



Community Development Working Group

Tuesday October 28, 2008

Host Location:

Peel Youth Village, 99 Acorn Place, Mississauga, ON L4Z 4E2

Chair: Janine Symanzik

Minutes: Charmaine Blair

Present:

Janine Symanzik – Meadowvale Community Partnership, Shelley Tsolakis – City of Mississauga, Recreation & Parks, Dorothy Fetterly – Region of Peel, Health Services, Charmaine Blair – Region of Peel, Health Services, Jacquie Lewis – Eclipse Drop-In/Rapport Youth & Family Services, Carol Reist – The DAM Youth Drop-In, James Colgon – Our Place Peel, Erica Taylor – Peel Youth Village

Regrets:

Varsha Naik – Peel District School Board, Bridget Stark – Associated Youth Services of Peel, Gary Faris – Peel Youth Village, Sandra Solonik – Region of Peel, Social Services, Sharon Doherty – Town of Caledon, Kerry Samuels – Brampton Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Lisa Rossetti – City of Brampton, Larry Zacher – Brampton Safe City, Andrew Macpherson – Positive Outreach for Women and Equal Rights for Everyone, Jocelyn Cann – Region of Peel Public Health, Ken Dryfhout – The DAM Drop-In, Joan Manning – Eclipse/Rapport Youth & Family Services, Carol Persaud – Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves. Dorothy introduced Charmaine as the (pending) new Administrative Assistant for PYVPN.	
2. Minutes	Charmaine identified as the person who will take minutes for the group.	

3. Working Groups Updates

Dorothy distributed CD copies from the June Conference. It is a collection of videos and pictures put together by the young people describing the impact of the Network in their community.

Special meeting held on October 16th between Council and Peel Regional Police regarding homicides in Peel.

- Police looking at five-point plan and the option of a Community Crime Summit (last one was in 1994).
- Gael Miles and Janette Smith were in New Zealand for the Safe City World Conference and have gathered information that may be helpful for Peel
- Some members of the community are requesting tougher sentences for youth. The network does not support this based on pass evidence that it does not solve the issue.
- We are looking at changing identifiers. There is a communications firm, Quorum Health Strategic Planning, currently working on creative's to assist with the re-development of the website and key messages.

Education Working Group will be hosting Health Fair/showcase/Symposium at Square One in February. Agencies can show their services and youth can highlight their own projects.

Youth Working Group:

- Working on focus groups where they are asking youth to validate the mission of their mission.
- Youth will offer their input to the branding of the network and the logo.
- They will contribute to making the website more "youth friendly".

	<p>Families Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting program is underway. • The second session scheduled for tonight at Clark Blvd. Public School. The next one will be in Meadowvale area and the school expressing interest in Ploughman's Park. The final area for the workshop will be in Caledon. 	
<p>4. 3 Yr Plan/Vision</p>	<p>Review of Working Group 3 yr vision and June 17th projects – areas of focus include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thriving Community • Innovative Solutions • Action for Impact • Welcoming Spaces • Empowering Youth <p>Council is granting an opportunity for Working Group to turn vision into 3 year work plan</p> <p>Discussion: Accessible funds for smaller groups/organizations</p> <p>Neighbourhood Connections – no further information available at this time.</p> <p>Start with program template to determine where we go from here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are our measureable goals? • Do we use existing agencies or do we get facilities into neighbourhoods that do not have? • Next meeting can be used to quantify and breakdown info 	<p>Dorothy to send package with funding proposal information.</p>

	<p>on template</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol to facilitate strategic direction for next meeting • Questions can be sent in advance 	<p>Carol to forward advance questions for next meeting</p>
<p>5. PYPVN Funding Proposal</p>	<p>Possible funding opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding may be available from the Crime Prevention Fund under the umbrella of PYVPN • What would the working group plan look like? • Proposal being developed based on needs of the community groups • Overview of S.T.E.P. & Y.I.M.P. programs – Peel Regional Police obtained funding. • Funding proposal to be reviewed so that the group members can understand what program will look like 	
<p>6. Announcements</p>	<p>Eclipse – Youth Arts for Violence showcase held last Saturday was a great success. There were displays of artwork, presentations, and performances from the youth.</p> <p>The DAM – Youth put on rock concert last Saturday and it was very successful. No problems arose.</p> <p>Fundraising Auction to be held on November 21st.</p> <p>Discussion around the Dam’s program for teenage moms, ages 15 – 25 years old. Not many girls attending up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns that maybe the word is not getting out • Suggestion to look at census report to see how demographics may have changed and if at-risk population is increasing 	<p>Pictures and articles to be sent to Dorothy for distribution to Network.</p>

- Adult disconnect an issue
- Research on urban planning is currently being done
- Funding from World Vision will allow satellite locations for next year
- Travel an issue for many young people

Our Place Peel – No new updates

City of Mississauga – Shelley has no direct involvement with youth, but deals with special events:

- World Leisure Conference – how city can attract people and interesting youth attractions
- Impact of cyberspace and why youth create avatars etc.

Peel Youth Village – Through RBC grant, initiated the Homework Club for ages 13 – 19 years, with a qualified teacher. Official launch & celebration is on November 6th.

Meadowvale Community Partnership – no updates.

Next Meeting

November 25th, 2008

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 pm

The DAM Youth Drop In

The Meadowvale Town Centre (6975 Meadowvale Town Centre Circle). Find the Shoppers Drug Mart and drive behind it (the fitness centre will be on your left, shoppers on your right). Turn right behind the building and drive until the end. You will see a blue awning above some doors - that is The Dam.

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