



**Working with Families Working Group Minutes**

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

**Host/Location:** Michael Skynner

Family Services of Peel – 151 City Centre Drive, Suite 501, Mississauga, ON

**Chair:** Leslie Moreau

**Minutes:** Charmaine Blair

**Present:**

Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Lorry Seabourn (Family Education Centre), Dorothy Fetterly (Peel Health), Charmaine Blair (Peel Health), Sheila Datta (Peel Health), Michael Skynner (Family Services of Peel), 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:**

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
<p><b>1. Introductions</b></p>	<p>Dorothy introduced Charmaine as the new Administrative Assistant for PYVPN followed by an introduction of everyone around the table.</p> <p>Michael introduced <b>Tom Triantafillu</b>, Director of Resource Development, who welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about some of the new initiatives for Family Services.</p>	
<p><b>2. Assignment of Minutes Recorder</b></p>	<p>It was confirmed that Charmaine will be recording the minutes for this meeting.</p>	
<p><b>3. Review of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes from last meeting approved by all present.</p>	

<p><b>4. Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p>Additions to agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding proposal (7a)</li> <li>• Evaluation of parenting program (7b)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Updates from Dorothy on other sub-committees</b></p>	<p>Special meeting at Region of Peel on October 16, 10:30 am. Peel Regional Police meeting with Council about homicide levels in Peel.</p> <p><b>Youth Working Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validating its work plan through focus groups in Caledon, Mississauga, and Brampton. Caledon date to be confirmed. Square One confirmed for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:00. Waiting for a response from BNRC.</li> <li>• Review of Peel's Tactical Gang Unit and presentation on gangs in the area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at showcasing various youth initiatives in Mississauga.</li> <li>• Branding logo exercise – looking at creative to be done with youth input.</li> </ul> <p>Dorothy reviewed new proposal for funding (re: PEACE Program) and regional network involvement. Teleconference was held on October 10<sup>th</sup> with PYVPN, City of Mississauga, and Students Youth Commission.</p> <p>Looking into funding for continuation of PYVPN – requested approval for half time Communications Associate and 1 full time Administrative Assistant.</p>	
<p><b>6. Follow up on action items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peg met with Cynthia Rampal regarding Parenting Program in Meadowvale. Looking at the beginning of February for Meadowvale.</li> <li>• Meeting scheduled for evening of Oct. 14<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<p>Dorothy to look into Wiki option for the group</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorry attended Parent Council meeting at Clarke Blvd. Public School</li> <li>• Further review of Wiki option for online meetings</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Parenting Program Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting October 21<sup>st</sup> at Clark Blvd. Public School as scheduled.</li> <li>• Three candidates to participate as child/youth workers. Two of them work with Youth Justice and know each other.</li> <li>• Diana has contacted candidates and confirmed their interest in attending a meeting on Tuesday.</li> <li>• Two people assigned to child minding – 1 child so far.</li> <li>• 3 families registered consisting of 5 adults and 6 children</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEAP, HEAL, and other programs to target children</li> <li>• No student volunteers at this point</li> <li>• Role of Child/Youth Worker is to do the program with the youth. Lorry to work with adults.</li> <li>• Will need outlines from guest speakers</li> <li>• Young babies will stay with parents</li> <li>• Cut off is second week</li> <li>• Look into listing upcoming workshops and events</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Parenting Program</b>  <b>a) Funding</b>  <b>b) Evaluation</b></p>	<p><b>a) Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking at United Way Funding</li> <li>• Proposal due November 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Involves network of 3 or 4 people</li> <li>• Evaluation of program</li> <li>• Focus is on 7 – 12 year old kids</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Evaluation</b> – Diane and Sheila looked at the 3 components of evaluation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Content and knowledge of program</li> <li>2) Assessment tool to deal with families</li> </ol>	

	<p>3) Where are our targets?</p> <p><b>Toolkits for Families</b> – United Way Community Evaluation information available on Action for Neighbourhood Change website. Target end of October to gather information.</p> <p>Permission has been granted to use questionnaire.</p>	<p>Sheila to provide copy of report to those requesting it.</p> <p>Charmaine &amp; Sheila to send out copies of questionnaire</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>November 18, 2008</b>  <b>1:30 – 3:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b>  <b>Peel Regional Police Community Policing Station</b>  <b>499 Ray Lawson Boulevard</b>  <b>Brampton</b>  <b>(S/E Corner McLaughlin/Ray Lawson)</b>  <b>(905) 453-3818</b></p>	