

## **Alberta and NWT Chapter**

This report covers the period of: April 2017-2018

Submitted by: Shelley Skelton

### **Chapter Officers:**

Shelley Skelton – President

Blythe Shepard – President-Elect

Nicole Imgrund – Regulation

Dawn Israel – Professional Advocacy

Cathy Underhill – Secretary/Treasurer

Nicholas Renaud – Communications

Carol-Anne Haring – Professional Development

Lindsay Ashmore & Barbara Pickering – Student Liaisons

Mira Singh – Member at large

### **Membership: 539**

### **Past activities**

- 1) Over the past year, the main focus of the chapter has been around regulation. Nicole Imgrund has been leading this initiative on behalf of the chapter. Initiatives include: establishing herself as a member of the Alberta Mental Health Initiative (representing the chapter), meeting with a number of MLAs, chairing FACT-AB, being interviewed on news programs, and organizing a phone and email campaign to increase the amount of letters to Albertan MLAs. Kathy Offet-Gartner (Chapter Liaison) was instrumental in organizing the executive members in this campaign. Blythe Shepard continues to be involved with FACT-BC and has provided much support and leadership in FACT-AB Code of Ethics Committee. This is a brief list highlighting some of Nicole's (and the Chapter's) accomplishments and activities over the past year.
- 2) Our chapter now has a social media presence thanks to Nicholas Renaud. We now have Facebook and Twitter accounts with which professional development opportunities and chapter updates are provided.
- 3) In terms of third party billing advocacy, Dawn Israel continues to provide guidance and mentoring to counsellors who are advocating on behalf of their clients.
- 4) Lindsay Ashmore attended the Leaders of Tomorrow program offered in Ottawa in the fall of 2017.
- 5) Our chapter had its AGM on Oct. 27, 2017 and members met in Calgary and Edmonton as well as from other locations via teleconference.
- 6) A conference committee was formed this year in preparation for a fall professional development event to take place October 13, 2018.
- 7) This Chapter met for teleconferences throughout the year on a monthly basis when needed and when not needed, corresponded via email with updates.

## **Chapter Finances**

The bank balance is \$25,026.48 as of March 23, 2018.

Note: The Chapter received \$10,000 from the CCPA Legislative Support fund in December 2017.

## **Planned Activities**

- Continue monthly teleconference meetings with the executive members.
- Continue on a regular basis to develop newsletters that list professional development activities in the province.
- Arrange the AGM for October 13/14 with one professional development event on Oct. 13 in Calgary where Dawn McBride will present on record keeping; a second presentation is possibly going to take place in Edmonton on Sept. 29.

## **Other**

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Skelton  
April 27, 2018