

# **London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership**

## **Justice & Protection Services**

### **Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

Present: Ahmed Yahya Ali, Lori Cunningham, Susan Dill, Vicki Esses, Randa Farah, Melikie Joseph, Marcel Marcellin, Jan Richardson, Neena Sharma-Kendrick, Trish Taft, Regina Whelan, Nina Hamou.

Facilitator: Vicki Esses

#### **SUMMARY**

##### **Welcome and Introductions**

Vicki Esses introduced herself as the facilitator for the first meeting of the Justice & Protection Services Sub-council until a Chair is selected. The group was asked to go around the table and introduce themselves and share a bit about their backgrounds.

##### **Terms of Reference**

The group was given a few minutes to review the Roles & Responsibilities of the Sub-Council (page 3-4 of the Terms of Reference). Vicki provided a summary on the Roles & Responsibilities as well as a summary of how the Terms of Reference were endorsed by the community during the November 18, 2009 Community Strategy Meeting. It was noted that the deadline for completing the Strategic Plan has been extended to June 30, 2010. Each of the six sub-councils will be responsible for creating a thematic strategy (i.e. Justice & Protection Services) which will be one piece in the London and Middlesex Local Immigration partnership (LMLIP) Strategic Plan.

Points of clarification:

- Each sub-council will elect a Chair and co-Chair. Only the Chair will attend the Central Council meetings. The Chair is expected to represent the views of the Sub-council and not his or her own organization.
- Substitution is not allowed. There will be other ways for individuals to be involved and engaged in the Sub-council.
- Conflicts of interests must be disclosed continuously and when situations arise.
- Each sub-council will decide how it will make decisions. Justice and protection Services will make decisions by consensus. Minutes will be approved by the Chair.

The sub-council would like to suggest that the terms of reference include an additional Anticipated Outcome: increased involvement of immigrants in providing feedback and guidance to service agencies.

##### **Role of Project Staff**

Nina Hamou was introduced as the Project Assistant on the LMLIP. She will be providing administrative support to the Justice and protection sub-council and the Chair and Co-Chair by taking notes, distributing them, booking meeting space, and being responsible for communication.

##### **Follow-up from the Community Action Planning Day**

Only meeting minutes, themes and recommendations will be posted on the Immigration Portal Website.

## **Review of Gaps and Priority Setting Results**

Themes:

- Prevention
- Advocacy
- Change
- Accountability

### **a. Who we need at the table as sub-council members or as occasional consultants:**

- Justice
  - Victim Services: Court, London Police Services
  - Court: Judge, court administrator as an advisor, Crowns, Court Judge.
  - Lawyers: Family Criminal, Immigration
  - Legal Aid: Specific regulations related to accessibility
  - Law students
- Protection/Corrections
  - Probation (present)
  - Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre
  - John Howard Society (present)
  - Family Court
- Community
  - CCLC (present)
  - Across languages
  - Children's Aid Society (present)
  - Merrymount Children's Centre
  - Women's Community House (present)
  - Mental Health (present)
  - Changing Ways(present)
  - Education: public, people who work with newcomers, Wheable
  - Employment Services
  - City London Cares
  - Francophone
  - InterCommunity Health Centre
  - Centre of Hope, Salvation Army
  - Madam Vanier
  - Addiction Services: Watch, Canadian Mental Health Association
  - InterCommunity Health Centre
- Advisers:
  - Lawyers
  - First Nations: need and value experience in Justice System. Empowered selves to be part of solution. Lori Cunningham to contact on a consultation basis.

**ACTION:** Representatives of the following organizations will be invited to join the sub-council: Crown, Family Court, law students.

**b. Steps to a Strategic Plan**

**Step 1:**

- Ask thoughtful questions.
- Ask what solutions might work.
- Test the priorities.

**Step 2:**

- Shift to strategy.
- Package it up into strategic language.

**Step 3:**

- Amend, test, amend, submit

**Process:**

**a. Chair:**

Trevor Hinds was selected as Chair. Ahmed Ali Yahya will be co-chair.

**ACTION:** Nina to contact Trevor to see if he is willing to accept position as Chair.

**b. Meeting times:**

- March 2, 10:00-12:00 London Police Services
- March 22, 2:30-4:30 London Police Services
- April 6, 10:00-12:00 London Police Services
- April 22, 3:00-5:00 London Police Services

**Next Steps:**

**ACTION:** Nina to take the gaps in the Justice & Protection Report and insert into template.

Next meeting:

March 2, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 a.m.

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