

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Employment Sub-Council

Thursday, April 22, 2010 (10:00 – 12:00)

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

Present: Anne Langille, Sammy Farhane, Jennifer Hollis, Saira Cekic, Nancy McQuillan, Sally Bennett, Shakil Popatij, Zuzanna Johnson, Aileen Watt, Debbie Vickery, Gord Fansher, Nathan Ross and Huda Hussein

Regrets: Lisa Pace, Sergio Chuy and Ramona Lucan

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

Meeting Minutes: Minutes reviewed and approved

Updates:

Based on the recent briefing and email that came from co chairs, Anne indicated that the group needs to focus on doable and realistic strategies and recommendations. She also reminded the group of the process; each sub-council will produce a similar document to be submitted to the Central Council for review and drafting the Strategic Plan which will be submitted to the community on May 26 for input. The language on the final document may be different than that of the original template but the actual thoughts will be reflected. She encouraged everyone to attend May 26 community meeting.

Review of Priorities and Wrap up:

She gave a summary of the issues discussed and prioritized by this sub-council: Communication, Employer Connections and Systemic Barriers/Technical Issues. Today's meeting will focus on finalizing the third theme.

Please see the attached edited template reflecting the meeting's discussions.

Anne thanked the group and informed them of next steps: the group will receive the final draft of the template that will be submitted to the Central Council. The group will reconvene in mid June to review the draft Strategic Plan with the community's input and finally the group will receive a copy of the final Strategic Plan after being submitted to Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Next Steps: Community Strategy Meeting May 26, 2010, London Convention Centre, 1:00-4:30

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