

Program Steering Group Update

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The Program Steering Group initiated regular meetings in October of 2007. At that time we defined our mandate, scope and created some metrics to track and monitor our progress against those goals and objectives. We also established a regular meeting schedule and meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Looking to expand our membership, we defined the roles or skills required to successfully carry out our mandate. We are currently developing a **Call for New Members**. Aside from recommendations from existing members of the committee we are also considering posting the positions on Charity-Village and Board-Match targeting diversified groups.

We completed the framework for our Evaluation Tool Kit which provides criteria aimed to ensure that we standardize our message and that provides a measurement tool that gages the quality of our programs. Our current programs will be evaluated using our new criteria within the next two months.

Next on the action plan, the steering group will be reviewing data concerning electronic delivery of prevention programs as well as researching existing youth community councils within the Province of Ontario. Collaborating with these groups will assist in the launch of the CODA Youth Advisory Council.