



**Services & Supports for Youth Working Group Minutes**

Wednesday October 8, 2008, 1:30-3:30 pm

**Host/Location:** Melissa Punambolan

Associated Youth Services of Peel – 120 Matheson Blvd. E., Ste 201, Mississauga, ON

**Minutes:** Charmaine Blair

**Present:**

Ashley Lyons (Safe City Mississauga), Melissa Punambolan (DPCDSB), Nicole Dupuis (United Way of Peel Region), Dorothy Fetterly (Peel Health), Charmaine Blair (Peel Health), Paula D’Angelo (Ontario Works-Region of Peel), Glenda LaCoste (DPCDSB), Lisa Boyce-Gonsalves (City of Mississauga), Tom Linkletter (Town of Caledon, Caledon Youth Services), Khadija Ellis (Centre for Education & Training), Catherine Hughes (Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program), Ryan (Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program), Liz Van Eysinga (Brampton Parks & Recreation), Karen Anslow (Nexus), Anita Roodal (AYSP)

**Regrets:**

Chris Pimento (Youth Justice Services, Brampton), Gary Glowacki (The Bridge), Aliko Simon (E. Fry), Sheena Rampersaud (BNRC), Roxanne Challenger (Centre for Education & Training), Daniela Isidori (John Howard & E. Fry), Helena Rumley (Community Member), Christine McIntyre-Del Zotto (Peel Regional Police), Tony DaSilva (DPCDSB), Ed Daniszewski (Peel District School Board), Val Coletta (Brampton Parks & Recreation), Jacquie Dover (Peel Health), Elicia Alleyne (Associated Youth Services of Peel)

**Guests:** Rob Trujillo, Chris Burtron

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
<b>Introductions</b>	Everyone introduced themselves. Dorothy introduced Charmaine as the (pending) new Administrative Assistant for PYVPN.	
<b>Presentation by Peel Regional Police</b>	Chris Burtron and Robert Trujillo from Peel Regional Police – Intelligence Gangs Unit did a presentation on gangs in Peel. 1. General overview of the Gangs Unit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Street gang definition – 3 or more people with a common name or identifiers and engage in criminal activity.</li> <li>○ The unit has 6 full time officers handling Bloods and</li> </ul>	

- Crips gangs, along with Latino gangs. The Unit is monitor the Mo
- Why young people join gangs
  - 2. Gang Unit update – goals & objectives
  - 3. Role and function of the Gang Unit
  - 4. Gang Unit strategies – current initiatives
  - 5. **S.T.E.P.** – Strategic and Tactical Enforcement Program – started last fall and recently received \$1M in funding from Provincial Government. It is comprised of 12 specially trained officers and mainly targets cases that involved firearms.
  - 6. **Y.I.M.P.** – Youth Intervention Monitoring Program – not separately funded and targets younger age group. Reference made to “Mouse”, a documentary done with the Catholic School Board regarding gang activity.
  - 7. Gang Unit stats
  - 8. Regional overview – shows increase in gangs and
  - 9. Current gang trends – most members are between 15 and 35 years
  - 10. Gang member tattoos
  - 11. Gang hand signs and symbols
  - 12. Gang guns
  - 13. Gang graffiti vs tagging – gang graffiti is readable, tagging is not
  - 14. GangNET – Intelligence Database
  - 15. Literature and film – reviewed several books available in bookstores. Also available for reference, 50’s documentary “Gang Boy”

Contact information: [Robert.trujillo@peelpolice.on.ca](mailto:Robert.trujillo@peelpolice.on.ca)  
 Intelligence Gang Unit Tel: 647-999-7686  
 Presentations available to schools etc.

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Minutes from last meeting approved by all present.	
<b>Updates from Dorothy</b>	Focus groups – Caledon Youth Services will be hosting a focus group, and the date is to be confirmed. Square One confirmed	Dorothy to follow up on BNRC focus group

for October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:00. Waiting for a response from BNRC.

Questions for youth, note taking, and other details to be worked out.

Special meeting at Region of Peel on October 16, 10:30 am. Peel Regional Police meeting with Council about homicide levels in Peel.

Looking into funding for continuation – requested approval for half time Communications Associate and 1 full time Administrative Assistant.

A teleconference on October 10<sup>th</sup> has been set up for chairs of working groups.

Melissa and Chris to set up???

**Next Meeting**

**November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Centre for Education & Training

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

2 Robert Speck, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

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Major Intersection: Burnhamthorpe/ Hurontario (across from Square One in the building with Scotia Bank)

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

United Way of Peel Region

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Host: Nicole Dupuis

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