

MEETING DETAILS	LOGISTICS	ATTENDEES
<p>MEETING Alberta Settlement Sector Quarterly Teleconference</p> <p>PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE To support increased collaboration, coordination, and communication between IRCC, the Government of Alberta, and Alberta’s settlement and integration sector.</p> <p>FACILITATOR AAISA</p>	<p>DATE & TIME Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm MST</p> <p>LOCATION <u>Join Microsoft Teams Meeting</u> Dial-in: +1 587-743-0338 Conference ID: 954 312 746#</p>	<p>IRCC Government of Alberta Alberta SPOs AAISA</p>

TIME	INTRODUCTION	PRESENTER
1:00 - 1:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & introductions Housekeeping 	AAISA
TIME	UPDATES	PRESENTER
1:10 – 2:05 pm	<p>IRCC updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low number of arrivals in July Language providers continuing to deliver online sessions. Next call on August 25th to discuss future steps Question, C.A.R.E.: Is IRCC open to support the costs for purchasing equipment for the students to enable access to online LINC classes? Answer, IRCC: Connect with your program officer Question, CFN: Are there any guidance on opening daycare spaces? Answer, IRCC: Refer to the provincial health guidelines. Reach out to your program officer for more information if you are providing online child care services. More guidance at CMAS: https://cmascanada.ca/ Question, CLIP: Are there any updates about the research on the impact of COVID on newcomers in Western Canada? Answer, IRCC: Will follow up with AAISA <p>Government of Alberta updates</p>	IRCC, GoA, AAISA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFP Section 1 closed on July 7th, application review in process. The next call is on September 15th • CFP Section 2 (SILP grants) closes on October 1st • Information on ASIP CFP at https://www.alberta.ca/settlement-integration-language-projects-grants.aspx • Question, CCIS: Are you anticipating that GoA will have the same funding amounts available for the next CFP? • Answer, GoA: No final details available at the moment <p>AAISA updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAISA AGM on Thursday, July 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm • PD opportunities available at https://aaisa.ca/professional-development/. AAISA webinars accessible on the AAISA YouTube channel • PEI participation term 2019/2020 ended. New call for participation in the fall • 2020 AAISA Settlement Sector Survey closed, thanks to the agencies who participated • ASIP report to be released by the end of summer 	
TIME	SECTOR QUESTIONS	PRESENTER
2:05 – 2:25 pm	<p>Professional Development for the Sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCIS: CCIS has an ongoing IRCC funding to provide Cultural Diversity workshops, learning to settlement organizations, community organizations and employers who are working with newcomers and diverse staff to build capacity in Cultural competence and to build inclusive frameworks in a positive and inclusive direction. Contact sjurkova@ccisab.ca for more info • Question, CCIS: Will AAISA continue to provide PD sessions remotely? • Answer, AAISA: Yes, an online self-paced course is created for each course. Capacity issues on the server limit the number of participants for each course • CFN: CFN provides cultural competency training, reach out to Anila for more information, small video that speaks to one of the tools used in the CFN training. YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/Gu2CE0wY0Qo 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question, CCIS: Is AAISA continuing to work on professionalization of the settlement practitioner role? • Answer, AAISA: Yes, currently in initial phases on bringing this to the national level. AAISA has a competency framework as a basis for this process and all AAISA courses align with this framework. AAISA to share the framework with the sector • Question, CCIS: Is there a way that AAISA could work with member organizations who already have funding to do diversity work to expand delivery? There is an opportunity to create and share the complementary content with the sector • Answer, AAISA: Subject matter experts in AAISA courses come from within and outside the sector. Email AAISA to further continue this discussion • Question, CFN: CLIP working with the city around anti-racism work; good opportunity to let everyone know what is happening. Potential to move competencies to AAISA framework • Answer, CLIP: Ongoing multilevel conversations with the City of Calgary on anti-racism. Next call with LIPs on July 23rd <p>PPE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question, LFS: Has CCIS sent PPE to RAP providers? • Answer, CCIS: Yes, all Alberta RAP providers received their PPE. Will discuss this further with Lethbridge • Question, ASSIST: Has a decision been made about reallocating budget for PPE? • Answer, IRCC: Connect with your officer to discuss specifics <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question: How can an organization participate in the new PEI project? • Answer, AAISA: The project is about legal resources for refugee claimants. Contact Cameron cdykstra@aaisa.ca to participate • Question, Jasper Settlement Services: Has a decision been made about biometrics mass request for clients? • Answer, IRCC: Will explore this and get back to AAISA <p>List of open agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion for AAISA to create a list of agencies that are open or working remotely; create a sharable working document for 	
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	<p>SPOs to access and update; ongoing updates to AAISA’s weekly digest</p> <p>Open agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFN: Remained open, accepting clients by appointment only. No walk-ins at the moment • Bredin Centre in Edmonton: Open for in-person appointments. Workshops delivered remotely and clients can access all services remotely • Mosaic Refugee Health Clinic: Remained open with most care offered virtually, in-person services for the clients in need by appointment. Accepting new registrations, preferring phone calls in advance • NorQuest College: Online delivery of language and settlement training will continue in September. Discussing a possibility of having some of the lowest CLB benchmarks and ASL classes in-person on an adjusted schedule • YMCA Edmonton: Remained open for clients, now re-opening for staff • YMCA of Northern Alberta: Continuing to serve clients remotely for now • FRAP: Working remotely, planning to open in-person in early August • YMCA Calgary: Working remotely, planning to open in-person in early August • PIA: Continuing to serve clients remotely, office has re-opened • BCALC: Open for September registrations and for booking language assessments. Planning to have student interviews for the end of the term in-person by appointment for students • ISC: Continuing to serve clients remotely • Agape: Closed to the public, staff is back in the building • CANAF: Re-opening office gradually, services offered virtually • ASSIST: Staff remained in the building, serving clients remotely. Developing policies to serve some clients face-to-face in the fall • BGCBiggs : Staff working in buildings and remotely. Currently operating summer programs under the AHS guidelines • CSS Lloydminster: Staff returning to the office at 70% of regular duties, remainder virtually. Desk glass ordered for settlement staff to begin in-person services. Office opening on July 20th for the staff, closed for public 	
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SECTOR CALL – JULY 15 – MINUTES

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIP Lloydminster: Continuing with virtual meetings and collaborations 	
TIME	CONCLUSION	PRESENTER
2:25 – 2:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAISA to share the competency framework with the sector • IRCC to follow up with AAISA regarding the research on the impact of COVID on newcomers in Western Canada • Next Sector Call on October 21, 2020 	AAISA