

## **London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership**

Settlement Sub-council

Thursday September 15, 2011(9:30-11:30 a.m.)

**Present:** Mohamed Al-Adeimi, Ayan Aden, Dania Ajami, Marel Fielding, Deborah Szelepski, Kathy Milczarek, Susan Abdalla, Arlene Thompson and Huda Hussein

**Regrets:** Jill Tansley, Nassisse Solomon, Mayssa Elsayegh, Nancy Santos

### **Welcome & Introduction**

Mohamed welcomed back the group and thanked them for their continued commitment

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of May 18 2011 reviewed and approved.

### **LMLIP Central Council Update**

Mohamed noted that the Central Council retained the services of a consultant to work on the Governance model for the LMLIP. Over the summer the consultants have interviewed members from the Central Council which included the Co-chairs, chairs and project staff for their input. The model is looking at roles and responsibilities of members, terms of office, accountability and other related issues to governance. The consultant will present their draft to Central Council on Monday, September 26, 2011. The Sub-council will be updated on this at our next meeting in November.

### **Review of the implementation plan**

Mohamed noted that we need to focus on one or two items that we can accomplish by March 31, 2012 at today's meeting.

### **Intergenerational Conflict**

Arlene reported that the libraries are exploring on how to make use of the lap tops available in certain libraries to engage youth and seniors. Volunteers have to go through certain process and this will take some time to coordinate.

She also reported that based on the feedback from library staff after holding the Journey to Canada session with three immigrants presenting, the library is exploring of procuring funds to develop a DVD with immigrants presenting their own experience and make this available for library staff. The library may look for venues and explore community partners and post graduate institutions if they can develop this tool as part of their school project.

### **Immediate access to Information**

Mohamed shared with the group that sending information on services in our community is an ongoing process and that LMLIP staff have been sending these packages to inform and attract new immigrants to London. Huda noted that LMLIP staff is in the process of sending new packages and requested members to send in their information by next week.

### **Family challenge:**

Under this priority the group discussed the possibility of developing a collaborative with community partners to look into issues faced by immigrants such as parenting, accurate information on existing services and any other need identified by immigrants.

Action: Mohamed (South London New Comer Settlement Services), Dania (Children's Aid Society), Deborah, (Cross Cultural Learner Centre), Kathy (LUSO Community Services), Ayan (ACFO), and Susan (London Employment Help Centre) will join the task group. Mohamed will connect with Middlesex-London Health Unit to recruit a member for the collaborative.

### Develop a document on resources

At the May meeting it was discussed that a document will be developed on existing resources for families. Huda noted that such documents have been developed by the Child & Youth Network committees and are out.

### Other Business

It was noted that immigrants need information sessions on resources. Group noted that a number of such sessions take place in our community (i.e., the Wheable Annual Health and Wellbeing Fair, the South London Community Day, Cross Cultural Learner Centre's fair at Western Fair)

Some members requested the time changes for the meeting. Currently we start at 9:30 the group wants to meet at 9:00.

Action: Huda to check with the City to change the timings of our meeting to ensure availability of the same venue.

### Wrap up:

Mohamed thanked the group and requested that they mark their calendars for the upcoming meetings listed here.

### Next Meetings:

Nov 24 2011

Jan 19, 2012

March 15, 2012

