

MINUTES - WECHC PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Pickwick Site

7621 Tecumseh Road East, Windsor, ON

(Entrance to parking lot on corner of Annie Street & Tecumseh Road)

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Chair: Hardeep Sadra, Senior Director
Recorder: Liz Magro, Administrative Assistant

Community Partners In Attendance: 11

1. Welcome/Intro at 9:10am

H. Sadra

- Approval of December 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Approved as circulated.

2. Community Information Session

- **LDMH – Services Available & Optimizing use of Telemedicine**

M. Miinch

Sends Regrets

- **Community Living Essex County – Advocate for and Manager of Community Relations and Community Resources**

T. DeSantis / B. Gagnon

Community Living Essex County is a non-profit charitable organization assisting people with intellectual disabilities. The majority of funding comes from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Fundraising also helps out the organization tremendously with items that are not covered such as transportation costs, day trips, conference costs, etc. Fundraising events are held throughout the year - Ruthven Apple Fest, Devonshire Mall Gift Wrapping, Giving Tuesday, and the Annual Golf Tournament.

May is Community Living Month. During this month, community leaders from local municipalities are invited to their Annual Luncheon with the Mayors.

Brigitte Gagnon from Speakers Bureau educates the community about acceptance and involvement. Brigitte is involved with many committees, but primarily one named 'New Day'. New Day is a self-advocacy group which consists of about 14 members. These members attend conferences and workshops, share ideas and express their feelings. She hopes to be employed one day.

Community Living is currently looking for volunteers and members. Please contact Tony DeSantis for further information at 519-776-6483, or please visit their website at: <http://communitylivingessex.org/>

- **Windsor Police Service – ‘Securing our Seniors’ SOS Program**

D. Lamont

'Securing our Seniors' (SOS) is an educational initiative that was developed by the Windsor Police Service (WPS) in order to inform our seniors on a variety of different topics. Knowledge is power – informing seniors is the best way to prevent/deter crime. Information sessions are free and are available to the public throughout the city.

Topics covered are:

1. Elder Abuse & Bullying – physical, psychological, financial, and neglect; and also educating seniors of their own actions & words.
2. Powers of Attorney – choosing the right person, updating it often, and family fraud.
3. Crime & Fraud Prevention and Victimization – online safety tips, identification theft, being aware of routines, what types of cards to carry with you, recognizing phony phone calls, and door to door scams, etc.
4. Golden Years - safety tips out in public & around the house, socialization & retirement homes, etc.
5. License Renewals & Information about updated Traffic Rules.

For further information and upcoming sessions – please visit:

<http://www.police.windsor.on.ca/community/Community-Events/Pages/Securing-Our-Seniors%E2%80%93Crime-Prevention.aspx>

3. Closing Remarks / Thank You

H. Sadra

4. Next Steps

- **Presenters for June 8, 2016 Meeting**

- ✓ The Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Women – Settlement and health initiatives in Leamington – tentative topic (Naomi Levitz).

- **Presenters for September 7, 2016 Meeting**

- ✓ AIDS Committee of Windsor – Women Centered Harm Reduction & Programs and Services (Kimberly Levergood).

5. Adjournment at 10:35am

H. Sadra

6. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Pickwick Site, 7621 Tecumseh Road East, Windsor, ON

Respectfully Submitted by Liz Magro