

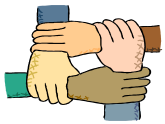


## **SERVING ETHNOCULTURAL COMMUNITIES:**

A Scan of Organizational Capacities in 24  
Ethnocultural Community Associations

## **Appendix H**

**Workshop Agenda, Letter of Invitation**



THE MULTICULTURAL COALITION FOR EQUITY IN HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
invites you to participate in:

## **SERVING ETHNOCULTURAL COMMUNITIES: A LEADERS' WORKSHOP**

July 18, 2005

Dear colleague,

The Edmonton Multicultural Coalition for Equity in Health and Wellbeing (MCEHW) was established in 2002 and consists of members of 12 ethnic minority communities. In cooperation with government and community organizations, the Coalition has aimed to articulate and advocate a policy agenda for immigrant and refugee health and wellbeing. One of the main lessons the Coalition gained in the mobilization process has been the realization that immigrant and refugees from a diversity of cultural backgrounds share common barriers to integration in Canadian society.

There are over 95 ethno cultural organizations in Edmonton that focus primarily on their own community needs. However there is currently no accurate information on their organizational profiles. To address this lack of information, the Coalition conducted a research project where 30 community leaders were interviewed since November 2004. The purpose of this project was to learn more about these organizations and to foster the development of relationships that are fundamental to further coalition building. The project is in collaboration between the University of Alberta (Dr. Denise Spitzer) and the Multicultural Health Brokers Coop (Dr. Lucenia Ortiz) who are advisors of the project. The funding is provided by the Prairie Centre for Excellence in Research of Immigration and Integration.

The interviews and data analysis are now complete and we would like to bring participants together to share our results in a workshop. We would also like this to be an opportunity to enable participants to determine the direction of future collective action. Aside from bringing the research participants and Coalition members together, we would also like the workshop to be another means of engaging community leaders who we did not have the opportunity to interview.

We hope this to be a strong step towards building a strong collective voice for shared issues and towards addressing common barriers to our health and well being!

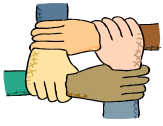
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Please RSVP by August 20, 2005 to the Edmonton Multicultural Coalition for Equity in Health & Well Being by phoning 423-1973 or emailing the Coalition at [mcehw@yahoo.com](mailto:mcehw@yahoo.com). For more information, please contact Lucenia Ortiz at 423-1973 or Alina Tanasescu at 1-403-585-9707.

Many thanks for your participation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Tessie Oliva, President  
Multicultural Coalition for Equity in Health and Wellbeing



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What do members of ethnocultural organizations and groups in our Edmonton communities have in common? What could we accomplish if we worked together? We are interested in learning about the experiences, challenges and successes of ethnocultural organizations that represent the interests of minority communities. We hope that by learning more about your organization and your community, we can find areas of common interest that we can work on together in the future.

**When:** September 10, 9:00-2:30

**Where:** Sacred Heart Gym, 9624-108 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

### WORKSHOP AGENDA

9:00-10:00	Registration & socializing	C O N C E R N S
10:00-10:20	Opening Ceremonies Guest Speaker	
10:20-10:40	Presentation: Summary of research findings	
10:45-10:55	Coffee break	H O P E
10:55-12:00	Small Groups Workshops 1: Did the research capture your experience?	
12:00-12:45	Lunch Entertainment	A C T I O N
12:45-1:15	Plenary: Pulling it together	
1:30-2:00	Small Groups Workshops 2: Where do we go from here?	
2:00-2:25	Presentation of Workshop Discussions Closing	

## WORKSHOP PROCESS MEETING

No guest speaker yet

5 facilitators - Ivon Pereira, Alina, Lucenia, Lori, and Chris Ford

Personal phone calls tomorrow by interviewees

- Edmonton Multicultural Society
- Viets association
- Chinese
- Heritage

Themes

Statement of issues or concerns

Use to begin to strategies

The research tells us as issues and concerns as organizations

Civic participation

External linkage

Organizational capacity – funding

External	Internal (intra/inter) cohesion	Integration	capacity (funding)	youth
- points from research in these categories in handout				
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Does this capture your experience?

2 most critical

Analysis - prioritize the points and add additional and themes not picked up.

What is causing this?

Why is this important to your organization?

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- list of priorities (dots)
  - rationale for each points (why did you pick as your first priorities)
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Position paper

Are there common priorities

What needs to happen to address these issues.

(no resources – why not put together a centre and share??)

fundors are looking for this coming together – sharing infrastructure – fiscally responsibility) credibility for government

## 2. Workshop

this becomes the role for the coalition to coordinate this coming together.

30 minutes

Divide groups into themes – and focus on that issue:

Actions:

THEME: Org capacity.

Problem?

Need funds

Solution?

Get more funds?

How do we get there?

What can do orgs do – as an org what do you need to access funding?

What can Coalition fit in with – what can coalition do to help organization across all not just yours?

In the introduction – Tessie will give background.

Immediate Actions; what happens next?

Meet again – see what happens to help –

Position paper – Tessie talks about –

In conclusion and the joint the plan of action

Send to the mayor and hear us want

Already you're making a positive step and this is eg of what can do together.

For the participants to feel we're doing something

Feeds into AAAMA bring to provincial and federal policies

Municipal members there – you come to get something out of it – housing

NEXT MEETING

October 15    November 12

December 17