

Peel Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee Meeting
Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
5th Executive Boardroom
Thursday, February 14, 2008
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Members Present: Gael Miles (Chair) – *Regional Councillor*, Janette Smith – *Commissioner of Health Services*, Valerie Arnold-Judge – *Peel District School Board*, Tony DaSilva – *Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board*, Mike Trauzzi – *Peel Regional Police*, Sue McFadden – *Regional Councillor*, Pat Saito – *Regional Councillor*, Keith Ward – *Commissioner of Human Services*, Karen McNeil – *Senior Manager, Centre for Education & Training*, Roxanne Challenger – *Centre for Education & Training*, Dorothy Fetterly – *Peel Public Health*, Jane Loppe – *Peel Public Health*

Regrets: Katie Mahoney – *Regional Councillor*, Marolyn Morrison – *Mayor, Town of Caledon*

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Presentation from Centre for Education & Training:

Karen McNeil, Senior Manager and Roxanne Challenger, Consultant, Youth Opportunities. An overview of services was provided and handouts were given to group.

- HBI College: A 6 month program with courses in Law, Tech, and Business available.
- Employment Resource Centres: Access to research materials, use of computers, resume critiqued.
- Career Coach: Mobile bus that goes to mall parking lots for access by youth and adults. Funded by multi government agencies. Joint youth and newcomers to Canada initiative. Bus available to come to events when booked in advance. Contact Mona McKinnon. Will be at Youth Can Move the World Symposium.
- Newcomer & Language Services: A free, walk-in service for newcomers to Canada. Resources and staff available to assist and will refer to other local agencies.

- Youth Opportunities: A 12 week program available to youth that are out of school and out of work to meet short and long term needs. 15-30 youth in program. Provides 1:1 counselling, resume and interviewing skills workshops and access to computers and fax. Wage subsidy program available for 24-26 weeks for employers.
- Youth Employability Skills Program: A 12 week program for youth who aren't ready to get back into work. They are paid to attend program.
- GED Preparation Program: 60-100 hour program preparing for secondary school graduation equivalency exam.
- Some barriers to employment for youth are self esteem and transportation.
- Success rates for programs are quite high.
- Peel Industry & Education Partnership: Website. Education with business community. Making connections – preparing workforce. Enhancing opportunities. Help people to know what's available. Mayor's breakfast brings industry and education together.

Action: Email to add to presentation about Peel Youth Violence Prevention Strategy with the Boards of Trade in the spring 2008.

- Teachers and educators need to have information. Kids need to hear at an earlier age.
- 2008 Jobs Market: March 31 and April 1, 2008 at International Centre. Participants will have direct access to employers, attend job search seminars, explore community employment agencies in Peel, have resume reviewed by a professional, and apply on-site for jobs.
- Social & Enterprise (SETI):
 - a. Worked with this group to have groups in Toronto.
 - b. Look at money issues. Credit and debt – manage a budget.
 - c. Explore entrepreneurial potential.
 - d. Youth crime prevention strategy. 10 youth - resource database, created website
 - e. Involved youth do themselves
 - f. Helped build playground
 - g. \$350,000.00
 - h. If we have \$\$ does Larry have space?
- Youth for Crime Prevention: Past program. Promote crime prevention. Website, posters, workplace component. Justice Canada, Human Resource Canada. Can we obtain results?

Discussion:

- Mississauga Connections: What is out there for employment? How to involve other groups. Employment Ontario Website.

ACTION: To make sure that our website has the links for the various employment agencies on it.

3. Approval of/Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. Approval of the agenda was moved by Valerie Arnold- Judge. Approved

4. Approval of the Minutes of January 24, 2008

Susan McFadden moved the approval of the minutes of January 24, 2008 Approved.

5. Updates from the Working Groups:

Groups are meeting and working through their various workplans. The Services and Support for Youth working group will be attending the Youth Can Move the World event to promote this strategy and also ask for volunteers for some of their initiatives.

6. Announcements:

Peel Youth Violence Steering Committee 2008 Planning Meeting is Monday, February 25, 2008 at Holiday Inn Select at 9am. Breakfast will be provided.

Larry Zacher highlighted the upcoming Community Investment Strategy focus groups being held across the region. United Way of Peel and the Region of Peel are hosting these focus groups to gather community input to assist them in setting their funding priorities for the next five years. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Dorothy mentioned that the Families Working Group participated in a mini focus group with United Way because of this groups interest in dealing with families with children aged 6 – 12.

2008 Meeting Schedule

2008 meetings are as follows

▪ March 20	▪ August 7
▪ April 10	▪ September 11
▪ May 8	▪ October 2
▪ June 19	▪ November 20
▪ July 3	▪ December 4

All meetings will be held from 8:15-9:15 am in the 5th Floor Boardroom, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton.