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MEETING DATE:

9/25/2019

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MEETING TIME LOCATION:

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** D. Brown (Social Enterprise Canada); H. Cleare (Contact Community Services);

A. Fletcher (South Simcoe Police Services); K. Fraser (Lakehead University) C. Gagnon (MTCS-RSB-CID); R. Griffiths (LIP, recording secretary); G. Hall (COS,

Library Cooperative);); C. Ignas (SMCDSB); E. Jara (Credit Canada Debt Solutions); M. Kuzma (Nottawasaga Futures); S. Lee (LIP); J. McGee (YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka); K. McKenna (COS, EDO); L. Moorhouse (Barrie Police); L. Palson (Georgian College); S. Sarin (EMA); N. Shukla (COS, Research Anaylist); I Toor (SCDSB); M. Vandevis (COS, OW); P. Whittington (for H. Hie,

Georgian College

REGRETS: A. Dubeau (County Councillor); M. Dunot (LIP); E. Garcia (Enrique N. Garcia

Translations); M. Norris (Conseil Scolaire Viamonde);); L. Wild (City of Barrie) L.

Woodrow (Career Centre SCDSB); ); M. Wynia (COS, Long Term Care)

ABSENT: S. Boyd (OPP); C. Colcy (BCHS); A Dunning (OPP); S. Graham (OPP); I Pavlik

(pavliks.com); K. Manners (Simcoe County Coalition)

SUBJECT: Local Immigration Partnership Meeting

# 1. Welcome/Introductions

Andrew Fletcher welcomed the group informing the group that co-chair, A. Dubeau is recovering from knee surgery. Round table introductions were made.

#### 2. Community Updates & Other Business

*P. Whittington* shared that the next Occupational Specific Language Training (OSLT) program starts in October focusing on professional managers.

K. McKenna shared the County of Simcoe Economic Development Office (EDO) will be attending an Immigrant Job Fair in Peel to recruit for Simcoe County labour force needs..

#### 3. Approval of Minutes – May 2019

MOTION to accept the minutes as provided. 1<sup>St</sup> E. Jara; 2nd M. Kuzma; ALL IN FAVOUR. Motion Carried.



# 4. IRCC/MCCSS Updates

a. IRCC support for Immigrant/Refugee Legal Aid



No MCCSS updates at this time.

### 5. County of Simcoe LIP Secretariat Update

a. IRCC Visit and Tour, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 – S. Lee shared the success of the IRCC visit. Presentation is attached.



IRCC presentation August 2019.pdf

- b. Funding Application
- c. FCM Application S. Lee shared that the application was submitted. In partnership with EMA and Library Cooperative the LIP will be partnering
- d. IRCC Annual Report



Annual report 2018 2019 Final.pdf

# 6. Sub-Councils/Working Groups



25SEP2019Sub Council Report.pdf

- a. Settlement Sub-Council
- b. 2019 Newcomer Recognition Awards The group was encouraged to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> annual event. R. Griffiths will send out invitation this week.
- c. Cultural Competency Working Group
- d. # IT STARTS Working Group
  - 2020 Campaign Update
  - Member Questionnaire Feedback



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Survey results were shared and discussion of 2020 campaign took place. Suggestions include more social media frames, printing of cookbooks, and adding champions and ambassadors were discussed.

#### 7. Community Projects

- a. Immigrant Job Finding Club
  - P. Whittington provided an update on H. Hie's behalf. The next networking event will be held this week
- b. Ethnic Mosaic Alliance
  - S. Sarin shared that EMA is hosting a silent auction during the 2019 Newcomer Recognition Awards. Council members offered items for donation. S. Sarin will connect and coordinate.
- c. Libraries

G. Hall shared that the Library Cooperative will be partnering with Simcoe/Muskoka YMCA to develop curriculum and provide Citizenship Classes. More information will follow.

# 8. Health Survey

a. Timelines – N. Shukla shared the attached presentation on the Immigrant Health Survey, sharing details regarding survey development and methodology.



S. Lee requested assistance from the group to meet the target of 700 participants. J. McGee offered the YMCA's student as a resource to increase survey participation.

### 9. 2020 Progress Report

 Communications J. Mercer shared the communication process of assembling a report of this nature. The group was informed that changes to the document should be made prior to final formatting.

The group was asked to share ideas for the report, based on the four Settlement Strategy Themes of readiness, opportunity, celebrate and inspire (attached).



 International Experience Counts -Professional Development for Settlement and Employment Services – November 13<sup>th</sup>, Simcoe County Museum – R. Griffiths will forward the invitation for this event today.

Next Meeting – Wednesday November 27th 2019, 9:30 am to 11:30 am, Simcoe County Museum

Educational Inclusions; IRCC announcement re legal aid; Newcomer Awards save the date; International Experience Counts Invite; 2016 Progress Report; IRCC Annual Report; Mosaic