



**Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network
Steering Committee Meeting
Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
5th Floor Boardroom
Thursday, March 5, 2009
8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

Members Present:

Chair, Katie Mahoney – Regional Councillor	Dorothy Fetterly - Peel Public Health
Larry Zacher – Brampton Safe City	Shelley White – United Way of Peel Region
Janette Smith – Commissioner of Health Services	Teresa Burgess-Ogilvie - Safe City Mississauga
Pat Saito – Regional Councillor	Sue McFadden – Regional Councillor
Marolyn Morrison – Mayor, Town of Caledon	Tony DaSilva – Dufferin-Peel Catholic District
Jane Loppe – Peel Public Health	Charmaine Blair – Peel Public Health
Valerie Arnold-Judge – Peel District School Board	David Green – Peel District School Board
John Betts – Peel Regional Police	Keith Ward – Commissioner of Human Services

Regrets:

Emil Kolb – Chair, Region of Peel	Greg Sweeney – Caledon OPP
Allison Van Wagner - Peel District School Board	Gael Miles – Regional Councillor

Guests: Elena DiBattista and Seema Taneja from Success by Six

Minute Taker: Charmaine Blair

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 8:20 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Katie Mahoney welcomed everyone and introduced guests Seema Taneja, Researcher, and Elena DiBattista, Executive Director of Success by Six.

2. Approval of / Additions to Agenda

Additions to the agenda:

- Mental Health (6.3)
- Information: Human Services update (6.4)

3. Approval of Minutes, January 22, 2009

Minutes moved by Valerie Arnold-Judge
Minutes approved.

4. Approval of Minutes, February 9, 2009

Minutes moved by Larry Zacher
Minutes approved.

Presentation: Success by Six – Service Delivery Areas in Peel

The project started two years ago as a report card for the municipal area of Peel, to ensure best planning and service delivery. It allows a closer look at what is happening in various communities.

Success by Six focused on small geographical areas with higher needs or that seemed more vulnerable. They identified service needs for all, not just for children up to 6 years old. Information was gathered from 2006 census and took these factors into consideration:

- Education
- Languages
- Low-income cut offs.

Geography size (number of people) analyzed:

- Mississauga 20,000
- Brampton 15,000
- Caledon 5,000

Caledon's geography was chosen by identified levels of service and represents entire community.

Identification process:

- Started two years ago as an internal consultation
- 50 people participated initially, and a broader consultation was done later
- Knowledge of geography / research
- Avoid L-shaped areas where there was limited use of services

Seema distributed a map identifying Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) and members of the Steering Committee have requested a map that identifies key roads and streets.

Web tables and fact sheets will be posted for each SDA on a website. This will allow easy access for anyone who needs this information.

Discussion:

Some committee members commented on the value of identifying Service Delivery Areas and how useful the data would be for many organizations. The Neighbourhood Capacity Support Strategy (NCSS) is currently using the same concept of SDAs.

Janette Smith added that there may be some challenge for Health Services to map the health data along with the same boundaries because of how health data is collected. We have requested the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion to purchase larger survey sample sizes in Peel so we can have more flexibility with data analysis.

Shelly White indicated that there is an initiative on the way to expand the focus for ages 0 – 24 years. This will be used for planning of continuum and development will begin shortly. It will be helpful to smaller organizations that do not currently have access, and often deal with concentrated areas of elderly or poverty.

There was some discussion of options to bring awareness. It would be an excellent foundation for identifying neighbourhoods and could support measurement initiatives by the Results Based Accountability (RBA) framework.

Action: Seema will provide Dorothy with a copy of the presentation for distribution to the Steering Committee.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1. Roots of Youth Violence Forum

Tony Da Silva, Larry Zacher and Shelly White provided an update regarding Peel's support of a Provincial Secretariat for the Roots of Youth Violence recommendations.

- A Provincial body called Youth Matters has been meeting and advising Roy McMurtry and Alvin Curling. The group will be hosting a forum on May 6, 2009 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The group has invited members of Legislation and Premier Dalton McGuinty to attend.
- The PYVPN Steering Committee has approved moving ahead with a Youth and Community forum to address the recommendations from the Roots of Youth Violence report. There is a meeting on this day to plan the forum for sometime in April.
- On Tuesday March 10th, there is a similar local event being presented by Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program (EMYOP), but the PYVPN forum would be much broader.

It was agreed that it would be good to have Regional Council help to endorse the Roots of Youth Violence recommendations and lend their voice to the establishment of a Provincial Secretariat. On May 6th, a request will go forth to Regional Council to endorse Peel representation on that secretariat.

David Green added that the School Boards of Ontario asked the Premier for a secretariat to be established and it was approved.

Keith announced that the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and Ministry of Community and Social Services will be separating to help focus on and put more resources into youth. This may be helpful to the Network.

5.2. Action Plan 2009 - 2010

Janette Smith presented the draft action plan to the Steering Committee members, as discussed at the February 9th planning meeting.

All members will review that action plan and feedback will be sent to Dorothy or Charmaine.

6. New Business

6.1. Peel Regional Police Statistics

John Betts of the Peel Regional Police was introduced to everyone as a new member of the Steering Committee.

John indicated that he has no new statistics to present at this time. Currently the police are working on “non enforcement”, where the focus would be on creating safe environments in schools and neighbourhoods.

John was asked if police data and statistics could be collated on regular basis and brought to Steering Committee meetings. He confirmed that the police receive data on a monthly and quarterly basis, broken down by division and he should be able to provide information from that data.

John also suggested that the committee could have a representative from Mississauga 11 Division or 12 Division as Brampton represents Divisions 33 and 34.

Action: John will collect statistics to bring to monthly Steering Committee meetings
A representative from the Mississauga division will be contacted and invited to join the Steering Committee.

6.2. Updates from Working Groups

Families Working Group: The second set of workshops for the Parenting Program has begun at Shelter Bay, a public school in the Meadowvale area. The first one was a success, and at this time they have nine families enrolled. The next phase of the program will be at Allan Drive Middle School in Bolton, and starts on March 23rd.

Education Working Group: There has been some discussion about the group amalgamating with the Families Working Group. The idea is very much supported by members of the Education group and the Steering Committee. Dorothy will be meeting with the working group chairs to discuss further. Dorothy confirmed the cause for the Education working group breakdown is not based on geography, but more on capacity and buy in.

Community Development Working Group: A similar recommendation to merge or dismantle this working group was raised, but is not being reviewed at this time. The February Community Development meeting was cancelled as many members were sick or unavailable.

Youth Working Group: The first Youth Advisory Group meeting will be held on Friday, March 6th. Kids from focus groups held in the Fall and some that signed up from the Youth Can Move The World Forum were invited to attend. Out of 23 youth invited, we have 12 who confirmed their attendance. Members of the working group including Charmaine and Dorothy will facilitate the session which will initially review what the youth indicated as concerns. Areas of transportation, police relationship, community services and supports for youth will be discussed.

The Youth working group has also been looking into the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) and discovered that there is a similar program already existing in Peel. Judges and law enforcers put on mock trials and involve the youth so that they have a better understanding of the system. The group will be looking further into this.

6.3. Mental Health Update

Janette Smith shared information about a committee formed through the Ontario Legislature to examine the access to Mental Health and Addictions services.

Action: Information on the Mental Health committee will be forwarded to Steering Committee members.

6.4. Human Services Update

Keith Ward provided an update in advance for the Steering Committee to review. There was a brief discussion about the outlined Human Services initiatives.

7. Announcements

On the subject of Shelter Bay, Sue McFadden pointed out that the Breakfast Program was cancelled at that school because of having nobody to run the program. They are now looking for a volunteer, and the Rotary is willing to pay for the program to continue.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Next meeting: April 2, 2009

8:15 – 9:30 am

10 Peel Centre Dr.

5th Floor Boardroom

Brampton.