



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

Wednesday April 8, 2009, 1:30-3:30 pm

**Host/Location:** Karen Anslow, Nexus Youth Services  
25 Queen St. East, Brampton

**Chair:** Melissa Punambolam

**Minutes:** Charmaine Blair

**Present:**

**Chair:** Melissa Punambolam - Home Free Consulting  
Ashley Lyons – Safe City Mississauga  
Dorothy Fetterly – Peel Health  
Charmaine Blair – Peel Health  
Lisa Boyce-Gonsalves – City of Mississauga  
Catherine Hughes – Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program  
Karen Anslow – Nexus  
Anita Roodal – AYSP  
Dave Seal – Peel Regional Police  
Glenna Dutton – E. Fry  
Tim Stevens – Our Place Peel  
Tom Linkletter – Town of Caledon, Caledon Youth Services

**Regrets:**

(Chair) Chris Pimento – Youth Justice Services, Brampton  
Khadija Ellis – Centre for Education & Training  
Nicole Dupuis – United Way of Peel Region  
Roxanne Challenger – Centre for Education & Training  
Liz Van Eysinga – Brampton Parks & Recreation  
Sheena Rampersaud – BNRC  
Tony DaSilva – DPCDSB  
Val Coletta – Brampton Parks & Recreation  
Jacquie Dover – Peel Health  
Jaya Mootoo-Szypulewski – The Heal Network  
Gary Glowacki – The Bridge  
Nancy Rowland – City of Brampton  
Helena Rumley – Dixie-Bloor Employment Resources  
Paula D’Angelo – Ontario Works-Region of Peel  
Glenda LaCoste – DPCDSB  
Melanie Amos – EMYOP  
Ed Daniszewski – Peel District School Board

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. <b>Introductions</b>	Everyone introduced themselves. A welcome extended to new member Tim Stevens from Our Place Peel.	
2. <b>Additions to Agenda</b>	7Ms - Vancouver Sun article on Anthony Hutchinson	

<p><b>3. Review of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes from February meeting approved with changes in attendance: Ashley &amp; Dorothy were not present.</p>	<p>Charmaine to edit minutes</p>
<p><b>4. Workplans &amp; 3 yr Vision</b></p>	<p><b>Active Community Partnerships</b>  The group looked at how information can be distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information available through e-mails and notifications can be redundant if we look at doing the same thing.</li> <li>• Community announcements are informative to all agencies and can be filtered out to their clients.</li> <li>• Better to have more information than less</li> <li>• The group agrees that information should continue to be e-mailed, but having it in one location like a calendar or the website is also helpful.</li> </ul> <p><b>Youth Advisory Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth can be leaders and champions for getting information out. They can educate and recruit other youth.</li> <li>• Youth would like incentives like getting paid or accumulating community service hours</li> <li>• Youth saw the Youth Advisory group meetings as a good place for learning or training opportunities</li> <li>• The opportunity for employment can come later, but we need to determine how to reach the underserved youth.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <p>What are we willing to offer and what do we want from them? The youth indicated that they would like jobs and training opportunities, as well as a chance to participate in activities that matter to them.</p> <p>Ashley commented that Safe City may be able to provide some training opportunities.</p> <p>Dorothy – the purpose of the advisory group is so the youth can have a voice. It creates a core group of youth that we can tap into the help with various programs and events</p>	

What is the commitment of the members to be there for monthly meetings? Who can help facilitate? Melissa & Charmaine are willing to facilitate meetings but support from other group members is needed

Khadija & Catherine will look into their agencies

Youth for youth – representation of youth from other agencies. How do you want to interact with other youth?

Dorothy mentioned that there may be a funding opportunity for youth workers to manage the group through one of the agencies. A proposal can be drafted to present one of the agencies as a host for a youth mentoring program. This will present an opportunity to create a group whose responsibilities are:

- Youth liaison
- Contact for Youth Advisory
- Event co-ordinator

The next Youth Advisory meeting is April 16<sup>th</sup>

- Pamphlets and information from the agencies would be helpful – drop them off at the CET office with Khadija's name on it
- Planning to do a fun or learning activity
- Will discuss their involvement in the community forums and events.

Anita suggested that she may be able to send youth to the group meetings. The recommendation was to wait until the group has some direction.

Troubled youth may not want to be there, but there could be advantages to them being sanctioned to attend like positive influences and mentorship.

Can this be viewed as a drop-in opportunity for some youth?

## 5. One Voice One Hope

### What is the purpose/intent?

1. To raise awareness about the PYVPN and bring the community together
2. Provide information for parents and youth and give them the

	<p>opportunity to play together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This event would include youth entertainment and sports events/personalities</li> <li>• Youth can participate in planning entertainment and artwork/flyers, promoting</li> <li>• Places like Pizza Pizza that have their community outreach may be willing to sponsor</li> <li>• There may be an opportunity for the working group to go to the Police organizations and request their support. For advertising purposes they can use the Community Liaison Office.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion on speakers:</b>  The speaker Kathy was suggested as she appeals to both parents and youth. Ideas for other speakers are welcome.</p> <p>Dave Seal suggested another speaker who talks about her own experiences, Andree Cazabon who did a video for CBC. Cathy mentioned another speaker who talked about her experiences with being bullied.</p> <p>Maybe a number of speakers could be considered as the youth group indicated this would be something of interest to them. We can look at gathering information on all of them.</p>	<p><b>Group members to gather information on possible speakers for the event and bring to next meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>6. Updates from Dorothy</b></p>	<p><b>Steering Committee:</b></p> <p><b>Uprooting Youth Violence:</b> The forum is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30 to 6:30. The purpose is to make sure youth have a voice when they go to Queen's Park on May 6<sup>th</sup> for a call to action and to present a resolution for a Secretariat to be established to follow up on the recommendations that are in the Roots of Youth Violence. Ashley, Michelle, and Amna from the United Way appeared on Talk Local (Rogers) as representation for the Network.</p> <p>The <b>Connect2ENDviolence</b> website will be launching at 12 noon on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Regional Council headquarters. This is an interactive website where the public can ask questions and voice their thoughts</p>	

	<p>about violence in their communities. The website is co-chaired by Gael Miles who is also the chair for PYVFN. The site address will be <a href="http://www.connect2ENDviolence.ca">www.connect2ENDviolence.ca</a></p> <p><b>Families Workgroup:</b> The second phase of the Parenting Program is finished and the evaluation is currently being done. The third set of workshops started on March 31st at Allen Drive Middle School in Bolton</p> <p>The Education and Community Development workgroups did not meet in March.</p>	
<p><b>7. Committee Membership updates</b></p>	<p><b>Safe City Mississauga:</b> Now hosting a campaign to encourage neighbourhoods to have a street or neighbourhood party on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open.</p> <p>Brampton Safe City: Centre for Community Safety will have its official opening on Monday May 4, 2009. Open House from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and the reception is from 5:00 to 6:30 pm</p> <p>Fletcher's Meadow is looking to have people participate in creating a PEACE quilt</p> <p><b>No other updates.</b></p>	
<p><b>8. Next Meeting(s)</b></p>	<p><b>May 13th , 2009</b> <b>1:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b> <b>Dixie-Bloor Neighbourhood Centre</b> <b>3415 Dixie Road</b> <b>Mississauga, ON</b> <b>L4Y 2B1</b> <b>(905) 206-9708</b></p>	<p><b>Host: Helena Rumley</b></p>