



Settlement Services Working Group
Meeting Minutes
September 5th, 2017
Centre for Social Innovation
720 Bathurst Street
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of minutes
3. Terms of reference
4. Settlement Pathways
5. Schools as community Hubs
6. Work plan time lines
7. Community Update

Attendance

Present:

Behnaz Azad
Mary Choy
Virginia Trotter
Abdul Abubaker
Alla Minasova
Natasa Boskovic
Tamara Sirota
Amanda Cho
Tracy Cummins
Gwim Philipp
Michelle Gordon

University Settlement
Street haven Learning Centre
New Circles
Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture
YMCA Newcomer Information Centre
Newcomer Women's Services
ACCES Employment
Woodgreen Community Services
George Brown College
Woodgreen Community Services
CARE

Staff:

Giovanni Rico

Canadian Centre For Victims of Torture

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Each member was welcomed by LIP staff and then provided with a copy of the Meeting Agenda. Members were then given an opportunity to introduce themselves

2. Approval of minutes:

Copies of the previous meeting's minutes were distributed to members. Minutes were approved.

3. Terms of reference

Members were presented with the revised terms of reference for the working group. These terms were previously sent out to the group for revision and have been ratified by the Toronto South LIP council. Staff emphasized the commitment being asked of the group to guarantee fluidity of the work. All members agreed with the terms and thought it would contribute to a better work dynamic.

4. Settlement Pathways

The members were asked to give more resources to see what is missing for the old tool. It was asked that members send out resources to LIP Staff to compile a list that would then be incorporated into the tool.

At next meeting, members will review the resources and add to them to be able to try and finalize the content part of the tool. The idea is to be able to finalize all the resources to create the tool and have a visual draft in two meetings and the final draft by March of 2018.

5. Schools as Community Hubs

As this project is a partnership with the Social Inclusion working groups there is a need to create a subcommittee so that both working groups can actively participate and have representation. The group would be comprised of both working group members with a specific target to agencies who have current working partnerships with the school boards. There is also the idea that members should prepare several projects to give the school boards so that there is choice and negotiation to create a project that works for all sides.

The goal of this subcommittee is to have a proposal finished to present to school boards or school advisory councils by the end of the fiscal year.

6. Work Plan Time Lines/ongoing issues

This group have been tasked with two projects. The group has then gone on to make timelines on the progression pf the projects and the goals that need to be done by the end of fiscal year.

The settlement pathways tool is to have a working draft by the end of the fiscal year. In the school as community hubs project, there is a commitment to work on project(s) to present to school boards by the beginning of the new school year.

Members have asked LIP staff to maintain a gauge on the developments in the following issues:

- Look into how representatives of government can be allies in moving projects through
- Legal Aid cuts (what the sector is going to have to)
- TTC Presto (how will this effect newcomers and the settlement sector)
- IRCC funding clause

7. Next Meeting