

BOARD REPORT FOR 2014-2015

A Membership Message From the Association's Board Of Directors & Executive Director . . .

Another year of growth as we celebrate our 59th Annual General Meeting!

Over the past year, several initiatives have evolved from the "transformation agenda" at the Ministry of Community and Social Services. In 2014-2015 a significant amount of money was distributed through the "Passport Funding" initiative. The funds helped many individuals and their families to gain access to more public and private services. The Ministry, knowing that services would expand beyond the public sector, invited Agencies to submit proposals geared towards program expansion. In anticipation of this, the Board of Directors had prepared a 3 year strategic plan with a focus on service expansion. To that end, the Association submitted 5 proposals and although none of our proposals were approved, the Board embraced the "expansion mandate" and has continued to explore viable options outlined in our proposals. We expanded our CPP Day Programs vacancies and increased our partnership agreement with our local High Schools and Boards of Education to offer more services to those individuals leaving school and seeking employment.

Another funding initiative in 2014-2015 was the commitment of funds to front line workers. This initiative is ongoing and has been annualized in our budget for the year 2015/2016.

The final area that the Ministry has committed time and resources to is "Residential Services". A Guideline Document is being developed that will assist Agencies with multi-year planning for admissions/transfers and discharges internally, as a community and within a defined Region.

Last year we reported that a capital proposal to reconfigure the design of our Treatment Home "Forest View"; was developed. This proposal was supported by the Ministry and discussions are underway with Ontario Shores and the Ministry on how to best proceed.

The Board continues to work on behalf of its member's interest and looks forward to seeing everyone at our Annual General Meeting this year!

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Directors & Executive Director