

**OASIS Business Resource Committee (OBRC)
Annual Report
April 2014– March 2015**

The OBRC focused on two major areas:

1. Agency networking and information sharing and
2. Ministry Networking and providing information/constructive feedback through OASIS

As part of agency networking and information sharing, OBRC sponsored and engaged with Developmental services Finance Group (DSFG) which is a provincial grass roots finance and administration group for agencies in the DS sector. Through Christian Horizon's generous donation of a free meeting space OBRC was again able to donate funds to DSFG to assist with meeting costs. Members were also asked to contribute \$100.00 on a volunteer basis to cover the shortfall. The DSFG provided information for OBRC projects and received feedback in return.

OBRC, through DSFG, promoted sound business practices and gathered information to provide constructive feedback to the ministry through OASIS on both finance and administrative issues.

Some of the practices promoted related to:

- Ongoing updates and additions to the Policy Options Manual
- Collected information from the DSFG to identify indicators. These indicators will be tracked on a quarterly basis to develop consistency in reporting across the sector and improve data quality
- Development of collective strategies to manage cost pressures – The Ministry of Government Services has approved the business case to fund a resource housed at OECM for two years. This resource will work with the DS sector to develop VOR for our sector with OBRC will acting as the control group. OECM is waiting for the ministry to sign the Transfer Payment Agreement.

To share information, OBRC posts information it collects and that provided by presenters at the DSFG meetings on the OASIS website on the open section under OBRC resources.

As part of networking with the ministry and providing constructive feedback, OBRC met with MCSS representatives and will be involved in the following pilot projects for 2014-15 into 2015-16:

- Providing information through a survey to the sector on the costs relating to host families (SHS)
- Providing feedback and input on the ongoing development of an approach to determining individual budgets for adults with a developmental disability
- Participating in the treasury board initiative to provide feedback on modernizing transfer funding
- Acting as an advisory group to ministry funded My direct Plan initiatives and provide feedback on information that needs to be provided to the agencies and ministry
- Acting as an advisory group to the ministry funded data elements project to CH to provide feedback on data elements requirements

A joint effort between OBRC and DSFG to develop a process for supported banking was started in 2013-14 and will continue through 2014-15.

OBRC tracks the various financial and legislative changes that apply to the DS sector and analyzes their financial and administrative impact. It then works with the ED representatives to turn this information into constructive feedback that OASIS can take to the senior ministry and government officials.

One member left the committee in October

Committee structure

The list below represents the structure and members for the 2014-15 year.

2014-2015 Business Resource Committee Members

REGION	MEMBER	AGENCY
North	Leanne McGill	Community living Manitoulin
Central East	Margaret Patrowicz	New Leaf
Central west/Provincial	Angelica McKay	Christian Horizons
Eastern/Provincial	Joanne Stolte	Kerry's Place Autism Services
Hamilton Niagara	April Papineau	Community Living Haldimand
Toronto	Flavian Pinto	Community Living Toronto
South East	Darlene Ryan (Chair)	Community Living Prince Edward
South West	Brian Sim-Little)	Community Living London
OASIS Board	Sally Ginter	Kerry's Place Autism Services

OBRC is developing its work plan for 2015-16 and looks forward to another year of supporting OASIS and the Developmental Services sector.