

Family Advisory Committee – Notes

Thursday November 18th, 2021 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Chair: Laura Meffen Vice Chair: Lexi Tokhi

No	Topic	Notes
1.	Agenda – Any additional agenda items Meeting Notes – approval of October 20, 2021 notes Updates from Other Committees and Community Activities	 Notes approved No further updates provided
2.	Welcome to our Guests!	 Members and guests introduced themselves and shared their interest in FAC Laura provided an overview of how FAC provides advice to CTN and the influence that the committee has had over the years
3.	Ontario Autism Program Urgent Response Services	Karen provided an overview of the Central Region OAP Urgent Response Services proposal and asked members for feedback. See slide deck for details. Feedback from members on how to engage families:
		 Surveys are often long and tedious and don't ask the right questions. Sometimes feedback is better 1-1, as it feels more personalized. This approach could be more time consuming but might feel more fulfilling to families. Parents may be more likely to do a survey if it is about something very relevant to them Survey link could be shared on social media, use FAC member networks to distribute Youth are more willing to provide feedback that will benefit other youth, rather than just the organization Sib-shops were great- a sibling focus group might be beneficial Youth centres in local communities might be a safe space to connect with youth, consider incentives like providing volunteer hours Work through a professional that works with the youth to hear from them

4.	Standing item: Update on CTN's Pandemic Recovery	 CTN shared the link to the CTN website covid updates Question about why families are not seeing more adapted sports coming back online. Discussed some of the barriers to accessing sites. Request for access to the snoozelin room. Heather will look into it. Questions about how to share news, events and information- discussed low open rates of newsletters and other ways to connect with families.
5.	Standing item: Successes and Challenges	Members shared some recent successes and challenges.
6.	Next Meeting Discussion	CTN and chair to plan holiday meeting.