

Minutes: July 8, 2008

Working with Families Working Group, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Host: Brenda Stephen, Youth Justice Service, Brampton Probation 201 County Court, Suite 500, Brampton

Present:

Leslie Moreau (Region of Peel, Ontario Works), Meta Giff (Region of Peel, Health Services), Dorothy Fetterly (Region of Peel, Health Services), Brenda Stephen (Youth Justice Services, Brampton Probation, Ministry of Children and Youth Services), Diane Myers (Family Education Centre), Sofia Albanez (The Peel Peace Campaign), Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Lorry Seabourn (Family Education Centre), Caren Heramchuk (Region of Peel, Health Services), Corrinnea Pritchard-Smith (Region of Peel, Ontario Works), Sheila Datta (Region of Peel, Health Services)

Regrets:

Anita Stellinga (United Way of Peel Region), Heidi Grusas (Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton), Janette Smith (Region of Peel, Health Services), Kuldip Benipal (Punjabi Community Health Centre), Laura Buchal (City of Mississauga, Recreation & Parks), Michael Skynner (Family Services of Peel), Nicole Therrien (City of Brampton, Community Services), Ranjana Mitra (Community Environment Alliance of Peel), Roman Spektor (Pathway Non-Profit Housing), Sharon Doherty (Town of Caledon), Shelley White (United Way of Peel Region), Tammy Reynolds (City of Brampton, Parks & Recreation), Thanga Kopalasingam (Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Social Services) Gay Routhier-Paige (Family Education Centre). Lynda De Melo (HEAL Network), Beverley Davis (The Peel Peace Campaign),

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions	Lorry Seabourn was introduced and she is the new Co-ordinator for our Families program	
2. Assignment of Minutes Recorder	Diane Myers recorded the minutes for this meeting.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved.	
4. Presentation about work that is happening in the Knightsbridge area of	Corrinnea Pritchard-Smith, Caseworker – Ontario Works and Caren Heramchuk, Community Development Worker – Peel Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Knightsbridge community just east of Bramalea City Centre in Brampton has 3 large high-rise buildings with approximately 3000 units▪ Very diverse population and language is a barrier for residents to	

Brampton	<p>access services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is no meeting space for programs to happen, and staff are looking for alternatives for meeting space ▪ Eclyspe had a program in the area – but youth stopped attending, have left info for youth to come to their centre ▪ CET have come to the area and assisted residents/youth with their job search and resumes. ▪ There is a tenant association in the complex – made up of 4 people and they are all related ▪ Drug use and security are the prominent issues in the area ▪ Brampton Parks & Recreation and the Schools are providing programs in the area and also connecting with the Bramalea Proactive Alliance ▪ Staff had a community information night ▪ Arranging for a Barbeque on Saturday in August 9th – many community agencies will be in attendance. ▪ Residents are unaware of the services that available to them 	
5. 3 Year Plan Review		Deferred to the next meeting
6 & 7 Middle Years Program development update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lorry Seabourn presented the time lines an overview for the Parenting program ▪ Discussed the development of a resource binder for the facilitators ▪ Program will be 2hours of course content with a 15 minute wrap-up ▪ Evaluation Plan – discussed creating the logic models ▪ Sheila will be assisting the group with the evaluation and looking at how to track long term outcomes ▪ Referrals for the program could come from Ontario Works, Families First Program, Schools and the community ▪ Discussed the need to translate our materials ▪ Parent Educators can be pulled from Family Education Centre, but we also want to look at what who from the group could do the various components ▪ Need to people/agencies to provide the Youth component of the program ▪ Need to hire child care for the younger children that may be attending with their families ▪ Pamela shared some resources with the group, and Lorry will review 	<p>Diane & Pamela to send versions of their logic models to Sheila Caren to send Lorry contact info from the Brampton Proactive Alliance</p>

	<p>them to see if they fit for our program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussed the possibility of giving each family their own set of the Virtues cards or the Ungame ▪ Ungame is a good communications tool http://www.talikor.com/cart/home.php?cat=252&sort=productcode&sortdirection=0 ▪ Family Education Centre may have bags to give each of the families participating ▪ Diane is meeting with Sandra Solonik to discuss potential bridge funding to continue this program 	
Updates from Dorothy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conference evaluation will be sent out via Survey Monkey ▪ There will be a document created looking at an overall vision from what the 4 working groups decided in their 3 year visions ▪ Potential funding from the Federal Government which targets work with Gangs 	<p>Please fill out the survey</p> <p>Dorothy will provide everyone with a copy when it's completed</p>
8. Next Steps – Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Please send your feedback to Lorry about the program outline. If you have any suggestions about who could deliver the various components of the workshop PLEASE let Lorry know ASAP <p>Suggested Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wk 1 – Communication - ○ Wk 2 – Parenting Style / Vision – <u>Sophia & Beverly, FEC</u> ○ Wk 3 – Positive Discipline - <u>CAS</u> ○ Wk 4 - Setting the Stage ○ Wk 5 – Bullying & Violence – <u>Linda Andrews, Peel Health</u> ○ Wk 6 - Celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to develop key messages for each session ▪ Have a gap in the Children side of the presentations 	<p>All working group members</p>
9. Next Meeting Date(s):	<p>Tuesday August 19th, 2008 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Brenda Stephen, Youth Justice Service, Brampton Probation 201 County Court, Suite 500, Brampton</p>	