

Minutes: May 13, 2008

Working with Families Working Group, 1:30-3:30

Host: Shalah Mark, Rapport Youth & Family Services, Boardroom, 155 Clark Blvd, Unit #11**Present:**

Leslie Moreau (Region of Peel, Ontario Works), Shalah Mark (Rapport Youth & Family Services), Meta Giff (Region of Peel, Health Services), Gay Routhier-Paige (Family Education Centre), Sheila Datta (Region of Peel, Health Services), Dorothy Fetterly (Region of Peel, Health Services), Divina Mitrovic (Region of Peel, Health Services).

Regrets:

Anita Stellinga (United Way of Peel Region), Beverley Davis (The Peel Peace Campaign), Brenda Stephen (Youth Justice Services, Brampton Probation, Ministry of Children and Youth Services), Diane Myers (Family Education Centre), 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), Lynda De Melo (HEAL Network), 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), Sofia Albanez (The Peel Peace Campaign), Tammy Reynolds (City of Brampton, Parks & Recreation), Thanga Kopalasingam (Inter-Cultural Neighbourhood Social Services).

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome & Introductions	Thank you to Shalah for hosting the meeting. Sheila Datta introduced herself. Sheila is a Program Evaluator from Peel Health) Everyone introduced themselves.	
2. Assignment of Minutes Recorder	Divina will be recording the minutes for all future meetings. Item is no longer required on the Agenda	Remove this item from future Agendas, Divina will be recording minutes.
3. Approval of Agenda	Approved.	
4. Approval of Minutes for April 29, 2008	Approved.	
5. Co-ordinator for Middle Years Program	Diane has sent an e-mail to Parent Educators to recruit for the co-ordinator position. The co-ordinator position will be for 5 hours weekly. She hopes to have the name of the co-ordinator for the next meeting.	

6. Virtues Presentation	Bev will provide this at the June meeting.	
7. Middle Years program development	<p>The group reviewed what has been discussed to date – reviewed minutes of the last 2 meetings and the funding proposal.</p> <p>The following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The program will be 6 weeks in length, tentative date for the pilot project to start October (refer. To items 5 in minutes of April 29, 2008) b. The classes to be 2 hours long c. Time – 6:30-8:30 in the evenings. d. Prefer the use of a gym with library or classrooms in a school if available. The use of the gym would be nice for the kids to use. e. Have snacks for the kids. f. Program is specifically for parents & caregivers of children 6-12 years of age (showing signs of difficulty/on the verge). g. Both parents, grandparents, anyone who is a caregiver can participate. Promote program as “for all caregivers”. h. Program should be unique offering what is not covered by other programs. i. ½ hour at the end of the class to bring kids and adults together. j. The goal is to give parents the strength & knowledge to become better parents. Give parents the understanding of what is culturally accepted and what is within the law in Canada. k. There will be facilitators for adults and two facilitators for youth/kids. l. Classes will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> week 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening session. Communication, 	

getting to know each other.

Children's Program:

Same.

week 2.

Parents Program:

VIRTUES.

Children's Program:

Same.

week 3.

Parents Program:

Positive Disciplining. Setting boundaries and knowing what the legal boundaries are. Discipline with the VIRTUES. Problem Solving.

Children's Program:

Problem solving & self esteem.

week 4.

Parents Program:

How to positively be in your kids lives. How to play with them. How to spend time together, talk together, read to them etc.

Children's Program:

"How do you want adults in your life" – do an art project, skit. etc.

week 5.

Parents Program:

Bullying & Violence. How to identify this and know what to do to deal with it.

Children's Program:

	<p style="text-align: center;">Same.</p> <p>week 6. Parents Program: Celebration. Wrap up and present awards (certificate). Pizza night. The kids could provide a “skit” or activity to show what they have learned in the program. Children’s Program: Same.</p> <p>m. Certificates will be given to kids/youth when the program is completed. n. At the end of each session, give parents & kids/youth something they can work on at home.</p>	
<p>8. Next Steps – Action Items (for next meeting)</p>	<p>a. Setting the objectives for each of the 6 classes. b. Bring information of other programs (Open Doors, Child to Child, R4 Program) for review. Will use these as examples to develop structure for the workshop. c. Program staff to be hired to deliver the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 parent educator ▪ 2 youth educators 	
<p>9. Virtues Presentation</p>	<p>Dorothy provided an update:</p> <p>a. Annual report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Annual Report will be presented to Peel Regional Council on May 22/08. ▪ Copies of the Annual Report will be given to everyone once it is completed. ▪ Dorothy reviewed a draft of the Annual Report with the group. ▪ In report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for 6-12 years of age - Sustained funding] 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removing silos between programs - The key-point of the Working Group work plans are in the report - Chairs of work group will be at council on May 22/08. <p>b. June 17, 2008 – Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorothy will be sending a formal invitation out shortly. - Dorothy is looking for a good speaker for the AM portion. - Celebrate what we have accomplished. - PM – working groups will be working with a facilitator to develop 3 Year Vision. - Everyone has a voice & input to 3 year Vision. - Possibly a few key figures may be invited to the AM portion of the Conference. 	
<p>10. Next Meeting Date(s):</p>	<p>a. Thursday May 29, 2:00-4:00. Place to be determined.</p> <p>b. June 17, 2008 – Reconnect, Celebrate & Move Forward Conference, Mississauga Living Arts Centre</p>	<p>a. Next meeting – look at objectives, looking at curriculum from other sources.</p> <p>b. Invitations will be sent soon with details of June 17, 2008 Conference.</p>