

Education, Policy and Programs Working Group
Thursday, June 18, 2008
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Host Location:
Peel Regional Police
Bloor Street Community Station
Mississauga, ON

Minutes

Present:

Jo-Anne Cripps – Ontario Works, Anne Burke-Gauthier – Community Member, Bill Stewart – Peel Regional Police, David Jull – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Valerie Arnold Judge – Peel District School Board, Wendy Bodsworth – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Ursula Keuper-Bennett – Mississauga Watch, Adrian Adore – Peel Regional Police, Dorothy Fetterly – Peel Health

Regrets:

Gayle Woods – Youth Justice Services; Linda Andrews – Peel Health; Sheila Wilson – City of Mississauga Recreation & Parks; Sandra Payne – Associated Youth Services of Peel,

1. Additions to the Agenda

No additions to agenda.

2. Re-cap April 24, 2008 meeting minutes & adopt.

Minutes approved.

Today's minutes –Jo-Anne Cripps

3. Steering Committee Update - Dorothy Fetterly

- All committees provided updates on June 17, 2008 at the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network symposium.
- Julie Pehar will speak to the Steering Committee on Women Abuse.
- We are in the violence prevention business and the Steering Committee is looking into how we fund this initiative
- The Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network symposium will be held yearly. Summary results of the break out groups will be shared with all of the working groups.
- The symposium was video taped in the morning and pictures were taken in the afternoon.

4. Working with Families meeting update- Jo-Anne Cripps

- Jo-Anne attended the Working with Families Working group in April. The group has sustained funding and are developing a program for parent-youth relationships focusing on choices. The program will be held in schools considered high-risk areas. Three courses each being

a 6 week course with 10 parents and their child (age 7 to 12) providing a service to 60 individuals. What they would like from our working group is to:

- Review the content of their program when developed
- Identify school names
- Set up a booth at our symposium to market their program

All agreed to assist in the Working with Families project.

5. Sub-Committee updates:

- 1st Symposium – Agency Fair- Square One seems to be on board with our request to hold our first Agency Fair at the Mall. Bill will let us know if Square One agrees to have us hold the agency fair and the date.
- We will need insurance. The question was posed as to whether we can get the insurance through the region of Peel. Dorothy will look into this.

Website & Agenda Committee:

- No information to report at this time. There is a proposal to have a dedicated person assigned to the group to assist with the website. Dorothy will update us as things progress.

6. Discussion:

- The decision to keep the current chair and co-chair was unanimous. The Youth Working group has developed a definition of responsibilities of the chair. Dorothy will share the information with the group and we will add this to our next agenda.
- Ursula Keuper-Bennett stated that the 2006 Peel Youth Violence Prevention Report indicated that the Education, Policy and Programs working group would be reviewing education policies. Ursula has been in the working group for a year, she has sat in on Council meetings of Mississauga, Regional Council and the Police Services Board. She is monitoring the Mississauga Youth Plan and has reviewed the zero tolerance policy. The Education, Policy and Programs working group has reviewed Bill 212. Ursula is planning to give a presentation on Bill 212. She has also researched the Freedom of Education Policy and other city policies. She would like the group to review these policies. To be added to the next agenda.

7. Announcements:

- There is \$11,241.35 in the bank for our committee's use.
- Wendy will not be returning to our working group in the fall as she has accepted a Vice- Principle position. Wendy will look at having someone replace her on the committee.
- The position of Admin assistance for the working groups will be filled.

8. Next Meeting:

- Thursday September 11, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.
- Location to be determined