

Working with Families Working Group Minutes

Tuesday October 14, 2008, 1:30-3:30 pm

Location: Peel Regional Police Community Policing Station
 499 Ray Lawson Boulevard, Brampton

Minutes : Charmaine Blair

Present:

Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Lorry Seabourn (Family Education Centre), Charmaine Blair (Peel Health), Leslie Moreau (Ontario Works-Region of Peel), Beverly Davis (The Peel Peace Campaign), Meta Giff (Peel Health), Peg Folsom (Peel Health), Sofia Albanez (The Peace Campaign), Diane Myers (Family Education Centre)

Regrets:

Michael Skynner (Family Services of Peel), Dorothy Fetterly (Peel Health), Sheila Datta (Peel Health), Anita Stellinga (United Way of Peel Region), Heidi Grusas (Elizabeth Fry Society of Peel-Halton), Laura Buchal (City of Mississauga, Recreation & Parks), Nicole Therrien (City of Brampton, Community Services), Sharon Doherty (Town of Caledon), Brenda Stephen (Youth Justice Services, Brampton Probation, Ministry of Children and Youth Services), Ranjana Mitra (Community Environment Alliance of Peel), Tammy Reynolds (City of Brampton, Parks & Recreation)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	No introductions necessary.	
2. Review of Minutes	Minutes from last meeting approved by all present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved with one change. Charmaine would complete all meeting minutes for the Network.	
5. Updates from Dorothy on other sub-committees	Charmaine presented updates on Dorothy's behalf. Youth Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus groups were held in Caledon, Mississauga, and Brampton. Caledon date to be confirmed. The youth that participated provided feedback on what they thought the 	

issues facing them were. Two main areas were transportation and relationship with the police. They feel they are often targeted and not listened to.

Education & Policy Group:

- Planning for Symposium at Square One in February. Date still to be confirmed.
- Quorum conducting exercises at different locations to get feedback from several youth on new image and logo.

Community Development Group:

- Working on defining 3 year plan based on group vision, possible funding, and neighbourhood connections.
- The Dam has a program for teenage mothers 15 – 25 yrs, but not many are showing up. Looking at what some of the causes may be and if “at risk” population is increasing.
- Travel is an issue for many young people and it is difficult for them to get to the programs/sessions.
- The Dam is having their fundraising auction on Nov. 21st.

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Following teleconference on October 10th with PYVPN, City of Mississauga, and Students Youth Commission, there will be a planning meeting held to prepare funding proposal. All of the working group chairs were invited to participate in this session and provide their input.

Dorothy attended media release of Roots of Violence Report. A link was sent out to Network members for their review.

<p>6. Follow up on action items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peg met with Principal at Plowman’s Park in Meadowvale and gave an overview of the Parenting Program to a group of school representatives. It was well received and other principals seemed interested. 	
<p>7. Parenting Program Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting Program is now in its fifth week. • Started with 11 children and 8 parents, with a waitlist. There were 2 children with special needs and 1 with behavioural issues who could not continue the program. Ended up with 9 children and 6 parents. • Looking at registering 15 children in the future. • Child/youth workers are very accommodating and are doing a great job. • Time change and the impact on families to be taken into consideration. Also, the length of the session is too long for the kids but just enough for the parents. Will maybe look at extending the number of weeks. • Three candidates to participate as child/youth workers. Two of them work with Youth Justice and know each other. • Child minder still available for the younger ones, though the use has been limited. • Linda Andres will be doing a bullying presentation at the next session from 6:30 – 8:30. • Sheila will do the evaluation and will present survey questions at Nov. 25th session. • Possibly look at adding a homework piece. Also discussion about an after-school option, but may present staffing issues. <p>Targeting Meadowvale for the first week in February. Originally to run from Feb 21 – April, but would like to consider starting early – Feb. 9th.</p>	<p>Charmaine to find out if anyone is available Nov. 25th from 8:00 to 8:30 pm for Clark Blvd.</p>

<p>7. Funding</p>	<p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to meet United Way funding deadline as proposal was due November 7th. • No need at this time to distribute questionnaire from Action for Neighbourhood change • Group needs to re-evaluate program to determine best way to pursue other funding. • Focus will remain on 7 – 12 year old kids • Group vision is aligned with recommendations in the Roots of Violence report. <p>Toolkits for Families – A discussion was had about the initial purpose for the toolkits. Group members determined that the toolkit would be useful as a reference guide and easy resource for parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toolkit should be user friendly and simple, taking newcomers into consideration. • Online information may not be accessible to everyone, so a newsprint, booklet, or magazine may be easier and more direct. • Printed material could be accompanied with a DVD. • Group vision is aligned with recommendations in the Roots of Violence report. Information in the report will be helpful. • Other avenues for reaching parents - TVO program with a focus on newcomers may possibly be a support for the group. • Need to look at information and data already collected and distributed within the Region so that work is not duplicated. Group members to pull info from regional departments such as Children’s Services and Peel Health. 	
<p>8. Announcements</p>	<p>Friday Nov. 29th – Talent show at Peel Youth Village 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Approximately 15 groups participating.</p>	

Next Meeting

December 9th , 2008

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Location:

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Brampton

(S/E Corner McLaughlin/Ray Lawson)

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