

Minutes: Thursday April 24, 2008, 1:00pm-3:30 pm
Education, Policies & Programs Working Group

Host Location:

Bloor Street Community Station, 3461 Bloor Street, Mississauga

Present:

Bill Stewart (Peel Regional Police), Jo-Anne Cripps (Region of Peel Human Services, Ontario Works), Anne Burke-Gauthier (Community Member), Wendy Bodsworth (Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board), Dorothy Fetterly (Region of Peel Health Services), Divina Mitrovic (Region of Peel Health Services).

Regrets:

Sandra Payne (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Sheila Wilson (City of Mississauga, Recreation & Parks), David Jull (Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board), Jody Horzelenberg (Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton), Lisa MacQueen (Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton), Feroz Qayyum (M.Y.A.C.), Ursula Keuper-Bennett (Mississauga Watch), Valerie Arnold Judge (Peel District School Board), Linda Andrews (Region of Peel Health Services), Mike Trauzzi (Peel Regional Police), Adrian Adore (Peel Regional Police), Jeff Jones (Peel Regional Police), Gayle Woods (Youth Justice Services, Brampton Probation Ministry of Children and Youth Services), Julie Pehar (Peel Committee on Sexual Assault).

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Additions to the Agenda	None	
2. Recap Meeting of February 28, 2008 and adopt minutes.	2.1 Divina Mitrovic from Peel Health was introduced. 2.2 Dorothy confirming that Sheila Datta has been hired by Region of Peel Health Services. Sheila will be helping with evaluations, baseline research and writing of the website. 2.3 No additions to minutes of February 28, 2008.	2.1 Divina will be attending future meetings & taking the minutes.
3. Steering Committee Updates (Dorothy)	3.1 Roots of Youth Violence: a. Roots of Youth Violence met with Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Steering	

Committee, the Chairs of all the Working Groups and youth representatives on April 22, 2008, at Region of Peel Headquarters at 10 Peel Centre Drive.

- b. PVPNSC Chair, Working Group Chairs and youth representatives spoke & provided info about what is happening in the Region of Peel.
- c. Youth participants included youth from:
 - o Mentorship program at Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School
 - o Mississauga Youth Plan
 - o Mississauga Youth Games
- d. Roots of Youth Violence are looking at youth violence issues in Ontario on behalf of the Premier. They are providing on-going updates to the Premier and will present the final report in July 2008.
- e. Issues discussed with Roots of Youth Violence:
 - o Peel continues to grow, challenges faced.
 - o Violence prevention and mental health are missing from Public Health as a standard.
- f. PYVPNSC requested core funding for agencies and funding to allow community schools to remain open after hours for community agencies and communities.
- g. The main messages and goals expressed by Alvin Curling and Jim Cowan on behalf of Roots of Youth Violence are:
 - o Having seamless sustained funding.
 - o Shared advocacy across all levels of the Province - removing invisible barriers & silos between all governments and agencies – this is important for all our communities.
 - o 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:
 - Prevention (action vs. reaction)
 - Empowering youth and getting them engaged.
 - Community partnerships.
 - For the youth and kids.

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June Conference

- a. Reconnect, Celebrate & Look Forward Conference is scheduled for June 17, 2008 at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre.
- b. An all-day event, lunch will be provided.
- c. Dorothy will be providing the Agenda along with the invitations. Everyone to mark their calendars/hold the date
- d. This is a chance for the PYVPN Steering Committee & 4 Working Groups to reconnect, celebrate what has been done to date and to look forward by working on the 3 Year Strategic Plan together.
- e. A chance to find out about all Agencies:
 - Bring 150 brochures to the meeting in May, to be included in the packages given out to everyone on June 17, 2008.
 - Agencies will provide a 2 minute presentation providing information about their groups/agencies.

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Miami Conference

Dorothy attended youth violence conference in Miami Florida in March 2008 (international conference) and provided some highlights:

- 300 Youth attended this conference.

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c. June 17, 2008 - everyone save the date - for all day conference. Further details will be sent by Dorothy once available.

e. Everyone to bring 150 brochures about your group/agency to the Meeting in May.

- 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”.
- Media Influences on Youth:
 - 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 influenced by the media – including the youth.

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Working with Families Working Group:

- The Working with Families group received funding (in combination with the Education, Polices & Programs Working Group.
- The hope is to get members of the two working groups together and discuss and share ideas.
- There be an extra meeting for the Working with Families Working Group will be April 29, 2008, 2:00 pm at the Community Police Station at Ray Lawson & McLaughlin. The

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Jo-Anne Cripps indicated she will be attending the meeting on April 29, 2008.

	<p>next scheduled meeting will be May 13, 2008 (meetings are held 2nd Tuesday of each month). Dorothy is inviting members of Education, Policies and Programs Working Group to attend these meetings, opportunity to discuss/share ideas.</p>	
<p>4. Updates from Sub-Committees</p>	<p>4.1 Education Sub-Committee 1st Symposium – Agency Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Currently on hold until a date is selected. Once a date is selected the other details will be sorted out. b. To be held at Mississauga Square One. c. Time: 10 am to 4 pm d. Symposium will be for all kids and parents. e. Have a centre stage. f. Have groups do presentations. g. Have speakers. h. Involve youth to help/with the planning. i. Include youth community groups & community centres (that youth could consider joining at no or low cost) that are located within the Square 1 area participate. j. Need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Insurance o Company for sound system k. Looking for ideas of items we could possibly hand out (items kids would like). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hand-outs to kids/youth l. The Sub-Committee will get organized and will then bring to the Committee to work on this. <p>4.2 Web-Site Sub-Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a There are three components to the web-site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Educators component ii. Families component 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> k. Dorothy asking groups to put together list of items that they would like to give out at the Symposium as handouts and pass this to her.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iii. Youth component (young youth & older youth). b Dorothy and Sheila Datta met with kids from the Forrester Terrace Committee to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Get feedback about the web-site o Find out what youth would like to see on the web-site and what youth today are looking for. c Suggestion of a pilot program – to enhance web-site and provide creative and interactive material for school age children. <p>4.3 Open discussion/questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Perhaps all working groups become 1 large groups/currently overlapping b How do we enhance/strengthen? What this group had done/does/will do? c How do we bring students here to “help guide us”? d To work in parameters of kids in school. There are other groups who help kids who are not in school. e Silos are also between the 4 working groups. f Members from all 4 working groups should learn more about each others roles, jobs, and agencies. Learn more about each other and enhance communications, not reinvent the wheel. 	<p>4.3</p> <p>Dorothy indicated that the June 17, 2008 Conference will be a great place to have this discussion. Dorothy requesting everyone put their ideas and questions in writing and to bring to the June Conference. Participants will be providing information about their agencies and these will be shared with all attendees. The June Conference is a chance to put your ideas into the 3 Year Plan.</p>
<p>5. Discussion – elections of committee position</p>	<p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>	
<p>6. Review committee membership.</p>	<p>6.1 Group reviewed list of members of Education, Polices & Programs Working Group. List was updated to accurately reflect current active members. Names removed from Education, Polices &</p>	

	<p>Programs Working Group:</p> <p>Kelly Darnley, Bruno Iannicca, Michael Prospero, Richard Marsella, Leonora Sleep, Tony Melargni, Dirk Niles, Randy Brack, John Lambe.</p> <p>6.2 Recruitment Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bring your ideas to the next meeting. ○ Make contacts with multicultural groups and to the group. ○ Look at the makeup of our diverse community. <p>6.3 Meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Group reviewed meeting schedule. Meetings will be held bi-monthly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June • August • October 	<p>6.3 Meeting dates on the web-site need to be changed to reflect meetings will be held bi-monthly.</p>
6. Next Meeting Date	End of June 2008	Bill will send out an e-mail and offer couple of days in the end of June 2008 for the meeting dates.