

Minutes: May 27, 2008

Community Development Working Group

Host/Location:

Varsha Naik
Peel District School Board, Cheltenham Room, 5650 Hurontario Street,
Mississauga ON L5R 2C6

Present:

Janine Symanzik (Meadowvale Community Partnership), Shelley Tsolakis (Recreation & Parks, City of Mississauga), Ken Dryfhout (The Dam Youth Drop-In), Varsha Naik (Peel District School Board), Dorothy Fetterly (Health Services, Region of Peel), Divina Mitrovic (Health Services, Region of Peel).

Regrets:

Jeff Msangi (African Community Services of Peel) , Lisa Rossetti (Brampton Safe City), Colleen Smith (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Kerry Samuels (Brampton Neighbourhood Resources Centre), Larry Zacher (Brampton Safe City), 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), Sharon Doherty (Town of Caledon), Rob Sellitto (West Edge Outreach Centre), Michelle Benjamin (Youth Justice Services, Brampton Probation, Ministry of Children & Youth Services), Vivienne Nelson (Mississauga Church of God), James Colgan (Our Place Peel), Gary Faris (Peel Youth Village, Region of Peel), Carol Reist (The Dam Youth Drop-In).

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
2. Review of Minutes from April 22, 2008	Varsha identified corrections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Item 6 – Region of Peel Diversity Round-table to be changed to: Regional Diversity Round-table▪ Item 6 – Anti Races Multicultural Agency to be changed to: Anti Racism Multicultural Education Network of Ontario	Divina to make corrections as identified.
3. Updates	Dorothy provided updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The Annual Report:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A copy was given to everyone.	Extra copies are available. If anyone wants extra copies

- The Report was presented to Peel Regional Council on May 22, 2008.
 - The Report was well received by Regional Councillors.
 - The Mississauga News had an article last week and Rogers Community Channel in Peel will be broadcasting this tonight.
 - Thank you to everyone in all the working groups for all their hard work & collaboration.
- b. June Conference:
- Will be held on June 17, 2008.
 - Invitations and details will be sent out by Dorothy shortly.
 - A DVD is being put together for the June Conference by Larry Zacher to highlight all the great work everyone in Peel is doing.
- c Working Groups:
- Education, Policies & Programs Working Group:
 - Will be having a Fall Forum at Square 1 in Mississauga, date to be determined.
 - Working with youth for a new look of the web site – what youth want to see.
 - Working with Youth Working Group:
 - Youth Employment Agencies are becoming more “youth friendly”.
 - Working on transition package.
 - Working with Families Working Group:
 - The Families Working Group has received \$20,000 funding.
 - Is developing a 6 week program and currently working on the details.

Dorothy can provide these.

- a. Send photos of your agencies and groups are doing to Larry via e-mail to:
larry.zacher@brampton.ca

Ken expressed an interest in presenting one of the workshops.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One 6 week program will be held in each of Brampton, Caledon & Mississauga. - The pilot will be held in October in Brampton. - Each session of 6 weeks will be for 10-15 families. - Program will be for families with children 6-12 years of age. - School may be the best to identify & provide names of participants. - Once the program is developed it is intended that each program within each session could be used as a take-away module that can be used by other groups/agencies. <p>d BCAN (Black Community Action Network) will host its launch and share its socio-demographic research on June 5 at the Holiday Inn in Brampton</p>	<p>Info on BCAN is available on Peel District Board web site: http://atwork.settlement.org/sys/atwork_offsite_frame.asp?anno_id=2007168</p>
<p>4. Network Connections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group had discussed at the April 22, 2008 meeting the option of becoming an advisory group for Network Connections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorothy has spoken with Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services and Keith Ward Commissioner of Human Services. - Both Janette & Keith are in support of CD Working Group becoming advisory group for Network Connections. - Current areas identified that need help are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Colonial Terrace o Meadowvale o North-West Brampton (Fletcher's Meadow) o Malton o Acorn Place o Knightsbridge - CD group hopes to meet in September with Network Connections staff. 	<p>Dorothy will speak with Kamalesh Visavadia to find out what the work plans are for staff and how they will be moving forward.</p>

<p>5. Conference – June 17, 2008</p>	<p>a Dorothy will be sending out an invitation & details shortly. Dorothy is asking everyone to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Put together a wish list and bring this to the conference. ▪ Bring ideas & work on 3 Year Vision together. ▪ Janine will be sending the CD Working Group members an e-mail. 	<p>Janine to send out an email to everyone before the June 17th symposium.</p>
<p>6. Round Table – info sharing and updates from committee members & their groups.</p>	<p>Ken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There will be more outreach during the summer. ▪ Planning a basketball program if the funding becomes available. ▪ HYPE & YSAP are offering programs at the DAM. ▪ Met with Ontario Works & shared info. <p>Shelley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth Strategy to be presented to Council soon. <p>Varsha:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High school students will be at the Board office on May 28/08 to celebrate Asian Heritage Month. ▪ Peel Newcomer Strategies Group (PNSG) met with Janet Menard of Human Services/Peel Region. ▪ ASD students create collaborative services within Board, providing different supports for children, family needs. Currently in initial stages. 	
<p>7. Next Meeting Date</p>	<p>a June 17, 2008 – June Conference at the Living Arts Centre Mississauga.</p> <p>b June 24, 2008 – TBD whether we are having this meeting.</p>	