

Education, Policy and Programs Working Group

Thursday Dec. 4, 2008, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Host Location: Associated Youth Services of Peel
 120 Matheson Blvd. E., Ste 103, Mississauga, ON

Minutes: Charmaine Blair

Present:

Jo-Anne Cripps – Ontario Works, Sandra Payne – Associated Youth Services of Peel, Dorothy Fetterly – Peel Health, Anne Burke-Gauthier – Community Member, Charmaine Blair – Peel Health

Regrets:

Gayle Woods – Youth Justice Services, Linda Andrews – Peel Health, Bill Stewart – Peel Regional Police, David Jull – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Lina Lacobucci– V.P Safe School, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Adrian Adore – Peel Regional Police, Sheila Wilson – City of Mississauga Recreation & Park, Ursula Keuper-Bennett – Mississauga Watch

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	No introductions needed.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes from last meeting approved by all present.	
3. 2009 meeting dates	Workgroup meeting dates for the first 6 months of 2009 were determined. They are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 15 ○ February 12 ○ March 12 ○ April 16 ○ May 21 ○ June 18 	

	All meetings will be held at the Associated Youth Services of Peel.	
4. Work plan	<p>There was a discussion on how the group will create a plan using their 3-year vision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 15th meeting will be the assigned date to work on the plan. • Members are to provide 3 ideas of what they see as important. 	
5. Symposium Update	<p>The dates for the Square One symposium have not yet been confirmed. Jo-Anne pointed out that the people she has spoken to are asking for a date before they can commit.</p> <p>The intended date of February will likely need to change due to time constraints. The new target date is now March 28th.</p> <p>If Square One is not available, the group will consider looking at other locations in Brampton like Bramalea City Centre or Shopper's World.</p>	Anne will contact Bill to follow up on availability of Square One for March 28 th .
6. Dorothy's updates	<p>The 'Mouse' video has been released by the Dufferin School Board and Peel Regional Police. It is about how quickly a kid can get involved with gangs and some of the challenges he or she might face. The movie was professionally done and the actors/actresses are all new. The movie was well received and is available online at www.mousethemovie.com</p> <p>Roots of Youth Violence report: The link for the report was</p>	

sent to all group members. There are five volumes and it is very large, so Dorothy suggested reading Volume 2, the Executive Summary that would provide a good overview. Writers joined the conversation that various communities were having. They were already aware that the government was looking into it.

- PYVPN is very much aligned with what the report outlines
- Recommendations include:
 1. A fundamental look at mental health in Ontario and increasing the mental health budget.
 2. Anti-racism strategies
 3. Steps towards community hubs – open up the schools and hire facility managers, a community board, youth developed programs
 4. Housing & poverty strategy
 5. More youth workers to be hired to be the positive influence that kids can relate to when they need to talk.

Dorothy was invited to join a faith-based panel to determine what can be done about some of the violence issues and how they can support the Network. A meeting was held on November 25th at North Bramalea United Church. Other members of the panel included Don Ross, Carmen McLenna, and Gary Zacher.

Youth Violence Funding: A special planning meeting was held on November 24th to begin preparing a proposal for gang funding. The proposal should fit Peel and specifically address its needs, and will target 1 to 3 million dollars over a 3-year period.

	<p>PYVPN Website – the new logo and website image has been finalized and will soon be released to the group. Quorum, the communications company, had met with approximately 200 youth on different occasions, who helped to decide on the creative images that were presented.</p> <p>Families Group: The Parenting Program completed its run at Clark’s Public School in Brampton and was a success. It involved parents with children 5 to 15 years old, and they were all sad that it ended. They are looking at the next one to be possibly held at Plowman’s Park in Mississauga.</p> <p>Community Development group: Working on 3-year plan and will be looking at Neighbourhood Community strategies.</p>	
<p>7. Next Meeting</p>	<p>January 15th, 2009 Associated Youth Services of Peel 2:00 – 4:00 pm 120 Matheson Blvd E, Ste 201 Mississauga, ON L4Z 1X1</p>	