

Minutes: June 10, 2008

Working with Families Working Group, 2:00-4:00

Host: Lynda De Melo, HEAL Network, Boardroom, 10 Gillingham Drive, Suite 201**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), Lynda De Melo (HEAL Network), Beverley Davis (The Peel Peace Campaign), Sofia Albanez (The Peel Peace Campaign), Stacey Nunes (Region of Peel, Health Services), Hoda Farahmandpour (Junior Youth Empowerment Program).

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), Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), 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).

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions	Thank you to Lynda for hosting the meeting. Stacey Nunes introduced herself. Stacey is a Health Promotion Officer from Peel Health. Welcome back to Brenda. Lynda reported this is her last meeting. She will recommend that the family therapist for HEAL sits in on these meetings.	
2. Assignment of Minutes Recorder	Stacey recorded the minutes for this meeting.	
3. Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2008	Approved.	
4. Co-ordinator for Middle Years Program	Diane and Leslie will be interviewing for the coordinator position this Thursday. They hope to have the new	

	coordinator present at the June 17 th Symposium.	
5. Virtues Presentation	<p>Bev and Sophia presented materials from the <i>Virtues Project</i>. The founders of the program allow any facilitator to use the material freely. A Virtues Project facilitator can be anyone who attends a 1-day training sessions on the virtues. Facilitators have a group called Virtues Connect which is meant to be a grassroots project. Purpose of the project is to allow people to focus on the good in others. The project is easy to use with children, schools, and corporate settings. It is not based on any specific religion, but on spirituality. www.virtuesproject.com</p> <p>Sophia did a “chemistry” demonstration as an analogy of the project.</p>	
6. Junior Youth Empowerment Program Presentation	<p>Hoda Farahmandpour presented the Junior Youth Empowerment Program at the Youth Can Move the World conference where Hoda had a team of young people with her as examples of youth in social action.</p> <p>Junior Youth Empowerment Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - focus on ages 12-14 - time of change (both physical and emotional). - An older youth (age 18 to 19) acts as a mentor or “animator” <p>3 goals of the program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) develop child’s power of expression b) develop moral reasoning skills c) develop analytical skills to understand the world <p>Success is based on the enthusiasm of the 18 or 19 year old animator. <i>Worlds Well</i> is offering the training</p>	

	<p>to become an animator</p> <p>Applicability to Middle /Years The 12-14 years old participants often have younger siblings show up to the program with them. Facilitators use this time to teach the older siblings how to serve their younger siblings.</p> <p>The program brings the community together by having young adults mentoring 12-14 year olds, and those younger teenagers learn to serve their younger siblings.</p> <p>The Junior Youth Program is global and materials are used broadly. There are 24 books that cover one of 3 streams: math, story, & language. After three years in the program, the youth can go on to training to become mentors for other children.</p> <p>Hoda's group is privately funded, and the animators are volunteers. Training to become an animator is free.</p>	
<p>7. Middle Years program development</p>	<p>Deferred</p>	
<p>8. Updates</p>	<p>Dorothy provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Annual Report has been printed. Dorothy distributed copies to everyone present. b. June 17, 2008 – Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorothy asked those who have not confirmed their attendance to do so. - Dorothy asked that everyone bring their workplan on the day of the conference. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leslie will give a summary of the group's work at the meeting and will be calling on each of member to stand and introduce themselves. a. Thanks to all for the pictures for the snapshot-type video of youth events in Peel. A youth has completed the voice over for the video. <p>Lynda congratulated the group on their showing on Talk Local (Channel 10).</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting Date(s):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. June 24th or 26th 2:00-4:00. Date AND Place to be determined. This meeting is to orientate the new coordinator to the workgroup & work on Parent Program. b. July 8th 2:00-4:00p.m. – Location to be determined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. As many as are able will attend this meeting. Leslie will send e-mail to confirm the date and location of this meeting. b. Brenda and Leslie will check for room availability and Leslie will e-mail the location next week.