

# London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Central Council Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Present: Elisabeth White, Kelly McManus, Anne Langille, Debbie Turnbull, Dev Sainani, German Gutierrez, Jean-Pierre Cantin, Mohamed Al-Adeimi, Salah Badawi, Lauren Touchant, Huda Hussein, and Nina Hamou.

Regrets: Vicki Esses, Trevor Hinds, Naeem Qureshi, Asma Ahmed, Munira Ahmed and Jo-Ann Hutchison.

## SUMMARY

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Elisabeth thanked the Central Council for their hard work that led to successful May 26 community consultation.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes for Tuesday, May 5 were approved.

### **Co-chair remarks**

Vicki Esses is unable to attend as she is sitting on the Welcoming Communities Initiative (WCI) governing council in Hamilton. This is the second time LIPs and WCI meet to discuss continuing partnerships.

Kelly recommended a sub-committee to discuss what is needed in terms of staffing for Phase Two of the LMLIP. The goal is to meet once and have recommendations prepared by July 16.

**ACTION: Jean-Pierre, German and Anne volunteered to review LMLIP staffing needs for Phase Two.**

### **Feedback from May 26 Community Consultations**

The Council approved the May 26 Community Strategy Meeting Report. Some members felt that had the whole Priority Setting Templates been shared, questions could have been better answered. On the other hand, some participants expressed that the presented information was too heavy.

The work presented in the sub-council templates will be part of the strategic plan. It was agreed that it may be up to each chair to make participants feel that their contributions have been well received.

Community feedback was reviewed. Staff will incorporate the following into the Strategic Plan:

- Need to put more emphasis on the issue of racism/discrimination.

- Create an introductory statement on how this document is intended to be used. Include the role of the LMLIP Council and sub-councils in supporting implementation.
- Additional context will be included regarding how LMLIP connects to other projects (i.e., Immigration Portal, Child and Youth Network).
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**ACTION: Staff to draft and send electronically.**

LMLIP will not be writing any letters of support to Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC). However, organizations are encouraged to reference the LMLIP Strategic Plan.

### **Strategic Plan Next Steps**

Our goal is to deliver the draft Strategic Plan to CIC by June 30, 2010. A copy of the Strategic Plan will be sent to the Council in draft format. The final will be complete by July 20, 2010. Hard copies of the final strategic plan will be brought to our August 17 meeting for distribution.

The Central Council felt there was not enough time for sub-councils to prioritize action items.

This next meeting of the sub-councils will be a transition meeting to celebrate, and set the tone for implementation in the Fall.

An email will be drafted to sub-councils outlining next steps for implementation. There will be a common agenda outlining LMLIP role, feedback and next steps.

**ACTION: Communication and dissemination plan will be shared with Central Council on August 17.**

### **Discussion on Chair and Vice Chair role**

The issue of roles was raised in the community's feedback. The terms "chair" and "co-chair" have been used in the Terms of Reference and during the selection process at the sub-council level. The actual intent was "chair" and "vice-chair". It was agreed that the sub-councils will be informed on this issue. It will also be reiterated that the Chair is the group's representative at the Central Council and the vice-chair will be delegated to the Central Council's meeting only in the absence of the chair.

**ACTION: The term "co-chair" will be changed to "vice-chair" in the Terms of Reference.**

### **Protocol for Media Response**

Discussion on the public presence for the LIP Council in our community was deferred to next meeting. It was suggested that a group be set up to look into existing policies, including OCASI's policy for responding to the media.

**ACTION: Dev and Lauren volunteered to work with staff to look at existing protocols and bring a recommended LMLIP approach to Council on August 17.**

### **Wrap-up and Next Meeting**

Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, August 17, 2010

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