



Working with Families Working Group Minutes

Tuesday March 10, 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:

Leslie Moreau (Ontario Works-Region of Peel), Lorry Seabourn (Family Education Centre), Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Dorothy Fetterly (Peel Health), Charmaine Blair (Peel Health), Peg Folsom (Peel Health), Michael Skynner (Family Services of Peel), Sofia Albanez (The Peace Campaign), Beverly Davis (The Peel Peace Campaign), Meta Giff (Peel Health), Shala Mark(Rapport Youth)

Regrets:

Diane Myers (Family Education Centre), 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), Tammy Reynolds (City of Brampton, Parks & Recreation), Ranjana Mitra (Community Environment Alliance of Peel), Anita Stellinga (United Way of Peel Region)

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.	
4. Updates from Dorothy	<p>Community Development Group: Last meeting was cancelled due to attendance/illness.</p> <p>Education Group: The purpose of the group has been reviewed and they need to determine how to move forward as Bill 212 has already been addressed. The group is considering merging with the Families working group. The Education group has agreed to use \$500.00 of</p>	

their funds to support some Parent Education training for the Families group.

Youth Services:

Recruited the youth that expressed interest from previous focus groups and Youth Can Move The World. Met with about 7 of the youth and they are all interested in continuing to meet as part of a Youth Advisory Group. The group has left it with the youth to determine what they want to do.

Youth Gang Funding:

Currently on hold. The funding committee has reached a point where they are in good standing to move ahead with the proposal, but will wait for the next call for funding.

Roots of Youth Violence Forum:

Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program will be hosting a forum will at Erin Mills United Church on March 10th. Guest speaker will be Alvin Curling, one of the authors of the report.

Other:

Peel Health/CDIP moving – Extensions and e-mail stays the same, but address will change.

Lorry updated the group on the status of the Parenting Program:

- Started off first evening with 13 parents and 14 children – 10 families in total. Second week had 8 parents, 10 children, and the third week the numbers maintained. Now reaching target number.
- No sessions during March break. The next two sessions will be on the 24th, and the 31st of March.
- The third program workshop series will begin in Bolton and runs from March 31st to May 5th.
- Still looking for Child Youth Workers and Parent Educators. So far the Child/Youth Workers seem interested.
- The program has mainly middle school students so the child minding component may not be needed.

5. Parenting Program Update

Parents at Knightsbridge were chattier, and Mississauga parents were more reserved. Some of the parents were told by the principals to attend. Two of the children that showed disruptive behaviour in the beginning did not return, even after encouragement from the facilitator. As our program is preventative, the group spoke of the needs of some children perhaps being greater than what we might provide and that it might be necessary to provide a referral to a treatment oriented program.

Funding: Diane, Beverly, and Dorothy met and came up with recommendations of where to apply for funding.

- Mike Weir Foundation – 2 stage process, letter of interest followed by a full proposal if accepted.
- Diane has drafted a letter of interest and a budget and asked for 8 wk sessions, two programs in two communities over a one year period.
- Will also be looking at Lowe's Foundation
- Can nominate for Atkinson Foundation on April 6th. Atkinson supports people who make a difference in children's lives.
- CIBC World Market Children's Foundation – employees who are actively involved with their community.
- Regional funding applications cannot be submitted until August.

Discussion:

What is the toolkit supposed to look like?

How do we find the money to host a focus group with parents from the Parenting Program?

- Schools may be a good avenue for reaching parents.
- Families currently receiving assistance and counselling.
- Any parents who need information. Make it broad enough that we reach families from all different groups and financial backgrounds.

Survey:

1. What services do you need/aware of/need more info
2. Identify what gaps you see in services
3. What would you like to see in a parenting kit

6. Parenting Toolkit

4. What format do you prefer? e.g Brochures, websites, e-mail, DVD...
5. What services are you currently using if any?
6. What would you like to see and in what format?

Info needed:

- Age range of kids
- Community / school

How do we get this survey to the parents?

- Website – different languages
- Schools / school events
- Parent councils
- Day care centres
- Shopping mall
- Families/referrals
- Agencies/workshops

Target date: Mid July

It was determined that everyone would take copies of the survey to distribute as best determined. The survey should be ready to go by next meeting.

Toolkit follow-up/survey – April 14th

7. Next Meeting

**April 14, 2009,
1:30 – 3:30 pm**

**Location:
Peel Regional Police Community Policing Station
499 Ray Lawson Boulevard
Brampton
(S/E Corner McLaughlin/Ray Lawson)
(905) 453-3818**

**Future meetings at same location:
May 12
June 9**