

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Employment Sub-Council

Thursday, June 24, 2010 (10:00 – 12:00)

Location: Kinsmen Recreation Centre, 20 Granville St, Rm 3a

Present: Anne Langille, Saeed Mokhtarzada, Jennifer Hollis, Saira Cekic, Nancy McQuillan, Lisa Pace, Sally Bennett, Martin Withenshaw, Aileen Watt, Debbie Vickery, Gord Fansher, Nathan Ross, Ramona Lucan, Marzena Brygie, Ana Maria Escovar and Huda Hussein

Regrets: Shakil Popatiya, Stacey Noronha, Sergio Chuy, Robert Collins

Welcome & Introductions

Anne welcomed the group and the new member from Hutton House. She thanked the group for their accomplishment and continued commitment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes reviewed and approved

Debrief:

Anne briefed the group of the process undertaken in an intense period of time and touched upon the three themes identified by the group. She noted that the group will reconvene in the fall to outline key issues over the next three years.

May 26 Community Strategy Meeting/Community feedback:

The following was noted:

- Items listed in the feedback are covered but the community did not see the whole document.
- Polarizing groups was uncomfortable
- Good to hear about other sub-councils and their work
- Good networking opportunity and learning about other services
- Incredibly comprehensive, positive, there is momentum -overall very positive

Process so far what you'll do to change or add?

The following suggestions came up:

- community meetings are opportunities for some education pieces on what exist in the community
- for future meetings community needs to be reminded of the issue at hand and not bring their own agendas – this helps to focus on the issue/s

In response to a question with regard to the challenges facing immigrants in the County of Middlesex, it was noted that immigrants do not access services as they get help from their own community members so it is not clear what the challenges are at this moment.

Role of Sub-council

Anne noted that the sub-council will continue to meet 3-4 times a year to:

- look at area specific strategies, support progress within the area and report to the Central Council through its chair
- lead implementation of the recommended strategies while working with current members and engaging new partners as appropriate
- work actively to support the goals identified in the plan

The change in the Terms of Reference with regard to the “chair and co-chair” was noted. The Strategic Plan will be submitted to CIC by end of June and the final copy by the end of July.

Next Steps:

A meeting will be scheduled in the fall. Sub-council will look into identifying strategies for a three year plan. Anne requested members to stay connected, committed and if unable to attend meetings to review minutes and documents and provide feedback electronically.

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