



News Digest

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Message from the President

I would like to thank all member agencies who provided feedback on OASIS' position paper on Offering Services and Supports to People through Individualized or Direct Funding. The final version can be found on the Discussion Board - [OASIS Individualized Funding Position Paper-Final](#). Michelle Marshall, VP ED, and I have been working with Sal Marrello and his team on this document and OASIS is proud to be working with the Ministry to further the work on individualized budgeting. Please watch for information this fall from the Ministry on this initiative.

On July 11, Janet Nolan, Chris Beasley, Joe Dale, Bill Sullivan, Vince Tedesco and I had the privilege of meeting with Janet Menard, Deputy Minister MCSS, Karen Chan ADM, and Erin Hannah, Interim ADM to share new data on the sector and discuss the positive and unintended consequences of transformation as well as concerns of the sector.

Darren Connolly, VP Volunteer, and I also met with Karen Chan, on July 14. Discussions included pay equity, the gender wage gap steering committee report, how the \$810M was distributed, member concerns regarding multi-year residential planning, case management and the Ombudsman's report. The Ombudsman's report is scheduled to be released on August 24. A copy of the report will be on their website once released - [Ontario Ombudsman](#).

Ann Bilodeau represented OASIS and the DS HR Strategy August 15 at a stakeholder consultation on Federal Labor Market Transfer Agreement including how employment and skills training programs could be more responsive.

It has come to our attention that some agencies may be experiencing increased behavioural and medical incident related to medication shortages or unavailability. If your agency is facing this issue please let us know so we can advocate on your behalf.

OASIS' will be hosting our 2nd annual Queen's Park Information Day on November 2, 2016.

The following new member application was reviewed and approved by the OASIS Board of Directors at the last meeting: Kinark Child & Family Services. This brings the total number of OASIS member agencies to 189.

The next meeting of the OASIS Board of Directors will take place on September 7-8, 2016 in Hamilton. As always, members are welcome to attend Board meetings. We welcome you to join us or contact me prior to the meeting to share your ideas and concerns. I can be reached by email at president@oasisonline.ca or by phone at 705-645-6290.

Sincerely,
Ann Kenney
President, OASIS

Education

The next sessions for the Rotman School of Management begins in November and once again the Ministry is providing an opportunity for (10) OASIS members to participate. The program is open to senior leaders. The content and format is tailored for current agency EDs/CEOs and senior leaders who are part of succession planning for your agency. Applications are being accepted until the end of August - [OASIS Learning Opportunity - Public Sector Leadership Institute](#)

Links Included in this Issue...

Save the Date! OASIS Conference 2017: [OASIS Conference 2017](#)

OASIS Bi-Monthly Newsletter for July 2016: [July 2016](#)

OASIS Four Pillars: [Four Pillars](#)

OASIS Board of Directors June 8-9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes: [June 8-9, 2016 OASIS Board Meeting Minutes](#)

OASIS Board and Executive Meeting Schedule for 2016-2017: [Meeting Schedule 2016-2017](#)

Provincial Network Meeting Summary for June 23, 2016: [PN Meeting Summary - June 23, 2016](#)

OASIS Strategic Work Plan 2013-2016, Updated May 17, 2016: [OASIS Strategic Work Plan 2013-2016](#)

OASIS 2016-2017 Board of Directors Contact Information: [OASIS Board of Directors 2016-2017 Contact Information](#)

Current OASIS Membership List: [OASIS Member Listing](#)

People First of Ontario AGM & Conference- Celebrating 35 years: [People First of Ontario AGM & Conference](#)

Ontario Government News Release: [Ontario Investing \\$65 Million in Fire Safety Upgrades for Community Service Agencies](#)

PSHSA OASIS Affiliate Page Web Tutorials: [Workplace Violence](#)