## **Spec-Team Assessment Society**

Specialized Team that responds to those with FASD

Provides adults suspected of having FASD a confirmed diagnosis

Interested in advancing how we all understand and respond to FASD

Aims to reduce the incidence of FASD

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Board Members, Columbia Shuswap, Salmon Arm, BC.

Attention: Board Members

Re: presentation proposal June 15, 2017-05-10

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a significant health concern we are facing in British Columbia as well as world wide. We are *Spec-Team Assessment Society*, a registered society operating out of Vernon, with mobile clinics in Kelowna and Kamloops. Together with the Asante Center in Maple Ridge, we are the only two clinics doing adult FASD assessments and diagnosis in the province.

I would like to make an informative presentation on FASD in the interior: addressing awareness, prevalence, the purpose of having an assessment and the community supports available. We will also share our mandate, vision and mission to support those touched by FASD and the research we are engaging in.

Following the presentation, we will be asking you for a "Letter of Support" that will acknowledge the need for our services in the interior. At this time, our provincial government does not fund FASD assessments which results in a fee for service that is substantial for individuals and families. A letter for support will be used as we continue to apply for grant funding that will cover assessments and support programs.

Respectfully,

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