MEDIATION PROFESSION ADVOCACY TASK FORCE UPDATE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

Following this page are two documents:

- An update on the status of research being compiled by members of the Task Force,
- An update on revised timelines for the White Paper, consultation with members, and final report and recommendations to the ADRIA Board.

The Task Force continues to compile research to assist with the development of a White Paper regarding mediator compensation and the advocacy role of ADRIA. We've had to extend the deadline to October 15 for completion of all surveys of mediation rosters, companies that offer mediation, Government of Alberta rosters, professional associations etc. as summer vacations and other complications made our initial (and ambitious) deadline of mid-summer impossible to meet.

A Grant MacEwan co-op student spent time this summer researching and compiling articles relevant to the work of the Task Force. A literature review is ongoing. The next Task Force meeting will be next week and we plan to discuss what questions to address to frame the White Paper, as well as look at an initial analysis of the data received to date.

MEDIATION PROFESSION ADVOCACY TASK FORCE - STATUS OF RESEARCH SEPTEMEBER 22, 2014

1. MEDIATION SYSTEMS/ROSTERS/PRACTICES TO SURVEY

Note:

- *On-line surveys have been completed through Task Team interviews or Self Completed by the Organization* ✓ **Denotes survey completed**
- *Government Ministries will need to be surveyed directly (unable to provide data from internal survey due to confidentiality concerns)*

Alberta	Canada	International

Government or Regulatory Bodies
• Alberta Justice programs (Daryl)
  ○ Civil Mediation (roster delivered) ✓
  ○ Family Mediation (staff and roster delivered) ✓
  ○ Child Protection Intervention Mediation (staff and roster delivered) ✓
  ○ Brief Conflict Intervention (roster delivered) ✓
  ○ Dispute Resolution Officer Program (roster delivered) ✓
  ○ Child Support Resolution Officer Program (roster delivered). ✓
• Municipal Affairs (Mike S)- pending
• Labor Code & other GOA Areas
  ○ Paul and Truuswill send on-line survey to DRN members from ADRIA offices
• AB Environment Appeals Bd. (Dave – pending)
• Alberta Energy Regulator (Wendy –pending)
• Alberta Legislation governing mandated mediation (Allison)
	ADRIC (Paul)
	Dept. National Defense (Paul)
	RCMP (Paul)
	Other federal programs (Paul)
	Other Provincial government Justice Systems (Pat)
	
	ADR Chambers (Pat)
	Mediate B.C (Pat)
	
	Other provincial legislation governing mandated mediation (i.e., Ontario wills and estates legislation) (Allison)
		Georgia (Pete)
		• **Fulton County Court**✓
		• **Resolution????** ✓
		
		Australia (Wendy\Carlene)

Community programs (Complete) • Calgary Community Mediation (Allison)✓ • Mediation and Restorative Justice Centre (Joanne)✓ • Strathcona County Community Mediation (Joanne)✓		
Rosters • U of A (Joanne)✓ • BBB (Paul) • Edmonton Police Services (Joanne)✓ • CSS Parent-teen (Joanne)✓ • RECA (Allison)✓		

Private Organizations Fairway Divorce (Carlene)✓ The Divorce Company (Carlene) Law Firms (Leslie) – **responses from 5 firms**✓ Syncrude (Chuck, Joanne) ✓		
Other:		

2. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SURVEY - STATUS AS AT Sept 22, 2014

In our Province	Canada	International
• APEGGA (Dave) • Law Society (Allison) • Dental Association (Pat) • Chiropractic Association (Pete)✓ • Human Resource Institute of Alberta (Paul) • Chartered Accountants (Pete)✓ • Massage Therapists (Pete)✓ • Alberta Teachers Association (Ian)✓ • United Nurses of Alberta (Ian) • Association of Registered Nurses (Ian) • Real Estate Council of Alberta (Allison) • Alberta Medical Association (Pete)✓		

3. SURVEY OF INDIVIDUAL MEDIATORS(Including ADRIA Members)

- Survey Questions in draft – to be sent out to Task Team for input after Sept 16rh

4. LITERATURE REVIEW

- A Grant MacEwan student has compiled several binders of articles which will need to be reviewed for relevance on topics such as:
  - Studies of Mediation Systems
  - Cost Benefit of Mediation in the Justice System
- Wendy has obtained contacts and information from Australia which will be reviewed for relevance

- Articles\Reports\Papers to be considered for the WHITE PAPER will be posted on the ADRIA Task Force Board Suite Folder the week of Sept 15th

MEDIATION PROFESSION ADVOCACY TASK FORCE - KEY TASKS & TIMELINES:

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RESEARCH& WHITE Paper Development				**Consultation with Members\Others**	**Drafting of Final Report**
	Med Roster & Prof Org SURVEYS	**Survey of individual Mediators**	Literature Search		
August – Sept 17	Responses still neededTF members following up		Grant MacEwan co-op student compiled 4 binders of papers – and reviewed\culled and posted on Board Suite		
Sept 17 – 28	**TF members** continue to pursue data from targets	Draft Mediator\ADRIA member survey to **TF** for input. Deadline?? Survey out to ADRIA members and others by ?????	**TF members** review articles and: - Report research they think is missing - Identify articles they would like referenced in the White paper - Identify top 3-5 questions that should be addressed in the paper through the Lit Search		

RESEARCH& WHITE Paper Development			Consultation with Members\Others	Drafting of Final Report
Meeting Sept 29 \Oct 2	- Review status of data – target organizations for follow up - Preliminary analysis of date provided to date - Explore key questions to frame the White Paper	TF will share their ideas (above) and frame what will be included in the paper and areas needing follow up		
Oct 15	**Deadline for survey data**			
Oct 15-31	Data analysis and draft of key learning (Carlene\Paul\others?) Task Force Meeting – can we set a date ???????	1st Draft of section of paper learnings from lit search circulated to TF (who???)		
November	??		Develop plan for consultation (who, process, and communications)	
December	Target completion of draft White Paper to go out to consultation			
January	Consultation		Consultation completed and a "what we heard" document drafted	TF starts discussing and developing findings and any recommendations
February\ March	Write and submit a report and recommendations to the ADRIA Board Date for ADRIA Board meeting in March \April not set yet			