

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership

Employment Sub-council

Thursday, March 22, 2010 (10-12)

Location: Pathways 1295 Highbury Ave. N

Present: Anne Langille, Shakeel Popatyi, Gord Fansher, Jennifer Hollis, Lisa Pace, Ramona Lucan, Lisa Pace, Nancy McQuillan, Sally Bennett, Stacey Noronha and Huda Hussein

Regrets: Eleanor Weedmark, Nathan Ross, Robert Collins, Aileen Watt, Debbie Vickery and Carolyn Ford

Summary:

Welcome & Introductions:

Anne welcomed the group. Minutes reviewed and approved. Group requested that minutes include only include action items and outcomes.

Updates

Anne briefed the group on the outcome of the first meeting of the Central Council and encouraged the group to focus on the gaps and strategies to address them.

Refining Priorities: (Please see attached Working Template)

The three themes identified in the last meeting: Communication/ Integration; Employer Connections and Systemic Barriers/Technical Issues

Group was requested to discuss the strategies to address theme one.

Communication/Integration:

It was agreed that a statement to introduce the theme to be included:

A community commitment resulting in appropriate referrals that immigrants seeking employment, may expect to receive accurate, timely and consistent information

OR:

Our priority is to ensure that immigrants seeking employment may expect to receive accurate, timely and consistent information to support them in their job search

To address this issue the group identified the following strategies:

- A. A common assessment process that will respect the needs of the client

- B. Appropriate information timely referral will be undertaken in accordance with the Privacy Act
- C. Build on existing capacity and link it to welcome London – to enhance communication amongst service providers, one way will be to use existing tools, such as the Networking for an Inclusive Community network.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 6 10:30 to 12:30 at Pathways, Highbury Office