

OASIS - News Flash...

The OASIS *News Flash* will be sent to agencies for quick updates and helpful information sharing in between our bi-monthly Digest and Board Highlights.

- **Provincial Budget**

- Finance Minister Vic Fedeli announced that the Provincial Budget will be released April 11, 2019.
- Traditionally OASIS has been invited to the pre-budget lock up. If invited again this year we will have a board member attend and release details along with our analysis shortly after it is released.
- The OASIS board and the Provincial Network will be meeting the day the budget is released to provide a response and feedback to our members.

- **MCCSS Budget Prep 19/20 – Best Practice**

- In preparation for budget submission for the 2019/20 fiscal year, a number of OASIS member agencies have worked with their MCCSS Regional Office to annualized funding that had previously been fiscal to address complex or changing needs of individuals in service.
- This has included business cases to support individuals in service with changing needs and on-going pressures, among other things.
- If you have on-going or in-year fiscal pressures that are essential to your operations, now is a good time to review these with your Program Supervisor, in advance of year-end.

- **Sustainability Funding**

- An outstanding issue is the sustainability funding that was added to MCCSS Service Contracts in 2018/19. Agencies were advised in writing that the funding was base but it was added on to contracts as fiscal.
- We have not received clarification from the Ministry as to the future of these funds that so many agencies are counting on to address over a decade without any increase to base dollars.

- **MPP Engagement**

- OASIS member agencies have been doing fantastic outreach with local MPPs using the document developed through the Provincial Network.
- We encourage agencies, board and volunteers to continue engaging with local MPPs to share the work you do and the needs in your local communities.

Yours sincerely,

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