

London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership

Justice & Protection Services

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Present: Trevor Hinds, Susan Dill, Melikie Joseph, Lori Cunningham, Neena Sharma-Kendrick, Trish Taft, Marcel Marcellin and Nina Hamou.

Regrets: Jan Richardson, Ahmed Yahya, and Regina Whelan.

SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions

Trevor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Updates

The group was reminded to RSVP their attendance to the Community Strategy Meeting on May 26, 2010.

Meeting Minutes

The Sub-council reviewed and approved the meeting minutes.

Review of Draft Template & Wrap-up

Additions and revisions were made to the priorities template. Recommended strategies from the Welcoming Communities Initiative report, Characteristics of a Welcoming Community were reviewed and endorsed. Strategies included:

- Revisit and build on the processes that facilitate wide distribution of public legal education and information
- Support and promote the use of police liaison officers
- Enhance media representation of immigrants (WCI, Characteristics of a Welcoming Community report) by promoting the positive portrayals of immigrants and police services which counteracts negative portrayals.
- Explore the benefits of establishing a Community Police Advisory Committee
- Explore and implement programs that target and promote the perception of safety and programs that target and promote safety for high-risk and vulnerable groups (such as youth)
- Explore and implement programs that seek to reduce the incidents of hate
- Continue to enhance and implement private and public safety programs for immigrants in initial orientation (WCI, Characteristics of a Welcoming Community report) to Canada.

Timelines and rationales were developed for each strategy and language was modified.

Advocacy items were updated to include the promotion of culturally trained interpreters

Next Steps

The group was reminded that this is not the last meeting. This Sub-council will convene again to monitor the implementation of the strategic plan.

Next meeting:
Community Strategy Meeting,
London Convention Centre
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
RSVP to nhamou@uwlondon.on.ca

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