

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES (FCSS) ADVISORY BOARD

Purpose/Mandate:

The Mission Statement of Drayton Valley and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) is to enhance the well-being and resiliency of the community through:

- partnering;
- coordinating;
- networking;
- providing information, education and funding to groups and organizations who provide preventative social services; and
- encouraging and promoting volunteerism.

Through a strength based approach, FCSS provides preventative social programs and services for seniors, families, children, and youth, as well as serving as the central referral agent for social services. FCSS is a funding organization and provides approximately one hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) per year to external programs and projects that fit its mandate. One of the major focuses of FCSS is building relationships among community agencies and individuals so that they can share resources and work towards a common goal. As a result of those partnerships, many new initiatives have developed such as the Homelessness and Poverty Reduction Strategy and the Boys and Girls Club of Drayton Valley.

Operations

The FCSS Board meets approximately four (4) times per year for regular Board meetings which are typically scheduled to start at noon until 3:30 pm. In addition to regular meetings, there is one (1) full-day strategic planning session in January and one (1) summer retreat in July/August. Board members have the opportunity to attend the FCSSAA Conference each November.