

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings -

Improving the social well-being of individuals, families and community through prevention has been the over-arching FCSS goal for nearly 50 years. FCSS has led, encouraged, facilitated, co-operated and collaborated with every partner imaginable. From engaging in community development to providing community-based services, FCSS staff and volunteers help individuals and communities identify and respond to their unique needs and priorities. We have supported Albertans in achieving their goals, building their resilience and capacity, and creating positive change within themselves and their community.

We should be very proud of the work we do and, over the last few years, we've become incredibly good at telling our story. Through our education and advocacy efforts, and proving our outcomes, MLAs and municipal councils across the province have a better understanding and appreciation of FCSS. Our community members and other organizations recognize the FCSS logo so much more. This has been no small feat and I congratulate everyone for taking up the call to action.

Despite our efforts, the F word, "Funding", is still a bad word. 2014 was another disappointing year for FCSS funding. The lack of funding increase continues to place extreme financial pressure on FCSS programs and their funded agencies and we must not stop our advocacy into 2015. The FCSSAA Board intends to develop a joint advocacy strategy with AUMA and AAMDC to press for increased funding and I hope all FCSS municipalities, boards and directors will be persistent.

2014 was a busy year for your FCSSAA Board. My thanks goes out to my colleagues who worked diligently and effectively to ensure the governance of our Association is strong and that we are re-

sponding to our members' requests and expectations.

We spent many hours in 2014 creating a new three-year strategic plan around educating the government and other partners about FCSS; and working with the Directors' Network to develop strategies and tools to further the work.

Regrettably, we say goodbye to Regional Representatives Linda Derkach, Marsh Hoke and Ralph van Assen who are leaving to take on other important work in their communities. They have given many hours and energy to FCSS locally and provincially, and we thank them all for their important and valued contributions.

Thank you to everyone working (paid and unpaid) with FCSS. Truly, it is your dedication and hard work locally, regionally and provincially that makes FCSS the outstanding program it is! Thank you for continuously giving us much to brag about!

Happy holidays, everyone and best wishes for a wonderful 2015!



Jeff Carlson, President, FCSS Association
Councillor, City of Lethbridge



2015 FCSSAA BOARD MEMBERS

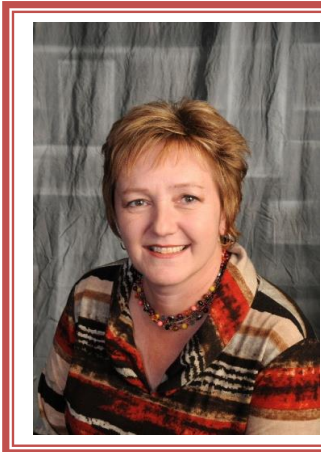
JEFF CARLSON - President



Jeff is very pleased to be returning to the FCSSAA Board for his fifth term, serving in 2015 as President. Through his paid and volunteer work in Lethbridge, Jeff realizes that the agencies and programs supported by FCSS are some of the most important in the community.

Jeff is a Councillor with the City of Lethbridge. He is active in the theatre community, where he was a founding member of New West Theatre and served as Associate Director, writer and performer for the last 22 years. His partner Andre and dog Linc say that while they're happy Jeff is President of the FCSSAA, they'll miss him on his frequent journeys to Edmonton!

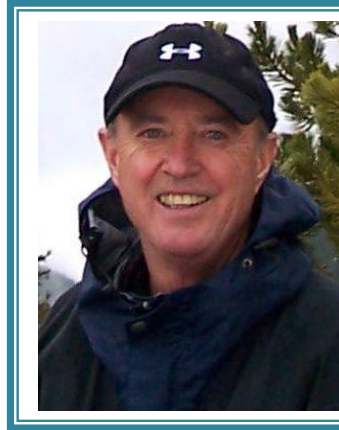
ROXANNE BERGHEIM - Northeast Region



Roxanne is a member of the Town of St. Paul FCSS Advisory Board and serving her second year as the Northeast FCSSAA region representative. Although retired as Executive Director of the Lakeland Primary Care Network, she has been actively involved in her community as

Chairperson for the St. Paul Champions for Change Society and Chairperson for the FCSS advisory board. Both entities are about community and prevention which motivate her. She looks forward to serving another year on the FCSSAA board.

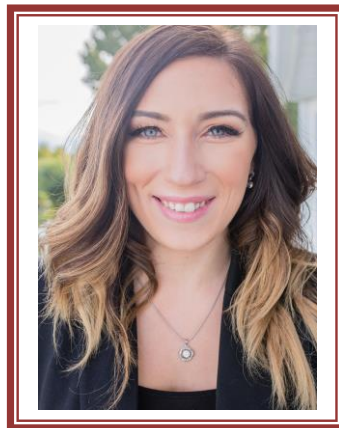
BRIAN BROUGHTON - Yellowhead Region



Brian is a social worker by training and after over 40 years experience in the practice of child protection and intervention, he is very pleased to be a member of the Edson Community Services Advisory Board and focused on the prevention of

harm to children. Brian's past experience as a Children's Services Co-chair and school trustee will enhance his ability to represent the Yellowhead Region to the FCSSAA Board. Brian is married to Sharon who is a member of the Yellowhead County FCSS Board and together they have three children and four grandchildren.

MEGAN CHERNOFF - West Central Region



Megan is serving her fourth year on the Sylvan Lake FCSS Advisory Board and her third year with the FCSSAA Board. Megan recognizes the importance of preventive social services and looks forward to expanding her involvement with the

FCSSAA. Megan is serving her first term as a town councillor in Sylvan Lake and has been a volunteer with the Sylvan Lake Soccer Association, Rotary Club and many other local organizations since moving to Alberta in 2005. She was employed in the marketing field for seven years and is now self-employed, specializing in health and wellness/marketing for the past four years.

CARMEN EWING - Northwest Region



Carmen decided to become a community volunteer when her children began figure skating in the early 1970s, which evolved to a greater involvement leading to municipal politics. Carmen attended Fairview College after her children started school.

Always supported by her husband Walter, she was a member of Improvement District #21 Advisory Council, now Clear Hills County. After moving to Fairview, she was elected to Town Council; then on to Girouxville where she has served on Council since 1995, as Mayor since 1998. Carmen's interest and curiosity has led her to serve on a variety of boards and committees including a regional planning commission, women's shelter, family resource center, Northern Alberta Development Council, tourism, agricultural society, economic development, and not least FCSS.

Carmen's hobbies include sewing quilts for her 10 grandchildren, decorative sewing and needlework, reading, spending summer at the family cabin on the Little Smoky. Her philosophy is: we can't do it alone! Always regionally minded, she encourages colleagues to always consider regional possibilities.

CATRIONA GUNN-GRAHAM - Directors' Network

Catriona is the Manager of Community and Social Development for Strathcona County Family and Community Services. She has a degree in Social Work and has been with FCS for over 20 years in a variety of roles.

Catriona believes strongly in the importance of collaboration and community engagement in addressing complex social issues. She has played a key role in the development of the Strathcona County Social Sustainability Framework, Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy, and Older Adults Plan. She has had the opportunity to work at the community, regional and provincial level on a wide range of social issues. Catriona is passionate about the philosophy and promise of FCSS.

ARNOLD HANSON - East Central Region



Arnold has been the East Central region representative on the FCSSAA Board since May 2013. He is serving his second term as a Beaver County councillor and his second term as Reeve. Arnold has served on several boards and committees over the years,

including Alberta Beef Producers, Canadian Cattlemen's Association, Viking Fair Board; Golden Valley Lutheran Church Council, Viking Carena Complex Board, Beaver County Bus Drivers Association, Viking 4-H Beef Club, Edmonton Northlands-Agriculture Education Committee, Alberta High School Rodeo District 2.

Arnold is cow/calf operator and was also a school bus driver from 1989 to 2009. Arnold is married with three children and 1 grandchild.

AUDREY KELTO - Edmonton-Evergreen Region, Evergreen Representative



Audrey is in her fourth term on Leduc County Council and her ninth year on the FCSS Advisory Committee. She has been involved with 4-H for several years as a leader and continues to judge public speaking events. She also sits on the Leduc Enforcement Services Advisory

Committee. Audrey is aware of the needs of seniors and children through her involvement with family and community programs.

Audrey has lived and farmed in Leduc County her entire life. She is a registered nursing assistant and worked in the local hospital. Audrey and Howard have been married for 44 years; they have 4 grown children (and were home to 4 international exchange students) and 7 grandchildren.

**DEREK LOVLIN - Calgary-Bow River Region,
Bow River Representative**



Derek is serving his third year on the Okotoks FCSS Advisory Committee and is looking forward to his first term on the FCS-SAA Board as a regional representative. Derek has retired from an engineering

management career and focuses now on his golf game and grandchildren.

Derek believes all families should be able to feel they are making useful contributions to their communities. His experience across Canada, in communities of varied sizes, has made him keenly aware of the role FCSS and its affiliated agencies can play in helping people achieve those aspirations.

**BRIAN PINCOTT - Calgary-Bow River Region,
Calgary Representative**



Brian is now in his third term as Councillor for Ward 11 in Calgary and serving his fourth term with the FCSSAA Board. As a member of Council, Brian has dedicated himself to fostering a culture of sustainability in Calgary, something he has been

passionate about since moving there in 1996. He recognizes the importance of preventive social services as critical to sustainability and to ensuring we have a vibrant community for everyone.



TERRY RILES - South Region



Terry Riles has been a member of the Grasslands Regional FCSS Board for 4 years. Terry and his wife Joan and children live in Duchess. Terry is the Manager of the Legion #63 in Brooks

and is very community minded. His involvement in groups such as the Air Cadets, Seniors Suppers for Brooks and the Newell County residents, and Newell Regional Expo have made a positive difference in our communities throughout the region. Terry brings to the table a passionate belief in preventive social programs and an understanding of the link between the social fabric and economic sustainability. He is honoured to represent the South Region on FCSSAA Board and looks forward to helping again next year!

WENDY ROBINSON - Directors' Network



Wendy has been the FCSS Supervisor in Yellowhead County since 2008. Her first position was as the Youth Program Coordinator for Yellowhead County in

1998-1999. Between those periods, Wendy worked for a private school in Cairo, Egypt for a year and with Central Alberta CFSA for 8 years as a Partnership and Strategy Facilitator. As community development, rural sustainability and prevention have always been important to her, she returned to the FCSS world in 2008 and to the community she grew up in.

Wendy has a BA in political studies and has recently completed Level One in the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration. In her spare time, Wendy enjoys her cats, cooking or planning her next adventure overseas.

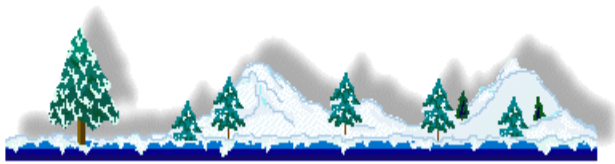
DIANA ROWE - Directors' Network



Diana became involved with FCSS in 2001 as a City Council representative on the Red Deer FCSS Board. It was through her involvement with the Region 4 Community Partnership Enhancement Fund (CPEF) from 2005 to 2010 that she really

experienced the impact that FCSS makes in a community. Diana has a passion for preventive social services in community sustainability. Diana's background and training is in marketing and public relations.

A resident of Red Deer for over 20 years, she relocated in 2006 with her husband Lyle, to the family farm outside of Drumheller, near Michichi. Diana is the Community Service Director for Starland County.



KATHLEEN TURNER - Directors' Network



Kathleen is the FCSS Director for the County of Grande Prairie, where she has worked for 25 years, 17 of those as the Director. She is a Co-Chair of Directors' Network and is serving her fourth year on the FCSSAA Board in that position. Kathleen was previously an FCSSAA

Board member from 2001-2004. Kathleen, her husband John and daughter Hannah enjoy traveling and experiencing new cultures. In the summer she keeps busy with golfing, camping and trying to tame her yard!

VICKI VAN VLIET VAITKUNAS - Edmonton-Evergreen Region, Edmonton Representative



Vicki has been involved as a volunteer in Edmonton with many diverse organizations for over 50 years. She retired in 2006 as the Executive Director of a charitable foundation and a few years later, was appointed to the City of Edmonton Community

Service Advisory Board. As a member of CSAB, Vicki served on the Community Investment Operating Grant Committee, chaired the multicultural area and sat on the Emerging Immigrant and Refugee Committee. Currently, she is a member of the FCSS Committee.

Vicki's other volunteer work includes sitting on a charitable board, being part of an historic research committee, and serving as a Recommendation Chair for an international organization. Vicki has a Bachelor of Science degree. She has been married for 50 years and has three children and six grandchildren who live in BC, California and Phoenix. Sports have been a big part in Vicki's life; currently she plays tennis and golf and swims.



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From the FCSS Association Board,
Executive Director and Staff

To everyone involved in providing
a tremendous FCSS Program
in every corner of the province

**ALL THE BEST FOR
A MOST EXCELLENT 2015!**

