



Working with Families Working Group Minutes

Tuesday April 14, 2009, 1:30-3:30 pm

Host/Location:

Peel Regional Police Community Station, 499 Ray Lawson Blvd., Brampton

Chair: Leslie Moreau

Minutes: Charmaine Blair

Present:

Diane Myers (Family Education Centre), Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Dorothy Fetterly (Peel Health), Charmaine Blair (Peel Health), Peg Folsom (Peel Health), Sofia Albanez (Community Member), Beverly Davis (Community Member), Meta Giff (Peel Health), Naunidhi Kaur (Community Environment Alliance of Peel)

Regrets:

Leslie Moreau (Ontario Works-Region of Peel), Lorry Seabourn (Family Education Centre), Laura Buchal (City of Mississauga, Recreation & Parks), Shala Mark(Rapport Youth), 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), Tammy Reynolds (City of Brampton, Parks & Recreation), Anita Stellinga (United Way of Peel Region), Michael Skynner (Family Services of Peel)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
2. Review of Minutes	Minutes from last meeting approved by all present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Agenda created and approved.	
4. Updates from Dorothy	<p>Uprooting Youth Violence: Community forum has been postponed not cancelled. Dr. Alvin Curling and Roy McMurtry are not available due to a change in schedule.</p> <p>The hope is to give youth the support for a call to action that they will present at Queen's Park on May 6th. On April 16th, a resolution will also be presented to Regional Council on behalf of the Network, to have representation on a Secretariat that will follow through on the recommendations laid out in the Roots of Youth Violence Report.</p>	

Youth Services:

The Youth Advisory group will be meeting this Thursday, April 16th and all youth who expressed an interest were invited to join.

The Youth Services working group also looking at a community forum based on playing together as a family. It would be held in the fall, and they would like to encourage other working groups to lend their support.

Diane mentioned that the Malton Community Project has a group of 10 kids who may be interested in joining the youth advisory group.

PYVPN Displays: Dorothy reviewed the display concepts with the group.

The question was raised as to why so many of the photos displayed women. Dorothy explained that statistics show that there is an increase in violence acts against women.

Community Development Group & Education Group: The last meeting was cancelled. Nothing to report.

Peel Poverty Action Group: Dorothy made a presentation to this group on Thursday, April 9th.

Connect2ENDviolence:

Website launched today as part of the Peel Regional Police and Police Services Board. A way to encourage open dialogue around all areas of violence including domestic, bullying, cyber-bullying, etc.

There are links to many community agencies and programs. Community events will also be posted.

Brampton Safe City:

Official launching and open house is on May 4th. Contact is Brigitte Sayers brigitte.sayers@brampton safecity.ca (905)793-5484, Ext. 225

	<p>Drop-in from 10am – 5pm, and reception from 5:00pm</p> <p>Other: Peel Health/CDIP has officially moved.</p>	
<p>5. Parenting Program Update</p>	<p>Diane updated the group about the Parenting Program on Lorry’s behalf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lorry’s contract ended on March 31st – May 6th. • No sessions tonight, evaluation put off for a week. • The last session will be held on May 12th, and the evaluation still needs to be completed. • Mail-out still to be done. They can be put together and sent out from Diane’s office and will include a permission form. • Copy of post-test will also be sent to Diane, who will label with participants’ info. • Bolton sessions had 9 young people, and 6 parents. • Two people from our committee are needed to meet with the parents and kids who are attending on May 12th. 	
<p>6. Parenting Toolkit</p>	<p>Discussion: The Connect2ENDviolence website has a page with resources. There may be an opportunity to link it to our website.</p> <p>The focus of the survey is for parents who have kids transitioning from elementary to senior elementary school and high school.</p> <p>How do you build on the same concept of early years like Success X6?</p> <p>It’s about making sure that parents continue a relationship with their children and remain involved with their children’s lives. Building community and community relations.</p> <p>Survey Introduction: <i>(Who we are).</i></p>	

We value you as parents and we would like to support you. We understand the importance of maintaining relationships with our children, particularly through the transitional times of elementary school to senior elementary school, and then to high school.

Survey:

1. **What services, supports, and information would be useful to you in making transitions easier for you and your child?**
2. **What services, supports, and information would you like to see that are not available?**
3. **When looking at a parent information kit, what would you consider to be important?**
4. **What format do you prefer?**
 - **Brochures**
 - **Websites**
 - **e-mail**
 - **DVD**
 - **Other**
5. **What services, supports and information are you currently using if any?**

Thank you for participating in our survey and making a difference in your child's life and in our community.

Peg to distribute the survey at a community presentation in Mississauga.

Charmaine to complete survey by Thursday April 16th.

Success by 24

Dorothy briefly explained what Success X6 represented and explained that Peel Region is looking at a "success by 24" plan which would have the same goals in mind for older kids and youth. This project involves the Peel District School Board, Peel-Dufferin Catholic School Board, Children's Aid, Humphrey's, United Way, Success X6, PYVPN, and Human Services. John Heuther is the consultant on this project.

The name attached to this program is the **Peel Children & Youth**

	<p>Initiative. On May 1st, the chairs will be having a breakfast meeting to lay out the concept from 8:00am to 10:00am. On the afternoon of May 20th, the succession plan will be revealed. Invitations will be sent out to the Executive Directors to attend these meetings and PYVPN is to be the leader with this program.</p>	
	<p>Peel Children’s Services to appear at Knightsbridge</p>	
Funding	<p>There is an opportunity to make a submission for funding on May 8th, and Diane would like to put a proposal together and submit it on behalf of the group. Currently looking at either a newcomer’s or middle years program.</p> <p>Diane will arrange meetings with Brampton Multi-cultural Community Centre, Peel Newcomer’s Centre and Peel Newcomer’s Strategy group.</p> <p>The group supports Diane moving ahead with the proposal.</p>	
7. Next Meeting	<p>May 12, 2009, 1:30 – 3:30 pm</p> <p>Location: Peel Regional Police Community Policing Station 499 Ray Lawson Boulevard Brampton (S/E Corner McLaughlin/Ray Lawson) (905) 453-3818</p> <p>Future meetings at same location: June 9</p>	