



OASIS Board Highlights

The Board Highlights covers some of the key items and presentations made at its meetings. If you are interested in or have questions about these items, please contact a Board Member (see Board list).

The Board of Directors met on:

- January 16th & 17th, 2019 in Toronto ON
- March 6th & 7th, 2019 in Toronto ON

Next meeting:

- May 7th, 2019 in London ON
- May 10th, 2019 in London ON

EMERGING ISSUES AND MINISTRY INITIATIVES

OASIS COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SUPPORT

OASIS is pleased to announce that Counsel Public Affairs (Counsel) will be working with us to assist in the development of a government relations plan. Priorities were identified by OASIS impacting its members, individuals and families and how we can more successfully advocate with the provincial government on behalf of the developmental sector.

A key milestone will be the Provincial Budget on April 11 and OASIS will provide feedback to members on any potential impacts soon after it is released.

LABOUR RELATIONS

A discussion was held with the Ministry on the topic of coordinated bargaining in follow-up to the November Information Session in late January. OASIS sent a communication to the ADM regarding the Stabilization funding, and this was shared with our membership on March 12, 2019 and attached.

<https://oasonline.ca/wp-content/uploads/Stabilization-Funding-Extension-Request.pdf>

PROVINCIAL NETWORK

The Provincial Network 'Moving On Inclusion & Citizenship Strategy Working Group' continues to meet and are in the process of drafting a budget proposal. A discussion will be requested with the ADM around this.

Dr. Yona Lunsky provided a briefing on a new report released February 2019: **Addressing Gaps in the Health Care Services Used by Adults with Developmental Disabilities in Ontario**. The OASIS President, Darren Connolly forwarded a thank you letter on behalf of OASIS and its member agencies. This report is attached for your reference. <https://oasonline.ca/wp-content/uploads/Addressing-Gaps-in-the-Health-Care-Services-Used-by-Adults-with-Developmental-Disabilities-in-Ontario.pdf>

Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs
Agences ontariennes de soutien pour les personnes qui ont des besoins spéciaux

HOUSING

Bryan Keshen, Supporting ED, The Housing Work Group, continues to keep their fingers on the pulse of the housing activities as was endorsed by the OASIS board and as part of the Bilateral housing agreement.

Materials have been submitted to the Minister and discussions are underway. This is a positive sign that the DS sector has made a huge impact and is being considered in developing the implementation plan. Given that most housing initiatives go through municipal and regional housing authorities, it is incumbent on members to continue to work on this and follow up with local councilors, Mayors and MPP's to support the DS sector being part of the provincial housing implementation plan. The work group will follow up with practical recommendations once the provincial budget is approved and the direction on housing is clarified

News Flash

You would have seen on March 7, 2019 the OASIS **News Flash** was circulated to agencies for quick updates and helpful information sharing in between OASIS bi-monthly Digest and Board Highlights. Find attached for your reference: <https://oasisonline.ca/wp-content/uploads/OASIS-News-Flash.pdf>

SEE YOU 'UNDER THE BIG TOP' AT THE OASIS 2019 CONFERENCE IN LONDON - MAY 8TH-10TH, 2019



We are excited to report that our Exhibit space is nearly sold out! You will enjoy exploring the products, services and information from nearly 60 Exhibitors and Sponsors!

New this year is our Technology Symposium, which is an opportunity to hear from companies with products and services that directly enhance the lives of people supported.

As of today, we have well over 200 delegates registered, so we're more than halfway there!

Haven't registered yet? See the Conference Program and online registration link at www.oasisonline.ca today!

We hope you find this issue useful. As we continue to develop and grow the newsletter, your continued support and feedback is welcome. Feedback can be provided through this

link: <https://goo.gl/forms/75FzMQsNUffZECAC2>



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