

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

Wednesday June 29, 2011

10:00 am-12:00 p.m.

Location: Kinsmen Recreation Centre, Room 3 b

Present: Corinne Walsh, Nimmi Thind, Sheila Densham, Melanie Elms, Joan Kicks, Janet McAllister, Carol Carnegie, Tendayi Gwaradzimba, Julia De Paz, Jason Hasting and Huda Hussein

Regrets: Beth Mitchell, Sandra Savage, Tasha Williamson, Gisele Hauser, Jayne Scarterfield, Catherine Joyes

Welcome & Introductions

Corinne welcomed the new member Joan Kicks and thanked the group for their continued support.

Approval of May 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Minutes reviewed, corrected and approved

Central Council Update:

Corinne noted that the Central council engaged the Culver Group to review the LMLIP structure and develop a governance model to enhance our work to meet our objectives. The draft model will be presented to Council on September 26 meeting. She also noted that a community meeting will be scheduled in the fall to share the learning from the Strategic Multimedia Communication Plan (SMCP) and involve community partners in implementing the work plan of the SMCP.

Review of HWB Implementation Plan – Report back from working groups

Mental Health and Addiction group: Janet and Melanie reported that the application for Seeds of Change project has been successful. Family Service Thames Valley is the lead applicant and a number of services are supporting it. The Steering Committee will be finalizing the job description for the project coordinator. One consultation meeting with service providers was held early this month and in July a consultation meeting will be held to engage the immigrant communities in the discussion about mental health and addictions.

Cultural sensitivity training

Corinne noted that she along with Gisele and Huda met to map out a strategy to implement this strategy. Health & Wellbeing Sub-council will collaborate with Inclusion & Civic Engagement and Justice & Protection Services to gather information on available resources; connect with service providers who developed such training or materials and design 2-3 workshops that will be

shared in the fall with the Sub-council. Corinne will take the lead in designing the workshops. The group will meet to develop a work plan and will report to sub-council in September 2011

ACTION: Sheila Densham and Julia De Paz will join this working group.

Developing screening and assessment tools

No report from this group. It was noted that some existing assessment tools may be adapted to reflect cultural sensitivity. The Sub-council members recommended that the working group connect with the Learning Disability Association to check their assessment tools and collaborate with them to adapt them.

ACTION: Joan Kicks will join the working group

Providing support in holistic manner- increase immigrant awareness on services /Create free accessible designed community space

These two strategies are intertwined. Nimmi reported that the brochures and the translation of the Help Yourself booklet were action items of this group and have been implemented. The work of these two groups aligns with the System Reengineering committees i.e., the Common Experience and the Neighbourhood Engagement & Development committees. Members were requested to serve on these two committees.

ACTION: Tendayi will serve on the Common Experiences and Carol Carnegie who already sits on the Neighbourhood Engagement & Development will also represent the Health & Wellbeing.

Carol noted that apart from serving on these committees, this sub-council's working group needs to look into ways of facilitating access to immigrants of all age demographics, since the System Reengineering committees are focused on families with children under 12 years, to spaces in the city.

ACTION: Carol will lead this group and will connect with members who expressed interest in joining the working group.

Other

Sheila shared the new initiative "Reaching Under/Never Screened (UNS) Ethno-cultural Populations of South West Ontario" - using ethnic media and translated advertising and editorials to increase cancer prevention and screening awareness. South West Regional Cancer Program (SWRCP) received a grant in the amount of \$13,000 to support the development, testing, translation, placement and evaluation of an UNS ethnic multi media advertising and

editorial campaign which will start in July 2011. Arabic and Spanish speaking communities have been identified as the target audience for this project.

The SWRCP submitted another funding application in collaboration with community partners to mobilize immigrants and newcomers to cancer screening programs. Some of the components of this application align with the Health & Wellbeing strategies.

ACTION: Establish a new working group with Sheila and Julia on board to develop ways of engaging the immigrant communities on cultural sensitivity approaches and strategies

Wrap up and next meetings

Corinne thanked the group and encouraged them to stay committed and wished everyone a very good summer. She requested that they mark their calendars for the following upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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