

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership Health and Well Being Sub-council Wednesday, March 24, 2010 (1-3 p.m.)

SUMMARY NOTES

Present: Debbie Turnbull, Tendayi Gwaradzimba, Corinne Walsh, Sherin Hussien, Nidaa Khalil, Nimmi Thind, Jayne Scarterfield, Margaret Zaczek, Jennifer Williamson, Dr. Beth Mitchell, Linda Davies, Alicia Samuel, Jennifer Jones, Tasha Williamson, Janet McAllister, Gisele Hauser, Monica Abdelkader, Melanie Elms, Zahra Jabbari and Huda Hussein

Regrets: Fatoumata Barry and Helen Sleaford

Summary:

Welcome & Introductions

Corrine welcomed the group and asked the new participants to introduce themselves. Melanie Elms from the MLHU and Gisele Hauser from the Liver Foundation, Canada introduced themselves.

Meeting minutes/attachment

Minutes reviewed and approved

Updates:

Debbie provided an update on the Central Council's first meeting and the themes presented at that meeting.

SWOT Analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats)

The group was asked to consider and share what other threats, opportunities, and initiatives we are aware of by other agencies or ministries to avoid duplication and or potentially to collaborate with. Within London & Middlesex, the following were mentioned:

- There are existing partnerships between services targeting addiction and mental health
- The Child and Youth Network agenda supports neighbourhood based services
- London Youth Service Providers
- Creation of new Family Health Teams in London
- Political and War Trauma group (developing a data base on resources will be shared)
- Healthy Children Healthy Babies program of the MLHU which includes the Well Baby Clinics in the community
- CINOT (children in need of treatment)
- Smile Clean (for children under the age of 17 of recipients of social assistance)
- Networking for an Inclusive Community (NIC) for sharing information and holding workshops pertaining to the integration of the immigrant community

Gaps/Priorities: Group was then requested to review the template and previous identified priority gaps for further discussion/input.

The following gaps have been further identified:

Physical Health – this includes: affordable dental health, lack of access to health coverage in the first three months for Permanent Residents and access to drug prescriptions.

Recreation: this will include free or affordable recreational activities for individuals and families on limited budgets.

Group was then divided into four groups to work on strategies addressing each of the following identified gaps:

1. Mental Health and Addictions
2. Lack of supports for service providers
3. Lack of supports for individual and families in a holistic manner
4. Physical Health
5. Recreation

Please see attached Template outlining the gaps and recommended strategies.

Next Steps:

Continued sharing of available resources: resources on mental health cultural competent program funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Evaluators for Mental Health and information on CURA project will be sent to be shared with the group.

Next Steps Meeting April 8 1-3 at Kinsmen Recreation Centre