



Family & Education Working Group Agenda

Tuesday September 8, 2009, 1:30-3:30 pm

Host/Location:

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

Chair: Sophia Graham

Minutes: Sophia Graham

Present:

Diane Myers (Family Education Centre), Pamela James (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Sophia Graham (Peel Health), Peg Folsom (Peel Health), Michael Skynner (Family Services of Peel), Ursula Bennett – Community Member

Regrets:

Leslie Moreau (Ontario Works-Region of Peel), Anne Burke-Gauthier – Community Member, Charmaine Blair (Peel Health), Lorry Seabourn (Family Education Centre), Patricia Raposo – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, 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), Naunidhi Kaur (Community Environment Alliance of Peel), Sandra Payne – Associated Youth Services of Peel, Valerie Arnold-Judge – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Sheila Wilson – City of Mississauga Recreation & Park, Sofia Albanez (Community Member), Beverly Davis (Community Member), Meta Giff (Peel Health), Lina Iacobucci Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Jo-Anne Cripps (Ontario Works in Peel)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	Introductions done by everyone.	
2. Review of Minutes	Minutes approved	
3. Middle Years Parenting Program	Funding for 3 sessions has been confirmed and will be provided by the Alcohol Drugs and Addictions Team.	Logistical details still need to be finalized.

	<p>Diane applied for funding through Loews for 2010 and the proposal has been submitted to the Region.</p> <p>Evaluation – We’re hoping to do a 1-month and 3-month follow-up.</p> <p>The Family Education Centre will continue to be the Lead organization running the program.</p> <p>The program has been extended to 8 weeks and the locations have not been confirmed.</p>	<p>Diane will follow-up with the Mike Weir foundation.</p>
<p>3a. Possible locations and flyer</p>	<p>There are a few key areas that have been determined as ‘high-needs’ that we could consider. They are: Knightsbridge, McHardy Court, Queen/Kennedy and Colonial Terrace.</p> <p>The Committee was asked for their input re: locations. Pamela suggested that we run the sessions in the same area as before given the tight timelines we’re working with. Also, the community is already aware of the program.</p> <p>Diane reported that Lorry will be the Coordinator again. She is okay with going back to the same locations because she has developed a relationship with these communities.</p> <p>The Committee would like to keep the name of the program the same because they felt that it might confuse people and we’re running out of time to try to come up with another name.</p>	<p>It was suggested that at the end of the session we ask parents for their input regarding changing the name of the program. Michael suggested that we make it a contest.</p>
<p>3b. Staffing and Session Dates</p>	<p>Diane reported that she needs to find new Child & Youth Workers. It would be great if they could work 3 nights in a row.</p> <p>The program will most likely run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 3 hours each night.</p> <p>Tentative session dates are: Monday September 28th Tuesday October 6th Wednesday October 14th</p>	<p>Michael and Pamela will ask their workers if they’re interested in assisting with this program. We’ll need 3 Child & Youth Workers for each evening. Diane will send an e-mail detailing what she’s looking for.</p> <p>We also need someone to provide childcare during the sessions. If anyone has any contacts please forward them to Diane.</p>

	<p>We'd like to offer a Homework Club to youth who are 12 and over. We'll look at each individual session to determine how many children are over 12 who could participate in this group.</p> <p>Pamela suggested that we advertise the Homework Club on the flyer.</p>	
4. Survey	<p>Sophia asked if anyone on the Committee has distributed the survey. Peg has brought the survey to different displays, otherwise no one else has distributed it. Peg has given the completed surveys to Charmaine. A few of the Committee members haven't seen the survey yet.</p> <p>At this point, the Committee is unsure as to who is going to tabulate all the results?</p>	<p>Sophia will follow-up with Charmaine to re-send the Survey to the Committee.</p> <p>Pamela will ask her Counsellors to do the survey with the parents.</p> <p>The Committee is aiming to have the surveys distributed and completed by the November Working Group meeting.</p>
5. Committee Updates	<p>Michael reported that his Generations Group had an amazing turnout. He saw approximately 100 people ranging from 17-52 yrs old. There was a wide range of people from various cultural backgrounds. The program ended July 28th, 09' and he has a tentative date of September 22nd/09 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Family Services of Peel.</p>	
6. Parent Toolkit	<p>The toolkit has been discussed for a long period of time but there hasn't been any progress made. Everyone expressed that we need to move forward with the Toolkit.</p>	
7. Other Items	<p>We need to confirm who's participating on this Committee. Currently, we don't have any representation from the Public Board.</p>	
8. Next Meeting	<p>October 13th, 2009 1:30 – 3:30 pm</p> <p>Location: Peel Regional Police Community Policing Station</p>	

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