

**Ontario Region LINC Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 2, 2006**

Discussion of the draft report from the visioning meeting on May 12, 2006

“Next Steps” summary:

- Communication with CIC
- Coordination of programs – LINC, ISAP, Host
- Review and updating of assessment tools
- Curriculum: planning, support, resources
- Customized training delivery: lower ratios; flexible models; implementation of the recommendations from LINC literacy and High Needs reports; program supports; online learning
- Learner subsidies and infrastructure
- Compensation levels
- Public relations campaign
- Measurement systems

Peter Dorfman, SWIS, video presentation

The Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) program started in 1999. It is now available in all the large urban centres of Ontario with the exception of London and is geared towards secondary school youth. A number of learning tools have been developed for this program, including “New Moves,” a video translated into seventeen languages. An activity guide is available free on www.settlement.org

Standing Committees and future Co-Chair of ORLAC

Barb Krukowski was named the next ORLAC Chair by acclamation.

The following Standing Committees were formed:

- Communication and Administration
- Delivery: Training & Assessment, PD, Childminding
- Planning: RFPs and Stats

High Needs Report

The report provides a list of the top ten factors associated with “high needs.” The report provides a list of 23 recommendations and will be referred to the Planning subcommittee for further analysis.

Sector Updates

TESL Ontario

- TESL Ontario has a contract with MCI to develop an Ontario citizenship curriculum and material by December 2006
- The TESL Ontario Conference assistance has been confirmed

CESBA

- The May CESBA Conference, financed by MCI, reviewed best practices of ESL delivery
- CESBA has completed a survey of all Ministry-funded ESL classes in Ontario and submitted it to MCI

CIC Operations

- A comprehensive list of tools and resources is being put together
- There will be an ELT Conference in November 2006 in Ottawa with a call for proposals that will be issued by NHQ

LINC Assessors

- PD has been reinstated and there will be two Coordinators' Fora, the first on September 21st. Assessment Centres are to be contacted for input for the agenda
- The training on the ELTPA 6-10 tool has been completed
- There was a recent meeting with CIC/MCI to discuss the use of tools. A plan will be available in September

OCASI:

- On June 15th, ORLAC members were invited for an afternoon of conversation and networking
- The official launch of the CISSA website was May 2, 2006. The address is: www.cissa-cesi.org

Other business

The ORLAC meeting dates for 2006-07 are:

Friday, September 29, 2006

Friday, November 3, 2006

Friday, January 19, 2007

Friday, March 30, 2007

Friday, June 1, 2007