
**Integration Strategy Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 26th 2011, 2 – 4 pm
New Canadians Centre Board Room**

Present: Debbie Harrison (Chair, Fleming College-Diversity Office), Dawn Berry Merriam (Peterborough Social Planning Council), John Coreno (City of Peterborough, Social Services), Hajni Hos (Executive Director, New Canadians Centre), Jason Stabler (PPCII Coordinator), Melissa Sharpe-Harrigan (PPCII Research and Implementation Specialist)

1. Review of minutes from May 31st, 2011 ISC meeting

Minutes were accepted.

2. Update on funded projects from previous fiscal year (Jason/Debbie)

a) Community Race Relations Committee

After reviewing a meeting that took place between the ISC Coordinator and various stakeholders in this research process, the committee decided that the Racism in School's project would be shelved and no further actions would be taken with regards to this research project. Lack of resources, communication about the project, and the timeline of the project were cited as reasons for this decision.

The committee agreed that in October, the Terms of Reference would be reviewed by the committee so that all committee members are aware of the level of commitment required to remain an active committee member. The September 8th PPCII Council meeting will also include an agenda item for recruitment into the ISC Committee.

3. Interactive Action Plan

The purpose of the Interactive Action Plan was reviewed, and various successes were discussed as a result of the Interactive Action Plan (greater connections with community members and stakeholders, increased website traffic, and increased awareness of programs in the community). A tour of the website was given, showing how the PPCII website is now actively connected to other organizations in the community.

4. Integration Strategy Budget

Though there is only \$7000 in the budget, PPCII staff shared with the committee their goal of generating \$40000 in revenue through grants and partnerships in the current fiscal year, allowing the PPCII to maintain its activity levels with the regards to achieving the action plan. The Peterborough Welcome Pass (A PPCII initiated program that provides newcomers with free or reduced access to over 22 cultural organizations in the Peterborough area) is an example of soliciting such funds, whereby \$3500 was obtained through the Community Foundation for Greater Peterborough leadership grants, \$500 was donated by the

Peterborough Regional Museum Network, and the salary for the Summer Project Developer was paid for through a successful NCC/PPCII Canada Summer Jobs grant application. Therefore, the PPCII has obtained an additional \$7000 (approx) to implement an action item that is not taken from the Integration Strategy Budget. The committee agreed that the goal of securing an additional \$33000 in funds through grants and partnerships for this fiscal year is both noble and achievable.

Research Projects: Looking at Projects for the ISC Budget. The PPCII staff shared with the committee four projects that are being sent to the Trent Centre for Community Based Education (TCCBE) for the upcoming school year. The committee agreed that these projects were good matches with the TCCBE. A more detailed look at potential research projects will take place at the October meeting, after the Sector working groups take place, which will allow the committee to be guided by the community in terms of how it spends its ISC budget monies.

5. ISC Going Forward

Immigrant Employment Council: PPCII staff provided an update about the Immigrant Employment Council - a major funding project being put forward by Michael VanDerHerberg and the Workplace Integration Centre that involves a partnership between PPCII and the WIC.

PPCII Strategic Planning Meeting: Sometime in early fall, the PPCII will be holding a strategic planning meeting. Members of the Executive committee and Resource Development committee are strongly encouraged to attend, though everyone in council is invited to participate. This is important for the Integration Strategy Committee because the composition of the council (and its committees) may change (for example, focused more on sectoral councils).

Next ISC Meeting: October 4th, 2011 2-4 pm