

**London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership
Employment Sub-Council**

Tuesday, April 6, 2010 (10:30 – 12:30)

Location: Pathways Skills Development Centre Room, 1295 Highbury Ave. N Unit # 7

Present: Anne Langille, Sammy Farhane, Jennifer Hollis, Lisa Pace, Ramona Lucan, Sergio Chuy, Sally Bennett, Shakil Popatyi, Stacey Noronha, Zuzanna Johnson and Huda Hussein

Regrets: Ana Maria Escobar, Eleanor Weedmark, Nancy McQuillan, Gord Fansher, Deb Mountenay, Nathan Ross and Robert Collins.

Welcome & Introductions: Anne thanked the group for their contribution and continued commitment.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes reviewed and approved

Updates:

Group was informed on the key milestones for the LMLIP Council. Group was requested to mark their calendar for May 26 Community Strategy Meeting which will be held at the Convention Centre (1-4:30 p.m.). The draft Priority Template should be delivered to the Central Council by April 23, 2010.

Review of Priorities:

Anne requested group to review the rationale and timeline projections that she worked on and asked group for feedback. After review, group agreed to the presented rationale under the communication/integration theme. Anne directed the group to today's discussion of the second theme: **Employer Connections**

- a. Group approved of the summary expression of the theme
- b. Welcoming Communities Initiative - Report highlighted the successful resources in place in London. The Access Centre for Regulatory Employment was not in the report but it is recognized as an excellent resource for immigrants seeking either employment or post graduate studies. Once again group is reminded, when identifying activities, to build upon the excellent resources available in the city.
- c. Sub-council needs to liaise with ESCLM on adapting materials for common assessment process. Sergio Chuy to follow with the Common Assessment committee.
- d. Please see attached edited template reflecting today's discussions.

Theme Three: Technical Issues/Systemic Barriers:

Group outlined the summary expression of the theme: **Advocate for a system that manages the expectations of immigrants and communities receiving them as it relates to employment.**

Next Steps: Meeting Thursday, April 22, 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m at Pathways 1295 Highbury Ave Unit 7