

Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Steering Committee Meeting
Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
5th Floor Boardroom
Thursday, January 22, 2009
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, Marolyn Morrison – Mayor, Town of Caledon, Jane Loppe – Peel Public Health, Valerie Arnold-Judge – Peel District School Board, Dorothy Fetterly - Peel Public Health, Greg Sweeney – Caledon OPP, Charmaine Blair – Peel Public Health, Shelley White – United Way of Peel Region, Teresa Burgess-Ogilvie - Safe City Mississauga, Keith Ward – Commissioner of Human Services

Regrets: Sue McFadden – Regional Councillor, Tony DaSilva – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, David Green – Peel District School Board, John Betts – Peel Regional Police, Allison Van Wagner - Peel District School Board

Minute Taker: Charmaine Blair

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Meeting called to order at 8:45 am

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gael Miles welcomed everyone and introduced Teresa Burgess-Ogilvie, Executive Director of Safe City Mississauga, as a new member of the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network Steering Committee.

2. Approval of / Additions to Agenda

Valerie Arnold Judge moved the approval of the revised agenda.

Approved

Additions to the agenda:

- February 9th planning meeting (6.5)

Deferred:

- Updates on working groups – Dorothy Fetterly

Information only:

- Mayor's Youth Advisory Mississauga Violence Report – Katie Mahoney

3. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2008

Minutes moved by Larry Zacher
Seconded by Valerie Arnold-Judge
Minutes approved.

4. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2008

Minutes moved by Pat Saito
Seconded by Greg Sweeney
Minutes approved.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1. Meetings with School Boards

Tony Da Silva, Janette Smith and Dorothy Fetterly met with Ralph Borrelli, Associate Director DPCDSB

- Discussed their Alternative High School program at Archbishop Romero CSS. Graduates were invited to a Board meeting to discuss how this type of school has influenced their lives and kept them engaged in school.
- Challenges include engaging the kids:
 - Some youth seem to show more interest in the cyber world.
 - Lack of mental health supports. In many cases, dealing with an 18 month waitlist.

Allison Van Wagner, Valerie Arnold Judge, David Green, Janette Smith and Dorothy Fetterly met with Jim Grieve, Director of Education at the Peel District School Board:

- Jim Grieve strongly noted the need for more access to recreational activities for youth and assistance with financial hardships. He expressed a keen interest in the Parenting Program developed by the Families working group, and would be willing to help find funds to broaden and implement the program.
- Jim raised the issue of mapping the services we have in Peel based on need.

Councillor Saito commented that a mapping of services was initiated by the Mayor of Mississauga. The intent is to work with the University of Toronto – Mississauga campus, where students would be assigned to mapping and inventory. The request would be put in to have it done for the entire region.

Janette Smith also indicated that the mapping of youth and where they are living in Peel has already been done.

When the question arose about hard resources, the requested funds (\$50K) are not available now; the boards are willing to look into providing space, staff, expertise, and continued “in kind” support.

Emil Kolb has requested that we find out how many students are in the Catholic and Public alternative high schools.

Action:

- Janette Smith will bring mapping information for discussion at the planning meeting in February.
- Trustees asked to provide the numbers of students attending alternative programs.

Regional Council approved funds to allow for 1.6 FTE (Administrative and Communications Support) with an additional \$50,000. A budget plan should be developed at, or following the February 9th planning meeting.

5.2. Meeting with Federal Representatives

Larry Zacher and Gael Miles met with Bob Cormier of the National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC):

- Any funds granted would be for youth that are at risk, in gangs, or in prison.
- The NCPC has published a list of best practices, and we should work closely with their staff to develop a proposal.
- Last year, there were over 400 applications for funding and Ontario will be eligible for funding late 2009 – early 2010.
- Larry met with PYVPN sub committee on funding and they are on track with the direction of their proposal.

PYVPN Steering Committee needs to still lobby for funds outside of the NCPC as there may be more funds available at a federal level.

The focus of the NCPC is a small part of the broader youth population and the PYVPN is more focused on all youth in our communities. With an average of \$1 – \$2 million available in a grant, support and encouragement should be provided to one of our agencies.

Dorothy Fetterly made reference to the funding sub-committee working towards the same goal. They are now looking at the concept of a few agencies hiring 5 youth workers who would be assigned 10 youth each and provide a hands-on approach. The goal is to work with 50 under-served young people in Peel over a 3 year period of time.

Emil Kolb suggested looking at the new Roy McMurtry Centre and developing a preventative program with the youth there.

It was agreed that we need to obtain whatever resources are available to address the issues we are facing, and we should ask our Federal MP's what they can do to assist us.

Action: Emil will meet with Federal MP, Minister of Safety from Simcoe County to advocate for support.

Action: Dorothy and Jane to put together a package for Chair Kolb to take to the meeting.

5.3. Update on the Community Summit

As a result of an October 2008 meeting, Peel Regional Police approved a five point plan. One point was to have community level involvement, which resulted in the decision to move ahead with a summit on Community Safety in 2009.

- The date for the Community Summit has been tentatively set for June 11th, 2009 and it will be held at the Pearson Convention Centre.
- Gael Miles is the co-chair with Frank Dale from the Police Services Board, and both school boards have representation on this Steering Committee.
- There will be an effort to engage the larger community through use of the internet.
- The hope is to encourage broader community participation and to engage and involve the public even after the summit.
- The summit is still in the planning stages. No final decisions have been made.

5.4. Meeting with MPP Linda Jeffrey

Larry Zacher met with Linda Jeffrey and she confirmed she supports the recommendations from the Roots of Youth Violence Report, and will be recommending we have representation on their Secretariat.

Steering Committee members are encouraged to meet with their MPs and MPPs to continue moving Violence Prevention issues forward.

Action: Katie Mahoney is to contact Charles Sousa.
Gael Miles and Larry Zacher are to contact Dr. Kular and Vic Dhillon.
Pat Saito is to contact Mississauga MPPs. Larry has approached Ruby Dhalla several times.

6. New Business

6.1. Communication Plan – PYVPN Presentation

Janette Smith reviewed the brand mission statement, new visual identifier, and new website. A literature search was conducted which showed that youth use the internet the most, but there is a significant gap in violence prevention topics.

The logo and website images were influenced by youth through an on line survey and focus groups. The voice bubble logo represents the “voice” of the youth and has a positive tone. For the website landing page, the youth liked the brick-wall image with the graffiti as that is what they relate to.

Endorsement of the new images would start a revamp of the website and communication materials. A budget was outlined in the presentation.

Approval of the new Voice logo and website landing page:

Katie Mahoney moved to approve the Voice logo and new website landing page.

2nd: Larry Zacher

Approved

Authorization was given to Jane Loppe to order new presentation folders and necessary materials.

Media opportunities will be discussed at the February 9th planning meeting. Topics could include the youth involvement in the development of the new image and what materials can be used for promoting public awareness and involvement. There are many options to be considered including car magnets.

Action: Jane Loppe will present quotes on additional promotional materials for the February 9th meeting.

6.2. Roots of Youth Violence Community Forum

Shelley White provided information on a Province wide initiative to advocate for implementation of the Roots of Youth Violence Report recommendations. Parties involved in this initiative include Frances Lankin – United Way, Boys & Girls Club, and Ontario Youth Employment Centre.

- There is access to \$1,000 through a Laidlaw grant to host the community forum.
- Invitations will be given to Roy McMurtry and Alvin Curling to make an appearance and participate in the forum.
- A toolkit is available with format and templates. (Attached)
- The target audience will be community leaders – police, politicians, school boards, community organizations.
- A time-limited task force needs to be formed and invitations should go out to members of the PYVFN working groups and the network's youth advisory group.

The Steering Committee endorsed holding a Roots of Youth Violence community forum and a sub-committee of the Network will need to plan this event.

Sub-committee volunteers from the PYVFN Steering Committee are Marolyn Morrison, Teresa Burgess-Ogilvie, Shelley White, Larry Zacher, Valerie Arnold-Judge, and Dorothy Fetterly.

Action: Dorothy will contact Tony DaSilva about volunteering on this committee and arrange a meeting to discuss.

7. Announcements – Planning Meeting

The City of Mississauga is currently completing its budget process and as a result, the dates may conflict with the February 9th planning day.

The three year plan developed in the beginning of last year is to be brought forth at the meeting.

Larry Zacher has requested to add the lack of resources for youth including mental health and supports for parents.

Chief Metcalf of the Peel Regional Police will be attending the planning meeting and will be the first item on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

Planning Meeting

Monday February 9, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Brampton City Hall

4th floor - Council Committee Room

Brampton