

MASP Professional Development Committee Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2020

5:00pm

Online Meeting

In attendance: Kim Shur, Jennifer McVeigh, Mary MacLennan, Judy Rose, Jessica Arnott

- **Spring Conference - May 15th** - Advanced Threat Assessment and Suicide with Scott Poland. Given the current COVID-19 situation, should we consider postponing the May conference? Suggested we wait to see how things progress. Kim will check in with Scott about his thoughts on keeping May and availability for Fall 2020 if we decide to cancel May. If schools remain closed through April vacation we can poll members to see their interest in keeping the conference in May or moving to October.
- **Fall Conference - October 23rd** - Ideas for topics for the fall conferences were discussed. Topics included: oppositional and out of control behaviors, school refusal, self-care, writing succinct legal reports, unmotivated learners, social justice. We will look at having a workshop on oppositional behaviors and school refusal for October unless we need to move the May 15th conference to October 23rd.
- **November Workshop - November 20th** - We usually offer a workshop on ethics every other November. We had an ethics workshop scheduled for November 2018 but had to postpone due to snow and move it to April 2019. We agreed it would be good to go back to the schedule of every other November which would mean an ethics workshop for November 2020. The plan would be to offer a 3 hour workshop on ethics in the morning and a 3 hour workshop on report writing in the afternoon. Jennifer will reach out to two potential speakers for the October and November topics.
- **Early Childhood Mini-Series** - We no longer have any committee members to act as leads for this project. No work had been done on the mini-series other than a proposed potential speaker. Those in attendance felt that it is a great topic but is it going to be logistically difficult to schedule and will take a lot of work. Perhaps this could be a virtual mini-series, maybe in coordination with one of the other state associations? The consensus was that the focus right now needs to be on the October and November conferences given all of the issues we are facing. We can work on a potential mini-series later this spring or early summer once May, October, and November are figured out.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm