

Working Group Updates

Working Group Name		Health & Mental Health		
Facilitation	Name: Giovanni Rico	Organization: CCVT		
Date of Last Meeting: August 26 th , 2015	# of members: 45	# attended: 9	# of regrets: 4	
Main Items				
<i>Item 1:</i>				
<p>Brief Summary: “Administrative Resources for Refugee Healthcare”</p> <p>Members were updated on the progress of the students working on the Tool was created for healthcare providers – providers not knowing how to deal with clients who use IFHP. Providers were emailed the toolkit but many would not read their emails so need to provide alternative ways to get the information out. The various sections of the toolkit need to be updated. The information should be presented differently as to make it easier for the healthcare providers to find the necessary information efficiently. Resend the IFHP guide to everyone present in the email so that they can compare their OTHP to the new IFHP tool. There was a sense by the members to try and get more doctors input to see how useful this type of document would be. Tool has since been finalized and is available for Dissemination through the Toronto South LIP website.</p>		<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate tools among members • Reach out to Private doctors through various means to maximize usage of tool 		
<i>Item 2:</i>				
<p>Brief Summary: “Survival Guide” for Unaccompanied Newcomer Youth.</p> <p>The group discussed the content of the guidebook and came up with suggestions on how to improve the document. Some of the suggestions where to; simplify the language as it appears to be very academic and not necessary youth friendly. Get feedback from youth on the design of the book (FCJ offered to have their youth groups look it over). Organize the book a little differently so that immigration is one of the first topics addressed. The booklet needs to have a title that is more geared to youth and will attract their attention. Include information on work and student visas as well as information on Legal Clinics. It was suggested to include information or a section on 311 in conjunction with 211. Group members Inquired about the possibility of having the document translated. There was mention of the need to touch a bit on information regarding cultural norms, as well as there needs to be more specific information on precarious status.</p> <p>Due to the fact that youth are at high risk to be victims of human trafficking the issue needs to be addressed for a sense of awareness for unaccompanied youth. Visual aids were suggested to take some of the text out of the booklet to make it more attractive to youth. A section on “if your rights have been violated” should be included with emphasis on what universal rights everyone has when dealing with police, employment, and health services. Members also brought up that there needs to be a mention or link to in your language</p>		<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor progress on the survival guide project • Maintain communication with students and members • Relay feedback and questions 		

<p>website by settlement.org</p>	
<p>Item 3:</p>	
<p>Brief Summary: Training for Front-Line Staff</p> <p>The Health and Mental Health Working Group presented the “Here I am: Youth Navigating Mental health through Trauma and Migration” training on Sept 26th, 2015 at the Norther District Public Library. It was presented by the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture. It combined the points of view of the settlement sector, a medical psychiatrist as well as the youth perspective. It was attended by 20 persons and it was well received by attendants.</p> <p>The members have already put forth together topics for the next Training for Front-Line Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcomers and Addiction • Harm Reduction Training • Adults, Trauma and Migration • Holistic approaches to HIV • Human Trafficking and trauma counselling 	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine resources for new trainings • Determine date and space for training
<p>Feedback or Recommendations request:</p> <p>PSCC feedback will be required when the first “Survival Guide” draft has been completed.</p>	