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Minutes – QLIP Temporary Foreign Worker Working Group

Date: June 14, 2023

MEETING :	Quinte Local Immigration Partnership Temporary Foreign Worker Working Group www.quintelip.ca
LOCATION	Zoom online platform (1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.)
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(*Note: This meeting was not recorded)

- **Welcome** - Opening remarks, land acknowledgement (5 mins)

Dorothy Wigmore and Cat Fisher Andrews welcomed the meeting participants and QLIP provided a land acknowledgement for the region

- **Introductions and agenda additions (5 mins)**

Dorothy asked any new members to introduce themselves. There was a quick roundtable of introductions.

- **Guidelines for Committee (10 mins)**

- The committee reviewed the proposed Guidelines for the QLIP TFW Working Group. Committee members made a few suggested changes and agreed that the Guidelines were a living document and edits can be made when necessary.
- The group agreed to have a rotating chair person. Dorothy Wigmore will remain as chair for the next few meetings.
- Cat will make any changes to the Guidelines and re-send by email to committee members.

- **Definitions review (5 mins)**

Dorothy discussed definitions of status in Canada with regards to Temporary Foreign Workers and other status. She provided documentation on the different status information.

The committee discussed the status of international graduates, agricultural workers and other TFWs noting the difference in needs and barriers for a broad range of newcomer TFWs.

The next activity on brainstorming focus areas will help to identify which TFW groups could be best served by the committee.

- **Brainstorming/Discussion on TFW needs in our region (15 mins)**

- The committee was introduced to the Zoom Whiteboard tool to be used in the meeting to brainstorm ideas for what the group can and should focus on with regards to TFWs
- Dorothy introduced the main headings on the Whiteboard and gave a brief tutorial on how to use it. Each member was able to give written input into the board
- Results will be downloaded and organized to be disseminated by email or at the next meeting.

- **Updates (10 mins)**

- **Discussion of Events for TFWS**

- Dorothy reviewed some of the upcoming summer events (Belleville Multicultural Waterfront Festival and Caribbean Festival) that agencies could attend to bring light to TFW issues.
- Daniel Quesada Rebolledo is organizing a TNO (The Neighbourhood Organization) information session for seasonal agricultural workers in PEC for June 27th 2023, which committee members are invited to attend.

- **Finding TFWs in the Community - Discussion**
- **Other Business (5 mins)**
- **Adjournment/ Next Meeting date: July 2023, date TBD**