



Working with Families Working Group Minutes

Tuesday February 10, 2009, 1:30-3:30 pm

Host/Location:

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

Chair: Bev Davis

Minutes: Charmaine Blair

Present:

Lorry Seabourn (Family Education Centre), Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Dorothy Fetterly (Peel Health), Peg Folsom (Peel Health), Beverly Davis (The Peel Peace Campaign), Michael Skynner (Family Services of Peel), Meta Giff (Peel Health), Shalah Mark (Rapport), Cindy Nash (Student, Rapport)

Guest: Christine Sevigney, Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse

Regrets:

Laura Buchal (City of Mississauga, Recreation & Parks), Brenda Stephen (Youth Justice Services, Brampton Probation, Ministry of Children and Youth Services), Tammy Reynolds (City of Brampton, Parks & Recreation) Leslie Moreau (Ontario Works-Region of Peel), Charmaine Blair (Peel Health), Sofia Albanez (The Peace Campaign), Diane Myers (Family Education Centre)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	Introductions we made	
2. Review of Minutes	Minutes from last meeting approved by all present.	
3. Approval of Agenda	Agenda approved.	
4. Presentation	Christine Sevigney from Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse gave a presentation on Youth Violence and Gender to the group (Presentation Attached) The group discussed how looking through a “gender lense” when we are planning a program could be incorporated. Christine challenged us all to look at our current programs to see if we are taking gender in to account as we do the	

	business we do.	
<p>5. Updates from Dorothy</p>	<p>Network Branding: Presented the new logo – Voice and then new look for the website. PYVPN will be moving forward with promoting this in the near future. The website’s new look is currently be worked on.</p> <p>Community Development Group: No new updates.</p> <p>Youth Services: The group is forming a youth advisory sub-committee to aid them in determining the best programs and communications. Members of the youth advisory would include youth that expressed an interest in the Network.</p> <p>Education Group: This group is looking at what their focus needs to be and if it can’t be best served by amalgamating with another working group, and the Families group looks like a possible alignment.</p> <p>Funding : Dorothy, Diane Myers and Bev Davis met to discuss how to fund the Parent Program. We will be looking to apply for funding with the Mike Weir Foundation, Atkinson Foundation and Lowes.</p> <p>Youth Gang Funding: Still in the planning stages. Please note – there is no monies available yet – we are planning so that when a request for proposal is called that we are ready to move forward on a Peel proposal. The group did decide that they would like to focus on doing a model which will focus on relationship building which would look at hiring youth workers each work with a small number youth are underserved over long period of time. Our</p>	

	<p>goal would be that partner agencies hire the staff to work on this program.</p> <p>Parenting Tool Kit Dorothy would like to see that this stays on our “agenda”. This type of resource is being mentioned that it is needed in many meetings that Dorothy has been attending.</p>	
a. Parenting Program Update	<p>Lorry updated the group on the status of the Parenting Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelter’s Bay is the location for the next parenting program which will start on Feb 17th. • 9 Families have already signed up • All the staff are in place with a few returning to assist with the program that worked in the first one • Allen Drive Middle School in Bolton is the location for the Caledon program. The program is scheduled to start the week of March 23rd 	Pamela to look into posting for someone to work in the Caledon site as the Child Youth Worker
b. Announcements	<p>Drop in program at Family Services of Peel</p> <p>Conference in the Schools – Gay Straight Alliance to be held Feb 25th. Michael Skynner is attending</p> <p>International Day of Pink – February 19th, 2009 http://www.dayofpink.org/</p>	
6. Next Meeting	<p>March 10, 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>	