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TORONTO SOUTH LOCAL IMMIGRATION PARTNERSHIP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Centre for Social Innovation - Annex

In attendance:

Executive Committee Members

Bill Sinclair, St. Stephen's Community House
Diane Dyson, WoodGreen Community Services
Lisa Randall, Culturelink
Cassandra Wong, Parkdale Community Information Centre
Catherine McNeely, Newcomer Women's Services

Project Team

Paulina Wyrzykowski, St. Stephen's Community House (meeting facilitator)
Sandra Guerra, WoodGreen Community Services
Giovanni Rico, Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture (minutes)
Angelica de Jesus-Bretschneider, Social Planning Toronto

Regrets:

Mulugeta Abai, Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture
Sean Meagher, Social Planning Toronto
Axelle Janczur, Access Alliance
Debbie Hill-Corrigan, Sojourn House

Agenda:

- *Welcome & Introductions*
- *TSLIP Team Report*
 - New MCI Capacity Building Grant
 - Contract Negotiations
 - Website review
 - Census maps
 - Collaboration award
- *Inter-LIP strategic planning group discussion and TSLIP future*
- *Collective Impact workplan draft review and decision*
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Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting facilitator welcomed everyone and introduced Angelica. Meeting participants introduced themselves in turn.

TSLIP Team Report:

New MCI Capacity Building Grant:

- Inter-LIP Project, funded by the province, TSLIP (St. Stephen's) is the lead.
- Purpose is to enhance the capacity of the frontline staff who work with vulnerable newcomers with train the trainer workshops.
- Budget is 207,876 85% of ask split btw 5 LIPs
- 12 full workshops on 9 topics
- Train 420 frontline staff and the goal is to 60% replication
- Online platform in collaboration with OCASI
- Toolkits will be online
- Curriculum designed by staff, including new Adult Educator, and LIP partners
- Getting bigger space for the team

Other MCI News:

- CultureLink received additional MCI funding under this stream for capacity building and empowerment in the regent park area.
- Youth Program to help the SWIS program to bridge the gaps for undocumented, high needs, and vulnerable youth, partnering with shelters so that they connect with those populations.
- Newcomer Women received MCI funding for a wellness program for vulnerable women, big need with new mothers and seniors

Contract Negotiations:

- All LIP funding seems to be flat lined
- In our budget proposal we included small increases for salaries and \$3000 for newcomer council
- Budget submitted on Feb 9 no response yet
- New IRCC Classes in Contribution Agreement
 - Shifting how LIPs operate?
 - "Subcontracting" with other agencies ie consortium partners
 - "Subcontractor" will have to repay any overpayments or disallowed expenses
 - Have to see how we will move around this as we have worked more as partners and not as vendors/service providers. This is not how we were modelling our LIP
 - New clauses seem to point to an obligation to collect more financial data from partners and audit financial and non-financial records to prove compliance. All partners are charities and have audited financial statements so it just may be that we ask for the statements to cover the audit
 - In spirit we do most of this well

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- Accountability and management framework for how proposals are assessed in an open model, need more clarification on what this means. All current partners had experience running neighbourhood LIPs and that was the criteria used in selecting them for partnership.
- Any questions and concerns? Bill mentioned the extra paper work and how we are not set up to audit other agencies. How does this fit with the concept of the LIPs as partnerships – it seems more hierarchical. Need to address IRCC's legitimate risk management needs. Maybe we need to create our own framework that messages how we want to work.

Website Review:

- Put out and RFP have 3 submissions: Joint Development Collective (9800), Tech Lion (9200), and Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (11,500), one late submission Noble Pixels (decide on to accept or not) need to decide by Friday Feb. 16. Will work with Woodgreen to see how the proposals compare. None have settlement experience but they have worked with charities and non-profits. They will assess what we have and then help us develop and RFP to better our website.

Census Maps:

- Work has been done on the maps, will be presented at the next Council Meeting.
- We need to think of putting together a workshop on how to use the data to do planning and proposals
 - Some agencies have done the language maps to see where to direct staff

Collaboration Award:

- Staff reviewed our nominations process and past winners.
- Staff propose nominating the Being an Active Citizen Curriculum project group for 2018.
- Need to start planning so that it can be promoted well, news release how to integrate it more into Newcomer Day, and how to get the word out better to get more public recognition.
- Request to see if award could be presented at Newcomer Day

Inter-LIP strategic planning group discussion and TSLIP Future:

- What is the future of the LIPs? Originally designed as a pilot project, they seemed to have morphed into a permanent program.
- How do we propose what the LIPs should look like in the future? We believe the LIPs should go to 5 year funding structures.
- The next contract would be in 2020, and the RFP will be in 2019. IRCC is designing the RFP later this year so we should be prepared to have a position before the end of this calendar year
- Each quadrant will think about what their vision is and then come together to build a consensus that can be presented to IRCC
- Talk to ppl at IRCC to try and understand what LIPs are for. There has been a lot of turnover and those who designed the LIPs are for the most part no longer around.

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- How do we work with OCASI to further LIP representation at the National Settlement Council?
- Need to seek more info on what IRCC intends for the LIP as that will help in the planning.

Collective Impact workplan draft review and decision:

- The work plan would take place in a period of 6mths
- This would then be used as a basis for our next strategic plan
- There are 20 hrs worth of meetings + homework that would need to be done
- The idea would be for a small group from the executive to undertake this.
- If we decide to do this we would need more members besides Bill who has volunteered to take this on.
- 2 other LIPs are moving ahead while one has decided to opt out. As well as TNO who has decided to not partake.
- The consensus is that it does look good but we may not have the capacity to do this right now – revisit once the MCI project is up and running.

Other Business:

- Succession planning committee has not met since last Executive Meeting.
- Desk
 - Anybody have another desk they don't need: Woodgreen may have one, St. Stephen's may also have one
- Indigenous workshop
 - OCASI had offered money to do a workshop with the friendship centre, we will do this next fiscal year
- CCR International Conference
 - Looking to have a day of site visits and the priority is CCR member agencies
 - Paulina has been asked to propose how to showcase the LIPs at City Hall
- Next council meeting date
 - **Feb 26th 2018 Morning**