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2023 has been another exciting year at CYCAA. CYCAA has been busy cementing new relationships with stakeholders in the community and with the Government of Alberta Child and Family Services. Early in September, the VPN and President met with The Deputy Minister Lisa Sadownik and ADM Leann Wagner. This meeting held in Edmonton, gave an opportunity for CYCAA to describe the association and its purpose. There were conversations regarding how both parties can support each other. There was a real recognition that the CYC field is a well-established profession that brings a unique set of skills to working and supporting vulnerable populations. Additionally, the Child and Family Services discussed their newly formed division called Campus Based Treatment Centers CBTC. Additionally, conversations we had aimed at supporting and strengthening CYCAA and its members practice through a list of initiatives. As a result, the GOA remained committed to supporting its staff members within the GOA – CFS to financially support memberships within the CYCAA. Further initiatives were discussed and continue to be in the works to support CYCAA members in their roles at various positions throughout the province, both government and non- government. Stay tuned for more announcements and Job postings as the GOA - Child and Family Services is soon to be (hopefully by the AGM) and Organizational Member of the CYCAA.

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This year has flown by! Leah has been the Alberta Representative on the National Council collaborating with other provinces regarding current issues in Child and Youth Care. Alberta commenced sharing the information from the National Conference in 2022, including conference planning and budget information with Manitoba to assist in their planning as the next province to hold the conference. At the

end of this year the Board awarded a \$500 scholarship to Letiticia Anim Kwarteng (currently a MacEwan University student) for current Child and Youth Care students. It is so exciting to support hard working students in their upcoming work in the field of Child and Youth Care.

Thanks for another terrific year and “reaching together for a better tomorrow.”

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