

Minutes: April 22, 2008

Community Development

Host/Location

Vivienne Nelson

966 Pantera Drive, Unit #9

Present:

Janine Symanzik (Meadowvale Community Partnership), Lisa Rossetti (Brampton Safe City); Vivienne Nelson (Mississauga Church of God), James Colgan (Our Place Peel); Varsha Naik (Peel District School Board), Gary Faris (Peel Youth Village, Region of Peel), Carol Reist (The Dam Youth Drop-In), Dorothy Fetterly (Health Services, Region of Peel), Divina Mitrovic (Health Services, Region of Peel).

Regrets:

Jeff Msangi (African Community Services of Peel) , Colleen Smith (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Kerry Samuels (Brampton Neighbourhood Resources Centre), Larry Zacher (Brampton Safe City), Richard Addo-Kessie (Change Promotions), Tomislav Cosic (Change Promotions), Liz VanEysinga (Recreation & Parks, City of Brampton), Shelley Tsolakis (Recreation & Parks, City of Mississauga), Carol Persaud (Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton), Andrew Macpherson (POWER), Jocelyn Cann (Health Services, Region of Peel), Joan Manning (Rapport Youth & Family Services/Eclipse), Jacquie Lewis (Rapport Youth & Family Services/Eclipse), Laureen Rennie (Human Services, Katie Mahoney (Regional Councillor), Ken Dryfhout (The Dam Youth Drop-In), Sharon Doherty (Town of Caledon), Rob Sellitto (West Edge Outreach Centre), Micvhelle Benjamin (Youth Justice Services, Brampton Probation, Ministry of Children & Youth Services).

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
2. Assignment of Minutes Recorder	Divina Mitrovic from Peel Health was introduced.	Divina will be attending future meetings & taking the minutes.
3. Roots of Youth Violence	Roots of Youth Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roots of Youth Violence met with Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Steering Committee, the Chairs of all the Working Groups and youth	Roots of Youth Violence web site: http://www.rootsofyouthviolence.on.ca

	<p>representatives on April 22, 2008, at Region of Peel Headquarters at 10 Peel Centre Drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PYVPNSC Chair, Working Group Chairs and youth representatives spoke & provided info what is happening in the Region of Peel. • Roots of Youth Violence are looking at youth violence issues in Ontario on behalf of the Premier. • PYVPNSC requested core funding for agencies and funding to allow community schools to remain open after hours for the use community agencies and communities. • The main messages and goals expressed by Alvin Curling and Jim Cowan on behalf of Roots of Youth Violence are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having seamless sustained funding. ○ Removing invisible barriers & silos – this is important for all our communities. ○ Kids are developing trust and relationships within groups/programs and then the program funding is pulled – leaving youth lost, without supports and losing people they had achieved a trusting relationship with. ○ Focus of funding should be for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Prevention (action vs. reaction) → Empowering youth and getting them engaged. → Community partnerships. → For the youth and kids. → Achieving sustained funding, not sustainable. 	
<p>4. Network Connections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we continue to connect to youth who are disconnected (perpetrators of violence)? • Need to bring resources to the youth, how can this be done? • Need to build something sustainable to actively reach the youth. • Neighbourhood Connections – the Role has not yet 	

	<p>been defined – what would work in the community & what would the community want?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garry suggested using the 5 questions from the youth questionnaire, creating a template and use this for other youth groups 	<p>Gary will create a template of the 5 Questions for other youth groups (questions are #7 in minutes of Jan 22, 2008).</p>
<p>5. PYVPNSC, current role and future direction of Community Development Working Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dorothy provided a brief history of PYVPNSC. There will be 4 full time staff in new positions – 2 in Health Services and 2 in Human Services. Discussion of current role of working group and potential future direction of the group. Suggestions were made on possibly meeting less frequently rather than monthly. Committee members could meet and discuss goals, problems, resources and members could also become involved with other groups. Overlapping of roles – do other working groups would include some form of community development within what they are doing. Future of the Community Development Working Group, in a possible advisory role to the Network Connections staff. 	<p>Further discussion of and decision for future direction of group deferred to next meeting.</p>
<p>6. Round Table – info sharing and updates from committee members & their groups.</p>	<p>Gary F:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peel Youth Village has a Residency program. 3 recipients, 3rd party – April 29th @ 2-4 pm <p>Varsha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Diversity Round-table (network), April 23/09 - @ 8:00 am, 20 people and coordinator. Black Community Action Network – needs and strengths – June research will be delivered. Anti Racist Multicultural Education Network of Ontario has been established in Toronto – this is an Ontario wide program. Bramalea Active Alliance – community agency (community agency, police, schools – work 	

together with Peel Health).

James:

- HYPE program – education & resources connected with youth, through the shelter system, those stable will make it through the program.

Lisa:

- Neighbourhood Safety Program – will need 60 volunteers.
- May 14th is the Spring Fling. The 5 youth questionnaire (#7 in minutes of Jan 22, 2008) – can be provided to kids attending the Spring Fling.

Dorothy:

- Membership forms handed out to the group. Asking groups members to complete & return.
- Dorothy attended youth violence conference in Miami Florida in March 2008 (international conference) and provided some highlights:
 - 300 Youth attended this conference.
 - Representative from the Carolina States indicated – invest now in youth or it'll cost big in the future.
 - The Best: BC RCMP Police provided information of Positive Ticketing Program currently in use.
 - Positive ticketing is having a very positive impact in their community by encouraging positive reinforcement.
 - To date 2x more positive tickets have been handed out than regular ones.
 - The Scariest:
 - Criminologist spoke – US thinking of arming the educators in schools.
 - Emergency plans in USA schools are called "Terrorist Plans".

Members who have not completed and returned updated membership forms to can bring to next meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Media Influences on Youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everyone who was wearing something with a logo on it was asked to stand up. A majority of the room stood up. A look around the room confirmed how many are influence by the media – including the youth. ○ Dorothy confirmed that it appears we are doing something right in Canada – we are taking a more “holistic” approach. • An all day conference will be held on June 17, 2008 for PYVPNSC and all working groups. This will be at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre (Burnhamthorpe Rd. W. & Hurontario St.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is to thank everyone for all their hard work and to celebrate everything that we have all done to date. ○ Provide the opportunity for the Steering Committee & all the working groups to connect. ○ To discuss the 3 yr. Strategic Plan. 	<p>June 17, 2008 - everyone save the date - for all day conference. Further details will be sent by Dorothy once available.</p>
7. Next Meeting Date	<p>Tuesday, May 27, 2008 Peel District School Board 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga</p>	