

Services & Supports for Youth Working Group

Minutes: Wednesday May 14, 2008, 1:30-3:30 pm

Host/Location:

United Way of Peel Region, 5170 Dixie Road, Suite 300 Mississauga

Present:

Chris Pimento (Youth Justice Services, Brampton), Elicia Alleyne (Associated Youth Services of Peel), Ashley Lyons (Mississauga Crime Prevention Association), Ed Daniszewski (Peel District School Board), Gary Glowacki (The Bridge), Khadija Ellis (Centre for Education & Training), Melissa Punambolam (The HEAL Network), Nicole Dupuis (United Way of Peel Region), Roxanne Challenger (Centre for Education & Training), Sheena Rampersaud (BNRC), Tom Linkletter (Town of Caledon, Caledon Youth Services), Helena Rumley, Daniela Isibori (John Howard & E. Fry), Eugene Wilson (City of Brampton), Catherine Hughes (Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program), Karen Anslow, Dorothy Fetterly (Health Services, Region of Peel), Divina Mitrovic (Health Services, Region of Peel).

Regrets:

Paula D'Angelo (Ontario Works-Region of Peel), Christine McIntyre-Del Zotto (Peel Regional Police), Tony DaSilva (Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board), Diane Butterworth, Alike Simon (E. Fry), Glenda LaCoste (OPCDSB).

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves.	
2. Additions to the Agenda	Add: Updates from Dorothy: a. Roots of Youth Violence: - Alvin Curling & Jim Cowan from The Roots of Youth Violence came to Peel to meet with the members of Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Steering Committee & Working Group Chairs. - Thank you to all Working Group Chairs for	

	<p>participating & helping out with the Roots of Youth Violence meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key-points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need funding for families with children/youth ages 6-12 school use for community at no cost. ▪ The Roots of Youth Violence is receiving a lot of information and input from all groups. The message received from all communities visited is the same. The Roots of Youth Violence has requested an extension from the Premier to the fall of 2008 for the completion of their final report. ▪ The end results of the Roots of Youth Violence Report will be strong recommendation for changes that the Government of Ontario will act on. ▪ We hope the Government of Ontario will act on the recommendations and hopefully all. b. June 17, 2008 – Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dorothy will be sending a formal invitation out shortly. ▪ Dorothy is looking for a good speaker for the AM portion. ▪ Celebrate what we have accomplished. ▪ PM – working groups will be working with a facilitator to develop 3 Year Vision. ▪ Everyone has a voice & input to 3 year Vision. ▪ Possibly a few key figures may be invited to the AM portion of the Conference. 	
3. Establish Minute Taker	Divina will be recording the minutes for all meetings.	

<p>4. Review of Minutes from April 9, 2008</p>	<p>Correction of Elicia's name.</p>	<p>Divina will make correction.</p>
<p>5. How to engage youth to be a part of our committee</p>	<p>a. School teams @ Peel Health would like to develop an interactive display for secondary schools. Once the display is completed it will be available for the school teams and agencies for use. Workgroups can partner with school team to put this together. Peel Health will cover the cost for this display.</p> <p>b. The group discussed how to get youth involved with the working group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth Can Move the World – follow-up on sign up sheet, 10-15 youth signed up. ▪ Ages & diversity of youth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 18 years of age are legally required to be in school. – If in school, youth must complete 40 hours of community service. This could be used towards participation in working group. – Some youth are not in school. – Some youth are in college. – Youth groups are very diverse, need diverse representation for them. ▪ Perhaps having a sub-committee within working group for youth? ▪ Working group could possibly have some future meetings within schools facilitating youth attendance. ▪ Participation in working group could be part of co-op program within schools. Co-op credits are earned by youth. Transportation costs & expenses could be paid for youth. 	<p>a. Ed suggested that Gary Campbell within the school board may be able to assist in promoting this. Elena expressed interest to work on this. Helena Rumley offered to assist.</p> <p>b. Come prepared with your ideas for the conference on June 17, 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Make your voice known. – Bring your wish list for this working group. – This is a chance to connect with the Steering Committee of the PYVPN and work together on the 3 Year Vision. – Each group will set the priorities for their own group. – Everyone has a chance to reconnect & to strengthen ties within groups/agencies.

6. Work Plan & Sub-group Membership

- a. Transitional Package for Grade 8
 - Move from a paper package/manual to a “doing” model (conference, session) planned for students.
 - Target grades 7 and 8, when they are at that age they want to be engaged.
 - Different school are doing different things and at varying levels of intensity, but all of them do the basics (gr. 8 bbq and orientation).
 - Support needs to be in place for parents who are anxious about the transition, and in some cases projecting their anxiousness onto their children.
 - There is a direct link between grade 9 preparedness (language, knowledge, attitude) and violence prevention.
 - Possibly put together a funding proposal to start the program.
 - Possibly brand idea could be “CLAY” –Creating Leadership Amongst Youth, and spin it to represent the transition piece.
 - Expand to a train the trainer program to reach across the Region, in addition to piloting the project in one neighbourhood or school.
 - Using a survey to ask the youth 10 predetermined questions about their experience with the agency.
 - REAL program was created & used last year by Mary O-Conner-Lehoux. The REAL program is a 5 day workshop session delivered at the OLMC site to an audience of 28 grade 8 students transitioning into grade 9.
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- a. Identify & connect with school boards. Find out what they are currently using and use this as a starting point.
- b. The target audience is for the “silent middle” students who are underrepresented.

	<p>b. Friendly access to agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Starting with the first greeting, either via phone or face-to-face, to the end result. ▪ Researching to see if this sort of information has already been gathered, and if so, would we use it or create our own. ▪ The aim would be the youth outside of the schools ▪ Discussion around using more modern methods to reach the youth; i.e. technology. ▪ providing workshops to youth in various areas of Peel, focusing on the initiatives of the committee and gaining feedback on what improvements need to be made to make agencies more 'youth friendly'. 	
<p>7. Next Meeting</p>	<p>a. June 11, 2008 1:30-3:30</p> <p>b. June 17, 2008 – Reconnect, Celebrate & Move Forward Conference, Living Arts Centre, Mississauga.</p>	<p>a. Host/Location: Catholic Child and Family Services - HEAL Network 10 Gillingham Drive #201 Brampton - Main and Bovaird</p> <p>b. Dorothy will send out invitations soon with details of June 17, 2008 Conference.</p>