



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

Wednesday February 11, 2009, 1:30-3:30 pm

**Host/Location:** City of Mississauga

950 Burnhamthorpe Rd W, Mississauga

**Chairs:** Chris Pimento, Melissa Punambolam

**Minutes:** Charmaine Blair

**Present:**

Chris Pimento – Youth Justice Services, Brampton  
 Ashley Lyons – Safe City Mississauga  
 Melissa Punambolam – DPCDSB  
 Dorothy Fetterly – Peel Health  
 Charmaine Blair – Peel Health  
 Lisa Boyce-Gonsalves – City of Mississauga  
 Catherine Hughes – Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program  
 Karen Anslow – Nexus  
 Gary Glowacki – The Bridge  
 Paula D’Angelo – Ontario Works-Region of Peel  
 Helena Rumley – Dixie-Bloor Employment Resources  
 Melanie Amos – EMYOP  
 Dave Seal – Peel Regional Police  
 Glenna Dutton – E. Fry  
 Ed Daniszewski – Peel District School Board

**Regrets:**

Ryan Grant – Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program  
 Khadija Ellis – Centre for Education & Training  
 Tom Linkletter – Town of Caledon, Caledon Youth Services  
 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  
 Anita Roodal – AYSP  
 Jaya Mootoo-Szypulewski – The Heal Network  
 Glenda LaCoste – DPCDSB

**Guest:** Mark Wong – Dixie Bloor Employment Services

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves. A welcome extended to Mark Wong from Dixie Bloor Employment Services.	
2. Additions to Agenda	No additions	

<p><b>3. Review of Minutes</b></p>	<p>Minutes from January meeting approved with one exception: amendment to show Ashley Lyons was <u>not</u> present.</p>	<p>Charmaine to edit minutes</p>
<p><b>4. Youth Engagement</b></p>	<p>Youth Advisory group discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey results reviewed. 6 responses received and 6 people willing to participate including 1 referral</li> <li>• The group agreed to move ahead with the existing youth along with other youth that expressed interest.</li> <li>• The invitation will be sent to group members who will filter out to youth in their agencies.</li> <li>• The expectation from the youth is only for the one day, and then we will see what the interest is like.</li> <li>• Questions from the original focus groups (recap) to confirm the information and encourage the youth to discuss it further.</li> <li>• The meeting should be held before March Break. Date and location still to be determined. A number of possible locations were discussed.</li> <li>• Bus tickets and pizza will be purchased with Youth working group funds.</li> <li>• Lisa reviewed the discussion guide developed by the sub-committee – Chris, Glenda, Gary, Paula, Dorothy, Lisa, and Melissa. The discussion will be based on a re-cap of issues expressed by youth, such as transportation and resources.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Group members</b> to send location possibilities to Charmaine.</p> <p><b>Charmaine and Dorothy</b> to determine time and location and schedule youth advisory group meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. Ontario Justice Education Network</b></p>	<p>The group will determine how to move ahead when the responses are received from the Youth Advisory Group.</p>	
<p><b>6. Updates from Dorothy</b></p>	<p><b>Steering Committee:</b> The Steering Committee planning meeting was on February 9<sup>th</sup> and the four original goals of the network still stand.</p> <p>Chief Metcalf attended the planning meeting and reviewed some statistics, but maintained that the focus for youth needs to be on mental health issues, officers in schools, and continuing progress with the Peel Regional Police 5 point plan.</p>	

**Youth Gang Funding:**

The funding group has made progress with targeted outcomes, but they cannot submit a proposal yet.

- More one on one support for underserved youth, using the agencies involved with the Network
- Hire 5 to 10 Child & Youth Workers

The federal requirement is based on best practices, and the NCSS is sharing similar practices.

Catherine commented that from a community agency perspective, those doing the work in the community at a grassroots level should be participating in the planning.

Dorothy confirmed that the proposal will eventually involve PYVPN agencies.

**2009 budget approved:** Approval granted for a regular full time Administrative Assistant (Charmaine), and a Communications person. There may be funds available for a youth forum.

**Families Workgroup:**

The Parenting Program has produced positive results and already has 9 families signed up for their second phase, at Shelter's Bay in the Meadowvale area. In March, the program will move to Allen Drive school in Bolton.

**EMYOP: The community forum** with Alvin Curling (Roots of Youth Violence) as keynote speaker will be held on March 10 @ 7:00 pm, at the Erin Mills United Church. The forum will involve a youth panel and other guest appearances.

**7. Committee Membership updates**

**Chris met with Avida Akinsiku** from Volunteer and Community Partnerships, and she has an interest in the committee. The group will also be looking to build school board and faith-based partnerships.

**Gary spoke to Rev. Scott Brush.** There is a need for a new Youth Detention and Custody Care centre. Youth over 16 just west of Yonge Street are normally sent to the Hamilton Detention Centre.

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<p><b>8. Youth Can Move The World</b></p>	<p>Ashley (Dixie-Bloor) and Melissa (Safe City Mississauga) will represent PYVPN at the Youth Can Move The World symposium. Dorothy will also attend on the Network's behalf.</p>	
<p><b>9. Next Meeting(s)</b></p>	<p><b>March 11, 2009</b>  <b>1:30 – 3:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Elizabeth Fry Society</b>          24 Queen St. East          Suite LL-01          Brampton          Tel: 905-459-1315</p>	