what they want to focus on by reaching out to our networks.

- Families are worried about triage and safeguards to keep people safe in the health care system.
- There will be one position to fill as of April 17th. We are presently conducting interviews and have one good candidate who will be scheduled for a 2nd interview.
- Working with Family Engagement Steering Committee to find other ways to keep families we gathered engaged through communication.
- Linda's staff continue to help communications with the Resource Hub.

Social Policy - Shawn Pegg

- Policy forum has been cancelled but we will be hosting a webinar on April 14th, the same day.
- Cancellation of Day at the Legislature scheduled for May 14th.
- In the process of developing policy positions.
- Supported Decision Making project is ongoing. There was a call this week with the 5 projects. Some sites will move forward building their framework for their project through the COVID crisis.

The next scheduled call will take place on Tuesday, April 21 2 7:00 pm.

Adjourned: 8:27 pm

T. Meshwork
April 8, 2020

BOARD UPDATE CALL

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

On Call

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Jill welcomed everyone on the call. Chris proceeded with an overview.

Community Living Ontario (Chris speaks to this)

- Most calls pertain to COVID-19.
- Continued concern around isolation, staffing, access to PPE equipment, access to childcare, etc.
- Working with government, the Provincial Network trying to facilitate Passport flexibility and how people can use this funding during this time.
- Our priority is the health and safety of people and families and to ensure that responses and supports are provided in a way that respects people's rights and dignity.
- Weekly calls with the Ontario Non-Profit Network to see how others are coping and to get messaging to government through that channel and address areas of commonality.

- Open letter from ARCH regarding triage of patients who would require care. If a person has cognitive issues, they may be more likely to be denied treatment based on the protocols.
- A letter received regarding clinical triage protocol to support frontline physicians in the event the system is faced with impossible circumstances. The protocol is a draft document developed by Ontario Health and has not been approved or authorized by the government.
- Receiving support from CACL along with the Provincial and Territorial Health Ministers who have collaborated on this protocol.
- Brought opportunity to work with various other organization such as Family Alliance of Ontario, Ontario Non-Profit Organization.
- Staff working in Group Homes are being challenged – need to get government to open for access to childcare.
- Access to PPE equipment is still a challenge in some areas. Some local associations are developing their own sources and forwarding that information to various agencies.
- Develop a protocol around how we best protect people.
- Staff should be wearing masks, taking temperature during the day, isolate if not feeling well.

Each department gave a brief update of the current work they are doing.

Foundation – Heather Evans

- A long-term strategy will be discussed at the meeting on May 8th.
- Still working with the Foundation Board to continue with strategic planning and position us to move forward when the COVID crisis lifts.
- An email was sent to all donors to motivate some to donate.
- Looking at how we can go forward to reach out doing a wellness check.
- Scheduled a call with Strategic partners to update them on the conference and to see if they have any resources to share on our website.
- Donorship Stewardship Plan – what does this look like.
- Will meet sometime in May with the Fundraising sub-committee.

Finance – Sue Talmey

- All funding sources continue to be maintained so there has been no impact to our financial situation.
- Audit began on April 20th and is being done virtually.
- Draft statements will be available for June board meeting.,
- Received investment statement – not positive
- We continue to receive stable income from the Government for existing programs.
- We continue to receive guaranteed income from the Stillman Estate. The amount we receive next year may be impacted by the fall in the investments this year if things do not recover.
- Funding levels remain the same.
- Continue to work with locals and work with what the government is offering for businesses impacted by COVID. Continue to help people navigate the government grants.

Communications/Marketing – Marcy Galipeau

- Resource Hub – updated weekly
- Added a membership spotlight section to the resource hub for good ideas members can share.
- Promoting the work of CLO (Marcy will provide a list of ways to support). She will share this list after the meeting.
- Starting an “In this together” montage”. Asking Board, council, Youth Advisory committee, etc. to send in a photo. Marcy asked that you either email her or send in a photo by May 10th.
- The board has been asked to reach out to their local associations, local MPPs.
- Now is the time for Board members to become ambassadors of Community Living Ontario and encourage others to for example subscribe to Update Friday. We need to board to share, share, share our messaging. People are listening and looking for the info we are providing.
- Jill will be sending out Thank you cards to each association to show our appreciation.
- Chris will acknowledge his appreciation through a video in lieu of Community Living month.
- On May 15th we will light up the CN Tower in green and blue thanking everyone in the sector since Community Living month has been postponed.
- Promoting the staying connected Hub.
- Continue with webinar series – start polling audience to see what kind of information they are seeking.
- Developing a strategy on how to expand engagement.
- Healthcare advocacy
- Working on videos for social platforms and website going forward.
- The Shine the Light campaign will be postponed until September.
- We need to stay connected and expand on this going forward with resources i.e. housing, poverty, EI, etc.
- Social media engagement plan is in the works and the focus is on high impact visuals.
- We added a subscribed “Update Friday” button on our resource page.
- As of right now the conference will take place on September 16-18. We have extended the date for all proposals.
- The AGM will take place on Wednesday, September 16th.
- We will decide about the conference taking place in person or virtually on May 29th.

Family Engagement – Linda White

- Student Links team working remotely. One staff member has left CLO and we are amid hiring a new staff person.
- Putting together a strategy to stay close to families to see what they want to focus on by reaching out to our networks.
- Families are worried about triage and safeguards to keep people safe in the health care system.

- Working with Family Engagement Steering Committee to find other ways to keep families engaged through communication.
- Linda's staff continue to help communications with the Resource Hub.

Social Policy - Shawn Pegg

- Putting together a government relations plan.
- Cancellation of Day at the Legislature scheduled for May 14th.
- In the process of developing policy positions.
- A webinar was held with 4 speakers and there were 500 attendees.
- Supported Decision Making project is ongoing.

Q&A

Maureen asked Shawn if he had any sense of what percentage of families attended the webinar.

- A poll was done following the webinar.
- Over 800 people registered for the webinar and 250 people have viewed it on YouTube, with 5% families, 4% Eds and 21% Health Professionals.

Marcel St-Jean asked Chris what would you identify as the top issues' organizations are currently facing?

- Staffing concerns is the consistent messaging we are getting from various municipalities,
- On May 6th we will be holding a webinar on "Advocacy". Over 800 people registered for the webinar and 250 people have viewed it on YouTube, with 5% families, 4% Eds and 21% Health Professionals.
- We are trying to streamline messages into best practice. There are mixed messages at the local level.
- Been difficult getting access to Personal Protective equipment (PPE)
- Trying to locate equipment through different local organizations. The problem is starting to ease slightly.
- Locals buy the equipment with hopes of getting reimbursed.

Jim asked if there are any number of Covid-19 cases in our sector.

- Based on reporting, there are 44 positive cases of which 17 were staff. This is based on the reporting by the Ministry.

In closing, Chris mentioned that since our theme this year for the conference is "In this together" he suggested that everyone sign off on their email with "In this together".

The next scheduled call will take place on **Tuesday, May 5th @ 7:00 pm.**

Adjourned: 8:15 pm

T. Meshwork

April 22, 2020

BOARD UPDATE CALL

Tuesday, May 5, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Via Zoom

On Call

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Michael Jacques
Brittany Manu
Chris Beesley (p.t.)
Terri Meshwork

Regrets

Leanne Wheatstone
Doug Cooper
David Hill
Heather Campbell
Sue Talmev

CLO continues to update the Board on what work is taking place during the pandemic. These calls will continue to take place every two weeks during the pandemic.

Jill welcomed everyone on the call. Chris proceeded with an overview.

Community Living Ontario (Chris speaks to this)

- Ongoing calls pertaining to COVID-19.
- Continue to make progress with the Ministry of Health around family managed homecare.
- Supported decision making framework within the government environment.
- Meet three times per week with the Provincial Network regarding issues of the sector and provide a coordinated approach to providing information, resources and collaboration between our networks and government.
- Working with government regarding details and clarification of the \$4/hr. wage increase.
- On April 30th, a letter from the Provincial Network, OASIS and Community Living Ontario was sent to the Minister communicating concern around:
 - funding to meet the needs due to the pandemic
 - the impact this is having on people, families and supports

- resources for families and people
- Waiting for the updated guidance document for the sector.
- An ARCH letter around triage protocols for hospitals was signed by over 200 agencies.
- Held a webinar about the briefing ARCH put together.
- People still require supporters to be with them in a hospital setting to help navigate what they need to ensure the best health outcomes. This is still ongoing.
- Essential supports in congregate settings – the Canadian communications association - some of the resources were developed by local associations to help. Maureen has a copy of the package which she will forward to Marcy.
- Designated visitor issue -not in place. There is no directive to congregated residences. It goes case by case right now for entry.
- There is a need for awareness and education going forward
- In terms of policies – what are we learning here and what does re-opening for business look like in our sector.
- Held meetings last weekend with CACL.
- Strategic planning and on Bill C-7 MAID - a presentation around supported decision making
- CACL drafted a series of communications to Minister Qualtrough. The first document submitted demonstrated the vulnerability of people with disabilities during the pandemic and outlined our collective policy priorities. The second document was focused on financial benefits. The third document was an open letter on pandemic triaging.
- As a result, Krista Carr has been appointed a member of the COVID-19 Disability Advisory Group. Five committees have been formed of which Krista will sit on 4 of them.

Each department gave an overview of the current work they are doing.

Foundation – Heather Evans

- A long-term strategy will be discussed at the meeting on May 8th.
- Still working with the Foundation Board to continue with strategic planning and position us moving forward when the COVID crisis lifts.
- An email was sent to all donors to motivate some to donate – but not soliciting donations at this time just saying thank you.
- Well attended update call took place 10 days ago.
- Looking at how we can go forward to reach out doing a wellness check.
- Scheduled a call with Strategic partners to update them on the conference and to see if they have any resources to share on our website.
- Sharing our webinars in advance.
- Donorship Stewardship Plan – what does this look like.
- The Fundraising sub-committee will meet sometime in May.
- Foundation board meeting taking place May 8th.
- Budget will be brought forward at the Foundation board meeting on May 8th then it will go to the CLO Board for final approval in June.
- Estate Planning Campaign – launching an updated English and French version of the Estate Planning Guide on May 8th.
- The Foundation received a generous donation of \$26,500 from McDougall Insurance. We are looking at ways to use the money, so it has the most impact for people during this time. Here are some ideas:
 - Support our membership

- Put some of the money towards the Anne Stafford Bursary
- Create a dollar to dollar matching campaign to raise donor engagement
- Fundraising to be discussed at the May 8th board meeting.
- We received a large amount of coffee beans from Starbucks. Since the coffee is just sitting, we through perhaps donating some of the coffee to support workers with an online campaign.

Finance – Sue Talmey

Sue was unable to attend the meeting.

There were no further updates from the last board call. The audit is in progress and going well.

Communications/Marketing – Marcy Galipeau

- Resource Hub – updated weekly
- Started the “In this together” montage”. Photos to be sent to Marcy either by email or send in a photo by May 10th.
- On May 15th we will light up the CN Tower in green and blue thanking everyone in the sector since Community Living month has been postponed.
- Promoting the staying connected Hub - vetted sources for agencies, people, and families
- Continue with webinar series – reached over 5,000 people an over 700 views on YouTube.
- On May 6th we are holding a webinar on “Advocacy” with over 800 people registered.
- Ask the Experts – Q&A session.
- Healthcare advocacy.
- Working on videos for social platforms and website going forward.
- We need to stay connected and expand on this going forward with resources i.e. housing, poverty, EI, etc.
- Social media engagement plan is in the works and the focus is on high impact visuals.
- A decision will be made on May 29th about the conference taking place in person or virtually.
- Updated English and French 2020 versions of the Estate Planning Guide to be launched on May 8th.
- List of virtual meeting platforms has been vetted and designed.
- Update Friday reached 40% - we reached over 16,000 people on Facebook.

Family Engagement – Linda White

- Student Links team working remotely.
- Putting together a strategy to stay close to families to see what they want to focus on by reaching out to our networks.
- Families are worried about triage and safeguards to keep people safe in the health care system.
- Working with Family Engagement Steering Committee to find other ways to keep families engaged through communication.

- Linda's staff continue to help communications with the Resource Hub.
 - Received new funding of \$90,000 for one year. The project is called "Youth Take Charge" which will focus on helping young people to become more self-aware around citizenship. It is important for both people with intellectual disabilities and those without to recognize the barriers that exist.
 - Since conferences will not take place during this time, our focus will be holding online summits by looking at having a master class and video regarding citizenship.
 - We will continue with the Provincial series with the 22 families. There will be 4 sessions starting on September 16th with Darcy Elks.
 - Southern Ontario Training Group – do a one-day session on social devaluation like SRV.
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- **Social Policy - Shawn Pegg**
 - On May 6th we will be holding a webinar on "Advocacy".
 - We are trying to streamline messages into best practice. There are mixed messages at the local level.
 - CACL launching a campaign re Bill C-7 MAID
 - Continue to work on messaging and asking CLO to reach out to agencies, members and possible a family member to talk to their MPs in Ontario.
 - CACL will track this with some type of mechanism and everyone will receive training beforehand.

The next scheduled call will take place on **Tuesday, May 19th @ 7:00 pm.**

Adjourned: 8:15 pm

T. Meshwork
May 7, 2020

BOARD UPDATE CALL

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Jill welcomed everyone on the call and Chris proceeded with a CLO update.

Community Living Ontario

- With everyone working remotely since the start of the Pandemic, we continue to carry out our work at CLO.

Triage Protocol update

- Chris sits on the ARCH Disability Advisory committee
- Recently completed a plain language bulletin to accompany a brief which includes an overview of the advocacy efforts to date, as well as a summary of the issues raised in the brief.
- The Triage protocol conflicts with Persons' with disabilities rights pursuant to the Ontario Human Rights Code, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Provincial Network

- Working to develop central visiting protocol and criteria to be met to have access to an outside person from outside a group home setting.
- Future planning as restrictions are lessened.

General

- On Friday, May 22nd, meeting scheduled with Minister Todd Smith to talk about what is coming next. MCCSS is considering the DS sector and its transformation over the next 8-10 years. This was previously discussed prior to the Pandemic. Reach out to let them know what we are thinking and what the "new normal" is.
- The Law Commission of Ontario recommended the creation of projects that would look at the practice of Supported Decision-making as a less restrictive option to guardianship.
- Short term COVID and post COVID, how do we gradually open and operate in that environment.
- Discussions taking place about the re-opening of the CLO office.
 - Need to consider the health of CLO employees
 - Need to consider the health and safety of CLO
 - Look to see what works best for everyone

Foundation - Heather Evans

- A long-term strategy was discussed at the full board meeting on May 8th.
- Look at finalizing the budget and strategic plan to be brought forward at the June meeting for approval.
- Webinars for Strategic Partners taking place in June.

Finance – Sue Talmey

- The audit is in progress and almost completed.
- Anticipate the draft audited financials to be available June 11th.
- Finance Committee meeting scheduled for June 12th to approve the financials.
- Financials to go to the Board for approval at the June meeting.

Communications/Marketing – Marcy Galipeau

- "In this together" photo montage" went extremely well with over 300 photos received.
- Over 1,500 view of the video – positive feedback.
- Letter to Minister "All hands-on deck" – very popular.
- CN Tower was lit up on Friday to thank everyone.
- Update Friday – keeps membership aware
- Stats: 7,000 on Facebook, 4,000 visit CN Tower news release.
- This data will be used in terms of increasing engagement and to show case what we want people to know going forward.
- Estate Planning Guide was launched and has reached 4,000 with 400 being downloaded.

Family Engagement – Linda White

- Student Links team continue to work remotely.
- We have filled the vacancy and hired a new staff member.
- The coordinators have found a spike in mentors meeting virtually online during the pandemic.
- Putting together a strategy to stay close to families to see what they want to focus on by reaching out to our networks.
- Working with Family Engagement Steering Committee to find other ways to keep families engaged through communication.
- Family engagement series started in March and is continuing.
- Darcy Elks held a review and regrouped people around reconnecting and sharing information about the future of their sons and daughters.
- Families will be meeting every other Saturday until the end of June.
- The new funding of \$90,000 for one year has been received. We are in the process of putting together a package to be sent off by May 27th.
- We will continue with the Provincial series with the 22 families. There will be 4 sessions starting on September 16th with Darcy Elks.

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- On May 26th we are holding a webinar with 3 members of Council to talk about the impact COVID-19 has had on their lives.
- The RWA staff of CLO will be holding an Employment webinar in June.
- CACL developing and planning a campaign in opposition of Bill C-7 MAID.
- Continue to work on messaging and asking CLO to reach out to agencies, members and possible a family member to talk to their MPs in Ontario.
- CACL will track this with some type of mechanism and everyone will receive training beforehand.
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The next tentative call is **Tuesday, June 2nd @ 7:00 pm.**

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

T. Meshwork
May 20, 2020