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## **RESOLUTIONS REPORT** 2012

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that RNAO advocate for an integrated strategy in Ontario to address FASD that includes: Prevention, Best Practice Screening Guidelines for Addictions, Diagnosis, Evidence-Based Interventions and Appropriate Support Services for individuals and families

A working group of interested members met on this resolution several times by teleconference under the leadership of Kathy Moreland Layte and Mary Mueller. On November 13, 2012 a meeting was held at home office with movers of the resolution, RNAO staff, and Sharron Richards, chair of FASD ONE (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Ontario Network of Expertise). Richards gave an update on progress being made with an integrated FASD provincial strategy. With the support of the Public Health Agency of Canada, FASD ONE and Georgian College, a one-day symposium, *FASD ONE Blueprint for Action: Collaborating Towards Effective Practice*, was held in March 2013.

In addition, Kathy Moreland Layte was a key source for a *Globe and Mail* article written by Lisa Priest and published on January 4, 2013: Educating Austin: Supporting Kids with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. On January 8, 2013, RNAO home office submitted a letter to the editor on the health and social harms of alcohol in response to a *Toronto Star* editorial calling for increasing points of sale for alcohol. Activities in support of this resolution by the working group will continue to unfold, including a proposed article for publication in *Registered Nurse Journal*.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that RNAO develop strategic partnerships and lobby the provincial government to invest in sustainable solutions to remove the barriers to access of health care faced by Ontario's migrant farm workers

Movers of this resolution, Mary Metcalf and Erin McMahon, RNAO member Michelle Tew, and RNAO staff participated in a teleconference on strategies to move this resolution ahead. Tew identified a new resource for health-care providers and the public on the website, migrantworkerhealth.ca.

On March 25, 2013, the Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers, the Migrant Health Worker Project, and Wilfred Laurier University hosted a one-day meeting in Hamilton on *Meeting Health Needs of Migrant Farm Workers: Lessons From Near and Far.* Relationships and strategic partnerships are being explored within and outside of this venue. Other advocacy strategies are in development, including a proposed article for publication in *Registered Nurse Journal*.