

Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Steering Committee Meeting
Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
5th Floor Boardroom
Thursday, November 6, 2008
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Gael Miles, Chair – Regional Councillor, Katie Mahoney – Regional Councillor Larry Zacher – Brampton Safe City, Emil Kolb – Chair, Region of Peel, Janette Smith – Commissioner of Health Services, Pat Saito – Regional Councillor, 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, Dorothy Fetterly - Peel Public Health, Sue McFadden – Regional Councillor, Mike Trauzzi – Peel Regional Police, Greg Sweeney – Caledon OPP, Charmaine Blair – Peel Public Health, Shelley White – United Way of Peel Region

Regrets: Keith Ward – Commissioner of Human Services, Marolyn Morrison – Mayor, Town of Caledon, Jeff White – Peel District School Board

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gael Miles welcomed everyone and introduced Charmaine Blair from Peel Health, the new Administrative Assistant to the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network.

Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Approval of / Additions to Agenda

Agenda items deferred due to time constraints:

- Brampton North – Toronto Star article.
- Working Groups updates.

Gael Miles moved the approval of the agenda.

Approved

3. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2008

Deferred

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Meetings with both School Boards – Janette Smith

- Discussion on the School Board Meetings will be incorporated as part of funding discussion.

4.2. 2009 Meeting Dates

Dorothy confirmed Steering Committee meeting dates for upcoming year. Please note the half-day planning meeting scheduled for February 9th, 2009 – 9:00am to noon.

*** The approved meeting dates are attached.**

5. New Business

5.1. Funding Opportunities

- Gael and Larry will be attending a meeting with the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) on Thursday, November 20th in Ottawa. They will be looking at funding opportunities and asked the Steering Committee for input.
- There was a teleconference on October 10th with PYPVN, City of Mississauga and Student's Youth Commission to discuss youth violence funding proposal for National Crime Prevention. A follow up planning meeting is scheduled for November 24th.
- Shelly White reported that Success by Six is looking at targeting older kids due to a lack of programs for children between the ages of seven and thirteen. It has been determined that more focus is needed for age groups above 6 years old.
- A discussion was had on whether the Network had articulated and approved key messages to be able to respond to recent police summit or Roots of Violence report. Key messages were developed for Roots of Youth Violence during the consultation.
- One area we have not discussed is the Youth Criminal Justice System. It was agreed we need to better the implications. Police and probation representatives in working groups to provide input. This is an area we can discuss with the Chief when he comes to the Steering Committee meeting.
- An update on the communications strategy should come to a future meeting.

5.2. Related Initiatives

Roots of Violence Report:

- The work of Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network is very much in line with recommendations.
- Chief Metcalf will be asked for a written response on report.
- Boys and Girls Club and United Way of Peel are also developing responses.
- Recommendation that we lobby for representation from Peel when a Cabinet Committee is formed. Could be Network representation or representation from Brampton Safe City and Mississauga Safe City.
- The Government Relations Committee of Council will be calling a meeting of all MPP's. Should this be an issue, members may also meet with MPP's individually. A request will go to MPP Linda Jeffrey to lobby Government Relations Committee to have them speak collectively.

Action: Larry will meet with MPP Linda Jeffrey and should have a response in the next week or two.

Action: Peel Health staff to develop response to Roots of Youth Violence report recommendations for Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network chair's signature.

5.3. Follow-up from the Special Police Meeting with Regional Council – October 16th

Peel Regional Police plan to move ahead with a summit on Community Safety in 2009.

- Looking at a date in May, and it will be at the Mississauga Convention Centre or Pearson Convention Centre.
- A Steering Committee has been developed. There are 2 co-chairs – Gael Miles representing Network, and Frank Dale representing Police Services board. Gael will be co-chairing on the Network's behalf to represent the work done over the past 2 years.
- Janette will also be on the steering committee.
- The summit will be looking at the spectrum of violence issues and concerns, not only for youth.
- There is a need for a co-ordinated strategy and communication plan to address the public concerns.
- Chair Kolb commented that it was pointed out to him that increasing police numbers will not help, and that parents have to play a role. The public has to be prepared to talk about these issues.

An invitation will be extended to Chief Metcalf of Peel Regional Police to attend the 3 hour meeting on February 9th to discuss violence related issues.

Action: Chair Emil Kolb to invite Chief Metcalf to the February meeting.

6. Announcements

Teresa Ogilvy from Safe City Mississauga will be attending the December 4th meeting.

7. School Boards

- A brief discussion was held regarding the connections between the schools and community. Once children leave the school grounds, the school rules no longer apply. Barriers between school grounds and surrounding areas need to be broken down.
- Many teachers are dealing with difficult youth and need assistance – when they identify a student with mental health or anger management issues, they have no place to send them for immediate help because of long waitlists and a lack of supporting programs/agencies.
- Identify and improve connection between teachers and police in schools. How are they communicating?

8. Potential gaps and services

- Parenting – there is a need for support and involvement from parents throughout 0 – 18 years.
- As a diverse community, we need to address generational, cultural, and religious barriers and develop solutions for parenting programs that are culturally sensitive.
- Youth mental health issues – LHINS are accountable for mental health planning and funding.
- More youth workers are needed – both school and community based
- There are currently youth initiatives to take back the playgrounds in some areas. Youth can work on similar initiatives to take back the schools and neighbourhoods, and take ownership so they can feel safe.

Next Meeting:

Thursday December 4, 2008

8:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

Region of Peel Headquarters

10 Peel Centre Drive, 5th Floor Boardroom

Brampton

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