

Wednesday September 14, 2011

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kinsmen Recreation Centre, Room 4

**Present:** Corinne Walsh, Nimmi Thind, Sheila Densham, Melanie Elms, Sandra Savage, Janet McAllister, Beth Mitchell, Leah Meidinger, Jennifer Jones, Katy Boychuk, Julia De Paz, Gisele Hauser, Deborah Szelepski and Huda Hussein

**Regrets:** Carol Carnegie, Jason Hasting, Jayne Scarterfield, Catherine Joyes, Louise Pitre

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Corinne welcomed the group and thanked them for their continued support.

### **Approval of June 29, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes reviewed and approved, corrected and approved

### **LMLIP Central Council Update**

Corinne gave an update on the last Central Council's meeting and the task assigned to the Culver Group with regard to the LMLIP Governance Model. The consultants are designing a draft that will be submitted to Council on Monday September 26 for discussion. The final copy will be shared with Sub-councils once they become available hopefully by our next meeting in November.

### **Review implementation plan & reports from work groups:**

1. Mental Health and Addiction (Increase Immigrant awareness and knowledge about addiction and mental health)
2. Seeds of Change Project: The group welcomed Katy Boychuk the Coordinator of the Seeds of Change Project which stemmed from this Sub-council's plan. Katy reported that she is analyzing data collected from the two consultation meetings held by the Steering Committee. She is also working closely with the Steering Committee to finalize the Forum's date and confirm with MT Space who will be performing. She will continue to update the group about the progress of this project.
3. Develop and implement Cultural Sensitivity training to service providers  
Corrine reported that in the summer along with the Chairs of Inclusion & civic engagement, Justice & Protection Services and Huda met with Anna Hendrikx, Executive Director of Across Languages to discuss our recommendations and get feedback from her as to what exists and invited her to join the group. Corinne is also looking forward to meeting with Valy, Executive Director of the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre to engage him in the process.

**Action:** The group will meet and prepare a plan that will be shared with this Sub-council in November. Katy Boychuk will join this work group.

4. Developing screening and assessment tools to assist early identification of learning disabilities in immigrant children: After some discussion the group decided that this may be pursued in the future but we can connect with Beth Powell to gather information on available resources on this issue.

**Action:** Janet McAllister will contact Beth and will report back to the Sub-council.

5. Provide supports for families in a holistic manner- Increase Immigrant awareness of available resources
6. Create free accessible designated community centres and areas within neighbourhood where people of all ages can meet and spent quality time  
The group discussed these two items on the Implementation Template and agreed that these two are connected and overlap.

**Action:** Two members to commit to sit on the Neighbourhood Engagement Team from the Child and Youth Network as our intentional voice to link and provide us with feedback and report. Gisele and Nimmi agreed to be part of the Neighbourhood Engagement Committee.

Huda mentioned that Carol Carnegie is willing to lead a small group to review usage of immigrants of existing city facilities and develop a plan to maximize such facilities

### **Other Business**

- Sheila shared with group about the new project, Cancer Screening Awareness: Ethno-media Pilot Project that is being delivered in London through partnership with the South West Regional Cancer Program, London Cross Cultural Learner Centre, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Canadian Cancer and Top Events. The goal of this project is increase Cancer Screening among Under/Never Screened (UNS) Spanish and Arabic populations in London.

**Action:** LMLIP Staff to connect with Sheila and learn from one another.

- Acronyms need to be replaced for clarity

### **Wrap Up**

- Sub-council agreed to work along with the mentioned community partners and sub-councils on the Cultural Sensitivity Training and develop a model and a plan to implement by March 31, 2012

- Review existing material on screening to identify early learning disabilities in immigrant children and compile

### Next Meetings

Nov 9 2011

Jan 11, 2012

March 14, 2012

