

Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Steering Committee Meeting
Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
5th Floor Boardroom
Thursday, August 7, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Gael Miles, Chair – Regional Councillor, Katie Mahoney – Regional Councillor Larry Zacher – Brampton Safe City, Emil Kolb – Chair, Region of Peel, Pat Saito – Regional Councillor, Shelley White – United Way of Peel Region, Marolyn Morrison – Mayor, Town of Caledon, Janette Smith – Commissioner of Health Services, Keith Ward – Commissioner of Human Services, Jane Loppe – Peel Public Health, David Green – Peel District School Board, Valerie Arnold-Judge – Peel District School Board, Tony DaSilva – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

Regrets: Greg Sweeney – Caledon OPP, Sue McFadden – Regional Councillor, Jeff White – Peel District School Board, Mike Trauzzi – Peel Regional Police, Jana Manolakos – Senior Public Affairs Associate, Dorothy Fetterly - Peel Public Health

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gael Miles welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

2. Approval of / Additions to Agenda

Valerie Arnold-Judge moved approval of the agenda. Approved

3. Approval of Minutes of , 2008

Larry Zacher moved approval of the minutes of July 3rd meeting. Approved

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Reflections of the Symposium

The committee were in agreement that the Symposium was a positive day. It offered everyone a great opportunity to reconnect, to look at what was done (achievements), what was not done and direction for the future..They also agreed that it should be repeated annually.

It was suggested that we craft the visioning exercise carefully for next year to avoid revalidating “old ground” and repeating what has already been

talked about. Questions need to be practical, detailed and specific, working from the original 29 recommendations.

There was concern that some working group plans were incomplete. Jane advised that Dorothy was facilitating follow up meetings to complete. The committee was reminded that the working groups consist of many front-line staff who do not have the authority to commit resources. Also some attendees were new to the Working Groups. Working groups should be encouraged consider actions that do not cost a lot of money to move forward.

The discussion moved on to ways that the Steering Committee could assist the working groups to move forward.

- ◆ Is the role of the Steering Committee and Network to provide services or facilitate the development of services to meet community needs and gaps? It was agreed that the role is to “facilitate”. The individual agencies provide services and run programs. We facilitate obtaining resources for others to run programs.
- ◆ It was suggested that the Steering Committee has a better understanding of the big picture and that we use the vision and strategic goals to develop a high level strategic plan with clear deliverables at the end of three years. The Working groups would then identify achievable goals within this strategy.
- ◆ We should also look at other major initiatives in the community that we could coordinate and collaborate with including; Community Investment Strategy, Neighbourhood Strategy, United Way initiatives,, Success by Six,(especially the mapping Neighbourhood project) and Newcomer Strategy.
- ◆ We need to find ways to communicate to parents and kids. Gangs are growing not shrinking. Parents need to have information about our partners’ programs; they need to know what services are; and where they are available. GIS mapping of youth and services, utilize 211, and information kiosks throughout major malls were suggested.

Action: By June 2009: we should produce

- ◆ A Community Map which shows where youth live and the services available. Investigate using same neighbourhoods as Success by Six and adding youth related data.
- ◆ A strategy which includes goals, concrete actions and targets for the Steering Committee and to guide working groups to set their goals

This information can then be used to lobby the provincial and federal government for resources; policy changes e.g. Roots of Youth Violence.

Action: Public Health Staff will amend the existing material (vision, goal document and the original directions from the forum) and create a draft 3 year strategy including goals, objectives, action plan. Dorothy will work with working groups to complete the plans from the June Forum.

5. New Business

5.1. Implementation Plan and 2009 Budget

Janette presented a draft budget for 2009 to support Youth Violence Prevention Network and Strategy. There is currently \$100,000 in the base budget which includes a full time CDW (Dorothy Fetterly). A full time Communications Associate and Administrative Assistant are also needed to support the strategic goals outlined by the Steering Committee. A communications campaign for parents or the community at large is approximately \$150,000. Total is \$276,000 new monies. The group discussed whether the Region of Peel should be the main source of funds or should partners on the Steering Committee provide resources as well as it is a shared responsibility to fund the Network and Strategy. We also need to demonstrate that we are using the funds to leverage and pull together other activities/funds into a more comprehensive effort against youth violence. The Committee then discussed other sources of funding:

- ◆ Roots of Youth Violence recommendations and follow up will possibly fund building neighbourhood capacity activities,
- ◆ Approach Jim Grier to discuss how PYVPN follows in the continuum from Success by Six
- ◆ School Boards could be approached to donate in kind support if budget dollars per se are not feasible.. E.g. Could possibly house and manage evaluation and research
- ◆ Still need to consider how the private sector can support
- ◆ United Way is funding \$300,000 over three years for building stronger neighbourhoods. Shelley indicated that the United Way may also be able to budget \$50,000 toward the Youth Violence Prevention Strategy
- ◆ Emil suggested that Peel Police could help pull together a proposal for the Ministry

Action: David and Valerie meet with school services finance to look at ways the Boards could support the Network Strategy with in-kind or financial resources.

Action: Jane and Janette to put together a list of concrete “asks” the Board or other partners could provide to support the Network.

5.2. Mississauga Youth Summit Report – Katie

Report is attached.

5.3. Youth Gang Prevention Fund (National Crime Prevention Strategy) –

Dorothy has been approached by staff at the City of Mississauga to work together with PYVPN to apply for funding from the Youth Gang Prevention Fund (YGPF). The funding is through Public Safety Canada and their objective is to invest in communities where youth gangs are an existing or emerging threat. The objectives of this funding are very similar to what PYVPN is trying to accomplish in Peel. The funder wants to support knowledge and evidence-based community interventions that target gun violence and gang-related issues by tackling their root causes.

Action: Dorothy will arrange a meeting with the working group chairs and the staff from the City of Mississauga and other identified partners to discuss this funding opportunity further.

Next Meeting:

Thursday September 11, 2008
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Peel Regional Headquarters
10 Peel Centre Drive
5th Floor Boardroom
Brampton

Thursday October 2, 2008

Thursday November 20, 2008

Thursday December 4, 2008