

Minutes: Newcomer Services Collaboration Working Group

July 15, 2021 - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (Zoom)

Present: Jassi Ranauta (TSLIP - The Neighbourhood Group), Nadia Umadat (TSLIP – Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture), Natasa Boskovic (Newcomer Women’s Services), Alla Minasova (YMCA – Newcomer Information Centre), Cindy Kwan (MotherCraft), Angelica Hernandez (Salvation Army), Sidney Coles (Windmill Microlending), Michelle Gordon (CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses), Stacey Fang (University Settlement), Amanda Choo (WoodGreen Community Services)

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I= Information Di=Discussion Dc=Decision A=Action

	Agenda Item
I	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acknowledgement • Introduction/Check-In
I	<p>Strategic Planning Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jassi provided an update of where TSLIP is with its strategic planning process and an overview of next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TSLIP has developed and shared a needs assessment with partners, members are encouraged to fill out and share if they haven’t already done so. ○ TSLIP Partnership Council and Newcomer Council worked with the initial findings of the needs assessment and input from our working groups to begin narrowing down the most urgent themes to inform direction of strategic plan ○ Focus group schedule shared and Working Group members are encouraged to attend; invites will be sent to all members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth Working in the Sector – August 5th 1pm-3pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a space specifically for youth working in the newcomer serving sector to share their input without power dynamics that can sometimes limit opportunities for youth to be heard and/or participate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mental Health / Health / Social Determinants of Health – August 10th 10am-12pm ▪ Employment – August 12th 1pm – 3pm ▪ Hybrid-Model Service Delivery / Sector Needs – August 19th 10am –12pm ▪ Anti-Racism – August 26th 10am – 12pm ▪ Newcomer Council – TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be no Working Group meeting in August to prioritize Focus Group participation; regular meetings will resume in September.
DI	<p>Sector Updates</p> <p>Vaccine Clinics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday July 16 (Rose Ave Public School) - 675 Ontario St. (11am-7pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st and 2nd Doses; 12+ No OHIP required, Valid ID; Appointments and Walk-ins ○ Pre-register at 200 Wellsley St. E. (between 9am-5pm) • Saturday July 17 (University Settlement) - 23 Grange Rd (10am-5pm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st and 2nd Doses: Moderna; No OHIP required; Appointment Only ○ Email: manijeh.mehdinia@universitysettlement.ca; mia.sun@universitysettlement.ca ○ Phone: 416-218-8990 ext 221 or 416-408-4058 ext. 221 ○ In partnership with Parkdale Community Health Centre. ○ Update from University Settlement: now only for internal clients, their family and friends, and staff; will be a half day clinic. ○ Hopefully more to come that is accessible to greater community • CAHM is holding an accessible clinic for those with needle phobias and anxiety on July 19th <p>A question was asked around the Toronto Community Planning Consultations with IRCC and whether any findings had been shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No updates yet
I	<p>Organizational Updates</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA Language Assessment Centre: beginning 1 on 1 in—person services in the office starting late July or early August (2-3 times a week), no group programs in-person and remote services still being offered. • Mothercraft – Still remote but with plans for staggered approach in September with only one cohort at a time. ELT program to remain online for now • A question was asked if there is research on outcomes of virtual language learning among newcomers during COVID-19 and how successful/unsuccessful it has been? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connecting with LINC programs directly may be best for this.
I	<p><u>Next Meeting</u></p> <p>☞ Thursday September 16, 2021 1-2pm</p>