

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Health and Wellbeing Sub-Council

Thursday, June 24, 2010

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Kinsmen Recreation Centre, Room 3 b

Present: Debbie Turnbull, Nidaa Khalil, Corinne Walsh, Nimmi Thind, Jennifer Williamson, Monica Abdelkader, Tasha Williamson, Gisele Hauser, Melanie Elms, Mercy Nleya-Ncube, Jennifer Jones, Carol Carnegie and Huda Hussein.

Regrets: Bonnie Williams, Jayne Scarterfield, Helen Sleaford, Janet McAllister, Dr Beth Mitchell

Welcome & Introductions: Debbie welcomed the group and thanked them for their past and continued commitments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

April 22 meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

Debrief

Debbie asked Corinne and Huda to debrief the group on May 26 event as she was away. Corrine addressed her participation at the discussion panel responding to questions with regard to some wording. Huda went through the feedback on the chart and noted that all the suggestions have been captured in our Priority Setting Template.

Debbie requested members' feedback on the day. The general view was that the day went well and it was great to hear about other sub-councils' work.

Debbie then asked if the Priority Setting Template was accurate. The group responded that the information was accurate.

Role of Sub-council

Debbie informed the group of the role of the Sub-council and asked if there are any questions. It was noted that there was confusion around the continuity of the Sub-council's work. It was then noted that minutes from April 22 meeting indicate that the group will reconvene in mid June. On June 17 project staff sent email noting 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
- will lead implementation of the recommended strategies while working with current members and engaging new partners as appropriate
- will work actively to support the goals identified in the plan

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

In response to Debbie's question: as a sub-council what do you see yourselves doing? in terms of process, people? What does 'implementation and monitoring plan' mean?

The following was noted:

- the process of working together needs to continue
- LMLIP Council will support initiatives pertaining to the integration of the immigrant.
- sharing of information that has been happening in the process needs to continue
- a recognition that a comprehensive service will help to address the multi-needs of the immigrant
- communication among service provider needs to be promoted

In response to Debbie's question: how do you see yourselves involved moving the strategy forward? Groups noted:

- focus on priorities; look for feasible top three priorities with time lines
- focus on discussion of specific piece and priorities without necessarily coming to the general meetings of the group. (i.e., members may be assigned tasks based on their strengths/interests)
- need to measure success of Plan from the immigrant perspective (for example: an immigrant accessing service once a month, now accessing services twice weekly, etc)
- need to ensure continued consultation with broader immigrant population beyond the identified leaders and continue to involve them in the implementation process
- Central Council to coordinate with service providers some mechanism of feedback sharing needs, invitation to partner and projects perhaps by setting up a site on line.
- connect with existing networks and councils such as the Canadian Council for refugees
- research will continue to be an integrated part of the LIP
- need to dispel some myths that exist among immigrants (i.e., immigrants do not get jobs)

Other

Huda briefed the group on the invitation received from the Political and War Trauma Working group to the Chair and Coordinator of the Sub-council. Two members from the Political and War Group briefed the members about their work. Group will be updated on this.

Next Steps

Sub-council reminded that a meeting will be scheduled in the fall. Project staff will send date for the next meeting.

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