Agenda

**LMLIP Education Sub-council**
**Location:** LMLIP Office, 141 Dundas St.
**Date:** January 18, 2017
**Time:** 4:00-6:00pm

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1. Chair’s Opening Remarks – Welcome & Introductions
2. Additions to Agenda
3. Adoption of November 16, 2016 Minutes
4. Central Council Update (November 28, 2016): Phillipa Myers
5. Welcoming Communities Work Group – Update – Huda Hussein
   a. Welcoming All Voices: Discussion on next steps
   b. Work groups meet
7. I am London update: Maria D’Souza
8. Information Sharing
9. Chairperson’s Closing Summary and Review of Action Items
10. Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 22, 4:00-6:00 pm, 141 Dundas St.

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# Minutes

**LMLIP Education Sub-council**

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**Present:** Phillipa Myers, Gerardo Castro, Gabrielle Laurin, Kathy Milczarek, Karen Macari, Hanein Madloi, Carlos Saakan, Joe Winser, Kate Kennedy, Svetlana Galynskaya, Huda Hussein, Maria D'Souza

**Regrets:** Sheila Carson, Nazia Bano, Mayssa El Sayegh, Lisette Ochoa, Xiaoxiao Du, Janet Pinder, Denise Taylor Edwards, Ana Enriquez-Johnson, Rita Giroux-Patience

**Absent:** Mahin Ghasemiyani

**Guest:** Didier Marrotte, Executive Director, Place Concorde

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<td>Phillipa Myers greeted the group and welcomed new member Svetlana Galynskaya. Roundtable introductions were made. Members were informed that Helen Patterson has resigned from the Sub-council as she has retired.</td>
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<td>2. <strong>Additions to Agenda</strong></td>
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<td>Phillipa proposed the addition of the Community Diversity Inclusion Strategy and her PhD project to the agenda.</td>
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| - The last Central Council meeting was held on November 28.  
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) approved funding the LMLIP until 2020.  
- The Diversity Inclusion Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee (DIAAC) met with the LMLIP and will explore LMLIP representation on the committee. Dev Sainani has agreed to represent the LMLIP. LMLIP will present to DIAAC on December 15, 2016  
- Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) made a presentation to explain their role and duties in supporting newcomer students and families. The presentation also touched on common misconceptions about SWIS workers.  
- A poster presentation on the Health & Well-Being Sub-council position paper | Kathy will share link to SWIS video |
“Speaking Freely: A Case for Professional Health Interpretation in London, Ontario,” was well received at the Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) annual conference in Ottawa. Huda Hussein was also a panelist at a workshop titled, “How Local Immigration Partnership - Municipal Relationships are Easing the Immigrant Integration and Settlement Process.”

- The fourth annual Journeys of Migration event held on November 24, 2016 highlighted two powerful stories. The first centred on a Syrian mother who came to Canada with her six children. The second speaker was Alfredo Cajax, Sunfest Artistic & Executive Director, who has been here for 31 years.
- The Governance Work Group’s recommendation to invite Middlesex County to join the Central Council was unanimously accepted by Council members.
- LMLIP and the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre (CCLC) hosted an information session for private sponsors on November 22, 2016. Ninety individuals including some Syrian newcomers attended the event, which was held at the BMO Centre London. In addition to presentations, a panel of private sponsors and an IRCC representative spoke about the process and answered questions. A total of 31 attendees responded to the evaluation survey and overall feedback was positive.

5. Welcoming Communities Work Group Update: Huda Hussein

- Going forward, the Welcoming Communities Work Group update will be a standing item on all Sub-council agendas because it is an overarching theme that runs through all Sub-councils.
- The Work Group is a part of Central Council and has representation from various Sub-councils. Chaired by Valy Marochko, it addresses one of the overarching themes, creating a more welcoming community in London.
- The group is organizing an event on March 1, 2017 from 1-4 pm focused on the theme of building a welcoming community for immigrants to London & Middlesex. LMLIP members, faith and ethno-cultural groups will be invited to the event that aims to inform, engage and provide networking opportunities to attendees. London Free Press journalist, Jennifer O'Brien, will be the keynote speaker.
- Huda was asked if interpretation would be provided at the March 1 event. She noted that interpretation in French may be available if requested but is not sure about other languages. She will forward the question to the work group.
- Anti-racism and myth busting sessions will be amongst other initiatives undertaken by the group.

6. I am London Update: Maria D’Souza

- The launch of the campaign, originally scheduled for the end of January, has been delayed. All members will be informed once a date is finalized.
- Around 14 nominations have been received so far and next steps will be decided after the work group meets next week.

7. Education Sub-council Work Plan 2016-2017 Implementation

a) Welcoming All Voices (WAV) discussion on next steps: Phillipa Myers

- At the last Central Council meeting in November, members were asked for ways to increase the use of the resource. Suggestions:
  - Contact Directors of Education at the school boards to request them to include a WAV presentation at the monthly meeting of school principals. Wilma de Rond has offered to contact the London District Catholic School Board (LDCSB), while a
community member is connecting with the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB).
- Reconnect with schools again. Other events such as the influx of Syrian newcomers over the last year may have taken precedence over introducing WAV.
Other suggestions:
- Sub-council member Mayssa El Sayegh, who was part of the WAV work group in the past, has joined a parent council. The group could request her help in checking if the resource is being used at the school.
- An event for all schools originally planned for January 19 and now rescheduled to an unspecified date, could be used to reach new community members and potential school council members.

Phillipa requested the work group to discuss all suggestions and provide feedback.

b) Work groups meet

All the work groups met to discuss updates and decide on next steps after which they shared their plans with members:

Welcoming All Voices

- Connections could be made with neighbourhood family centres to reintroduce the resource through them.
- Schools principals can be contacted through their monthly meeting. The meeting can be used as a stepping stone to connect with a smaller, interested group of schools. Reintroducing the resource to a smaller group of schools would be a more effective approach.
- SWIS can be approached for assistance in promoting WAV after an action plan is formulated by the work group. The list of schools that the resource was delivered to, will be provided to the work group to allow them to connect with SWIS workers in those schools to check if the resource is being used.
- There was some discussion about whether schools with large numbers of Syrian newcomers should be approached as Syrian parents may not be ready to engage with schools as yet. It was pointed out that WAV is targeted at the host community and that the resource contains recommendations that would help schools make immigrant parents feel welcomed.

Presentations work group update

- A presentation will be made in March on diversity and intercultural communication to case workers at one of Ontario Works sites. Hanein, Gerardo and Carlos will make the presentations and adapt it to suit Ontario Works. It was suggested that the work group include a member who has made the same presentation previously as they can help with planning the timing and delivery.
- The work group is looking at possibly developing a ‘human library’ type of school project, similar to the one conducted by Emily Carr Public School. The human library project features people who narrate their own life stories and answer audience questions. Didier expressed an interest in possibly replicating the project in Windsor. It was also noted that Emily Carr will be holding the event again this March and is seeking volunteers from diverse ethnic backgrounds to speak about and represent their culture.

Communications Work Group

- Gabrielle Laurin, who has joined the Central Council’s Marketing
Communications Work Group, will be attending its first meeting on January 30. The meeting will discuss holding training sessions on social media for LMLIP members. Ensuring how to retain a social media presence will also be covered at the training sessions.

8. **Agenda additions: Phillipa Myers**
   - Community Diversity Inclusion Strategy: The City of London is working to develop a diversity and inclusion strategy for London. The first open session was held on January 14. A vision statement that incorporates suggestions from all attendees will be formulated and sent back to all participants for feedback from them and their networks.
   - Phillipa, who is a Ph.D candidate, mentioned that purpose of her study is aimed at understanding the Canadian education experiences of female, Latin American students. She is looking to interview the daughters of Latin American immigrants who have had at least four years of Canadian education and are currently in the post secondary system or have recently finished. She requested Sub-council members to refer potential interviewees to her.

9. **Information Sharing**
   Upcoming meeting dates were provided - **2017**: March 22, April 19, June 21, September 20, November 15 **2018**: January 17, March 21

10. **Chairperson’s Closing Summary and Review of Action Items**
    Phillipa thanked the group for attending the meeting.

11. **Adjourn**
    Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

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London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership

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Minutes

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<td>Muriel Abbot, past chair of the Education Sub-Council, was recognized for her commitment to the LMLIP. She contributed almost 700 hours in a variety of roles. The City of London held a community consultation regarding London becoming a sanctuary city. A report is being prepared on the topic. The I am London campaign, which has 15 nominees, will be launched in May. The Measuring Outcomes work group is developing an evaluation template. The Conference Board of Canada has shared an infographic that explains why immigration is vital for Canada: <a href="http://www.conferenceboard.ca/infographics/import-immigration.aspx">http://www.conferenceboard.ca/infographics/import-immigration.aspx</a></td>
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Evaluation template will be emailed to members
The project involves different people representing their countries of origin and speaking to the students about them. Students had a passport stamped for every person/country they spoke to.

Huda noted that the students from Grade 2-5 were interested and engaged, making it a good forum to introduce children to various nationalities and cultures.

6. Welcoming Communities – report on LMLIP Day of Learning: Huda Hussein

Huda thanked those who had attended the March 1 LMLIP Day of Learning and requested them for their feedback, which was noted:

- The group discussion was very interesting with many viewpoints represented.
- More time should have been allotted for the group discussion and dot-mocracy. It would be better if the event was held over a full day.
- The keynote speech was too long. More stories could have been covered if they were brief. The keynote speaker had a good message and would have been stronger if the delivery was different.
- It would have been more impactful to have immigrants tell their own stories.
- The meeting needed more participation from frontline workers.
- The overall consensus was that it was a good meeting.

Huda informed the group that the information and suggestions obtained at the meeting had been collated into a report under various themes. The report has been sent to attendees and they have been requested to provide feedback by March 24, 2017. The Welcoming Communities Work Group will meet on March 27, 2017 to discuss the implementation of the ideas.

7. Huron University student presentation: “Establishing institutional supports for newcomer students transitioning to University”

- Gabriel Ndayishimiye, Sabeel Khan and Jennifer Chung are students in Huron University’s “Think Global Act Local” course that encourages students to work with local communities.
- The group has created a collaborative program between Huron/Western and South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre (SLNRC) that aims to show high school or mature students the basics of university life.
- The group aims to assign mentors to students considering higher secondary education to help increase their confidence and reduce anxiety.
- The ultimate aim is to institutionalize the program to allow it to carry on in future.
- Two sessions will be held this year at SLNRC and Western. More sessions will be held next year.

Sub-council members suggested the following to further the reach of the program:

- Contact the Boys and Girls Club to see if students there would be interested.
- Connect with Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) to reach students through them.
- Devise French presentations for French school boards.
- Contact the YMCA Y Map program. Phillipa noted that has already contacted them.
- Coordinate with Fanshawe to allow mentees to tour the campus.

The presentation is attached.

8. Education Sub-council Work Plan 2016-2017 Implementation

c) Welcoming All Voices (WAV) discussion on next steps: Kate Kennedy

- Following Central Council’s suggestion that the WAV work group connect with principals, the group has been discussing a plan of action. They want to ensure a
targeted approach that will ensure they reach parents through principals.

- Kate and Janet will connect with Community Connectors at Family Centres to introduce them to the resource.
- Mayssa has attended meetings at Knollwood Park and Louis Arbour to discuss WAV.
- Denise introduced staff at the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Carousel Learning Day to the resource.
- Kathy will be meeting with SWIS managers in April to discuss how they can publicize WAV in their schools.

**Presentations work group update: Phillipa Myers**

- The Boys and Girls Club has requested a presentation on diversity and intercultural communication. Phillipa is coordinating to set a date.

**Communications Work Group: Gabrielle Laurin**

- A draft communications plan was discussed.
- Design concepts for the I am London logo and posters were discussed.
- The format and content of the social media training session for LMLIP members in late April/early May was discussed.

9. Information Sharing

- Education Sub-council member, Ana Enriquez, has applied to join the Thames Valley Parent Involvement Committee (TVPIC) to represent the Sub-council, if accepted.
- Investing in Children has developed literacy kits for newcomer Syrian families with young children. The kits encourage parent-child interaction and include two books, magnetic letters, etc. A demonstration was held to show the parents and children how the kits could be used. The TVDSB ESL program has allocated funds to distribute 100 kits. Other groups who are interested in purchasing the kits are requested to contact Janet.
- The downtown location of the City of London’s Social Services is moving to Citiplaza and will begin operations there on March 27, 2017.

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11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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