

## **Social Inclusion Workgroup**

### **Meeting Minutes**

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

1:00 pm

Zoom

### **Agenda**

- 1. Land acknowledgement**
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**
- 3. Grassroots support updates**
- 4. Social Isolation Network**
- 5. Access to technology**
- 6. Work with Government to make online resources more accessible**
- 7. Emerging Issues**

#### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

TSLIP staff read Land Acknowledgement

#### **2. Welcome and introductions**

Each member was welcomed by LIP staff, members were thanked for attending the meeting during this difficult time. Members that introduced themselves and gave small updates on their organizations

#### **3. Support grassroots per-led efforts**

TSLIP staff reported back with the following, they have connected one of the groups, with ACSA to help plan an event in January. North of Bloor mutual aid, connected with the settlement agencies LIP staff will be looking to see how that went and if there is new and emerging needs following the initial contact. Most of the groups are looking to see how to support advocacy. Another of the big needs are that they are looking for more mental health resources. What next steps might look like will be to create a resource to help facilitate the first communication made with the grass roots. The LIP will develop tools and protocols for both the grass roots groups as well as partner agencies to facilitate collaboration. This will be reported on at the next meeting.

#### **4. Continue on the Social Isolation Network**

LIP staff presented the results from the second needs assessment. The report can be found here:

There was a new needs assessment the finished last week. Report will be available in the New Year. In regards to the network LIP staff will do call out to join network in January to attract more members. Members added that senior programs are helping seniors deal with learning to use technology so there is programs that can be promoted and that there are lessons learned that we can use. The group also said the maybe we should define what social isolation we can address or that need more help. The group also looked at the possibility of what can I do in the area that I work to help curb social isolation or promote programs and policies that will help this process. Bringing two groups together to create a more diverse connection with clients may be something that we can look into to better help with this issue. Continue to outreach and express the different ways they can access services like using the phone not just relying on new tools. Next steps: How do we want to continue with this project; creating a mandate; creating terms of reference, and then deciding how we should go forward.

## **5. Access to Technology**

The members were told of the work being done by the Systemic Issues working group and asked to be given updates on the work being done to see where support can be added and if there is anything else that can be done. Staff assured group that a report has been finished and was published. The report was shared with the group and moving forward we will digest the report to see where we can help once the systemic issues working group has picked their next steps to make sure we are not duplicating the work.

## **6. Work with government to make online resources more accessible**

LIP Staff has reached out to government contacts and are awaiting responses, follow up will be done in the New Year. The LIP are going to be promoting Language advocacy day, we are signatories to letter to the all levels of Government. Will join programing and webinars and will support where we can.

## **7. Next Meeting Date**

Is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> 2021