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Abstract:

This report covers the period of November, 2018 - April, 2019. CCPA membership in PEI has been steadily increasing – we have ninety-three members as of April, 2019. The percentage of members with CCCs has also been increasing – we have had a 5% jump in CCC designation in the past six months. This report will highlight activities in which I have been involved since my last Board report in October, 2018.

Résumé

Le présent rapport couvre la période de novembre 2018 à avril 2019. Le nombre de membres de l'ACCP à l'Î.-P.-É. a augmenté de manière constante. Nous comptons quatre-vingt-treize membres en avril 2019. Le pourcentage de membres dotés de CCC a également augmenté de 5% au cours des six derniers mois. Ce rapport mettra en évidence les activités dans lesquelles je suis impliquée depuis mon dernier rapport au Conseil d'administration en octobre 2018.

Connections and Communications

This will be my last report as PE Director. I am pleased to be passing the torch as PEI representative to Andrea Garland, CCC who is a Counselling Consultant with the Public Schools Branch, PEI. I'm confident she will represent us well on the CCPA Board of Directors.

I have continued to participate in the work of the PEICA Regulation Committee which is under the leadership of Bethany Toombs, CCC. Bethany is also the PEICA President. We have hired consultant Vicki Bryenton to work with us and she is currently working on by-laws. Recently, massage therapists on PEI were successful in launching their college with the help of Vicki's services. The Committee and the PEICA is very appreciative of the support of the CCPA Board of Directors in granting us financial assistance through the Legislative Support fund.

Kylah Hennessey, CCC has agreed to speak on the current state of the regulation process in PEI at the Cross Country Check Up on Regulation at the upcoming CCPA Conference.

Deborah Woods-Salter, CCC will represent PEI at a Regulation Symposium which will be held in Ottawa in the Fall. Kylah and Deborah are both active members of the Regulation Committee.

As I wind down my second and final term as CCPA Board Director for PEI, I am appreciative of the relationship I have had with the executive of the PEICA. I was regularly invited to meetings of the executive team and to participate in the Regulation Committee.

Contributions and Celebrations

I have consulted with the PEICA on a number of items and responded to inquiries from individual members during this time period. Since PEI is a small place, some of my work has involved connecting individual members who have similar interests and problems to each other. I participated in the semi-annual meeting of the PEICA held in January, 2019 and submitted a report on CCPA activities.

I have continued to serve on the Quality Assurance Committee and have submitted my report as chair for this period. In addition, I acted as the liaison for both the School Counsellors Chapter and the Spirituality in Counselling Chapter and have been able to attend all of their executive meetings. The School Counsellors meet every month for an hour whereas the Spirituality in Counselling Chapter tend to meet less frequently but for longer meetings. Both chapters are very actively involved in different projects which you will see in their reports. I welcome the fact that we now have a policy for Chapter liaisons to give to the 2019-2021 CCPA Board of Directors and new Chapter Presidents. This policy provides much needed information for both parties on the role of the liaison.

The fact that CCC's can now register with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) as service providers is welcome news for PEI CCPA members. The current Minister of VAC is PEI MP Lawrence MacAulay with whom I met during CCPA's Grassroots Advocacy campaign begun in 2015. The Head Office for VAC is located in Charlottetown which means our members are quite familiar with this department.

Concerns and Challenges

Getting CCPA members engaged locally continues to be a struggle but we are somewhat encouraged by the increase in numbers in both the total membership and those with the CCC designation. We are beginning to see a few new faces at meetings so this is a hopeful sign.

Of course, regulation at this point in time is a key focus. We are in a bit of a holding pattern currently as we await our turn in the queue for our application to be processed. There a number of unknowns but we are doing what we can to complete tasks that can be done ahead of time.

TRC Call to Action

I do appreciate the inclusion of this item on our report as it reminds me of the need to continue to educate myself and to promote Indigenous issues.

I have continued to expand my effort to be better informed on Indigenous issues and have increased the number of people I follow from the Indigenous community on both Twitter and Facebook. Having Past Abegweit First Nations Chief Brian Francis (@BrianFrancisPEI) as a Senator for PEI has been a real gift in regards to keeping me abreast of Indigenous issues. As I

write this report, he will be attending the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York.

I have promoted the “we matter campaign” to my colleagues and encouraged people to spread the word on this important initiative.

My office is currently across the hall from the Mawi’omi centre on my campus so I am able to interact with these colleagues on a daily basis which helps my informal learning. Smudging is an almost daily occurrence in the centre.

Music is one of the key elements in preserving and enhancing cultural identity. For this reason, I look for ways Indigenous culture is promoted through music. Recently, schools across the province of PEI gained access to the National anthem being sung in Mi’kmaq. “O Kanata” has been recorded by Indigenous and Non-Indigenous children from Mount Stewart School, PEI. An increasing number of nationally recognized Indigenous artists are coming to PEI stages. Internationally renowned artist Jeremy Dutcher (Tobique First Nation, NB) will be performing at PEI’s Indian River Arts Festival on July 26th. Jeremy performs songs which had been “suppressed by the Canadian Government’s Indian Act.”(Jeremy Dutcher, Jeremydutcher.com) For me, He epitomizes hope in the Truth and Reconciliation process – guided by Elders, he unearths the past to give both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people a new understanding of history.

Coming Attractions

I look forward to seeing everyone in Moncton at the 2019 CCPA/IAC conference – There are quite a few PEI CCPA members who will be in attendance. The conference will provide an opportunity for PEI CCPA members to network with each other as well. We look forward to welcoming people to PEI in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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