

Update by the Working Committees

WC # 1: Access to Information

- Review of online information – Review report was shared at the meeting. It was circulated among all the members in the Committee. Due on July 15.
Will be shared with Council members and forwarded to relevant authorities
- Welcome package – review report was shared. Further fine tuning of the recommendations will be done in July and report will be shared in the next WC meeting
- Findings from inventory of outreach tools were shared. It was suggested to follow with an in depth analysis with selected member organizations, which is underway.
LIP seek support from all the committees to develop a strategy for collective outreach
- Capacity development of staff (mainly frontline) – suggested to communicate through different mechanisms to disseminate information about training. Options for training topics to be shared with LIP members and prioritized. A number of training topics were identified
- Website development – proposed layout and features were shared. Test run will be done in coming weeks
- Newcomer centre guideline – need to collect from member organizations. Need support of each Working Committee on this.

WC # 2: Education, Training and Employment

- Meeting was held in May (2nd meeting) facilitated by Tom
- Tom discussed client background that each employment agency serves.
- Based on the discussion, he proposed to interview ethnic business association/employers and one two industry
- He also working on analyzing statistical data identify the labour market trend in north west Scarborough
- Can refer any employers to interview

WC # 3: Health and Wellness

- Training and capacity building – discussed about organizing training on mental health in the future. Committee would organize one training this year if settlement agencies are interested
- Proposed organize information session of health services in Oct – target group – Frontline staff of all the member agencies
- Developed inventory of Health networks and ongoing health related events and education programs
- Next meeting – spend time on analyze service needs (health) of immigrants. If any other organization has information, please share with the committee.
- Toronto Public Health + Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities + The Scarborough Hospital jointly organizing a big community health fair at The Hub – Mid Scarborough – 2660, Eglinton Ave E.
- Committee plans to identify specific recreation needs of seniors in northwest Scarborough and seek support from other member organizations in the Council to collect data

WC# 4: Community Engagement & Social Inclusion

- Inventory of faith based groups – template was finalized and ready circulate
- Inventory format of local networks was shared and data will be collected in July

- Committee is currently working on collecting information on trainings provided to community groups
- Committee decided to record best practices in engaging newcomers and residents. Also requests other committee members to share their best practices.
- Committee will support NAP Summer community event in Aug

WC # 5: Family Settlement and Legal Support

- Current activities –has been collecting data about existing co-location models and needs to sustain or expand
- Working on identify services that lack in northwest Scarborough.
- Discussed about expanding community education programs in the neighbourhoods – housing issues, legal support, financial management, common scam and fraud. etc
- Connect and form a network among food banks and furniture banks
- Research on common scam and frauds targets newcomers – need data from others