



News Digest

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Message from the President

OASIS continues to advocate on behalf of our member agencies and this month was no exception. Donna Marcaccio, Chair of the Pay Equity Committee and I met with MPP Randy Pettapiece, MCSS PC Critic to share the results of the last survey and our call for action. MPP Randy Pettapiece promised to approach the Minister on behalf of OASIS to address this situation. Attached is the link to the correspondence from Mr. Pettapiece [Letter from MPP Pettapiece to Minister Jaczek re: Pay Equity](#).

On a monthly basis, Michelle Marshall and I are meeting with Ministry representatives to ensure that the voices of agencies are heard when the Ministry is making decisions that will impact us all. Darren Connolly and I will be meeting with Karen Chan in July. If you have any issues or concerns that you would like OASIS to address please do not hesitate to contact me so we can include them in our discussions with the Ministry.

As part of our strategic plan, OASIS recognized the need to collaborate with other partners to expand our knowledge base and learn from other not for profit sectors. In support of this strategic direction over the last year we have strengthened our relationship with Ontario Non Profit Network (ONN). A link to their annual conference has been placed on the website to keep our members are informed of the opportunities offered by ONN: [Nonprofit Driven - ONN Conference 2016](#).

Since 2007, OASIS and the Business Resource Committee have been working with the Provincial Network and the Ministry on individualized funding. As the majority of new funding over the past two years has been direct funding through Passport and in the next year or so we expect more funding will be individualized, OASIS has been updating their position on Individualized/Direct Funding. A copy of the draft has been placed on the Discussion Board for your information and comments. To date we have solicited feedback from the OASIS board members, the Business Resource Committee, who designed the original model, and the DS Finance Group. OASIS would like to finalize this paper over the summer, so please respond on the discussion board with any suggestions by July 29 2016. [OASIS Individualized Funding Position Paper](#).

As we are inundated with emails in our busy lives, OASIS has decided to revamp the format of our Digest and let you choose the information you receive. OASIS will no longer be sending out separate messages on events, Provincial Network news, etc. instead we will be providing links within the Digest to this information so you can read it at your leisure when and if you choose to.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind members of the List Serve protocols:

- Information posted should not be for personal gain of the individual posting the information

- Post questions on the OASIS discussion board and send out email to members letting them know you have posted a question and that responses are to be made on the discussion board. This will enable responses to be gathered in one place including attachments if policies, etc. are provided and is available on a permanent basis.
- If offering congratulations for accreditations, or agency achievements please Reply only to the person who provided the information, not to the entire list serve
- If you would like to reference OASIS material please contact Amanda at administrativesupport@oasisonline.ca for the link to the website rather than redistributing the material.

The following new member application was reviewed and approved by the OASIS Board of Directors at the last meeting: Brockville & District Association for Community Integration. This brings the total number of OASIS member agencies to 190.

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

Links Included in this Issue...

OASIS 2015-2016 Annual Report: [2015-2016 OASIS Annual Report](#)

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

OASIS Conference 2016 Presentations and Photos: [2016 Conference](#)

OASIS Governance Webinar Series Summary: [OASIS Governance Webinar Series Summary](#)

OASIS Board of Directors May 3, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes: [May 3, 2016](#)

OASIS Board of Directors May 6, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes: [May 6, 2016](#)

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

Provincial Network Meeting Summary for May 26, 2016: [May 26, 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](#)