



MAP Multi-Agency
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Working Together for Refugee Claimants

MAP Member Agency News

Weekly Bulletin # 31

February 26, 2020

MAP Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 27, 9:30AM - 12:00PM Location: ISSofBC, 2610 Victoria Ave., Vancouver

9:30AM Welcome from Co-Chair: Richard Belcham (inasmuch)

- Acknowledgement, Welcome and Introductions
- Outline of Agenda
- Review of January Minutes

ANNOUNCEMENTS: website and bulletin updates – Jenny

9:45 AM Presentation: Refugee Protection Division Update

Presenter: Negar Azmudeh – Special Advisor to Deputy Chairperson, RPD

10:30 AM *Networking break*

11:00 AM Election of new MAP co-chair – *Richard*

- presentation
- declaration of new co-chair – *Richard and Mariana*

11:15 AM **MAP Advisory Committee: Refugee Claimant Housing Referral and Management System**

- Nominations and election to office of candidates by MAP membership - *Richard and Mariana*
- Next steps

11:35 AM Quantitative and qualitative update on Refugee Claimants in the Lower Mainland

11:40 AM Agency Updates

12:00 PM Feedback forms and adjournment

Next Meeting: March 26, 2020 at Canadian Red Cross, 3400 Lake City Way, Burnaby

In 2019, Kinbrace commenced an internal study to analyze data collected since 2008 from the Vancouver READY Tour and to listen to anonymous feedback from former refugee claimant participants and from service providers. The study asked several questions, including:

- What questions do refugee claimants have about the refugee hearing?
- Are refugee claimants more prepared for their refugee hearing after attending a READY Tour?

To find out what we learned, read the full [report Vancouver READY Tours and Refugee Claimant Hearing Readiness: Impact and Learnings \(An Internal Study\)](#).

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We're hiring for a new role! If you are interested in becoming our Community Coordinator, please do apply. Or if you know someone who might be interested or would be a good fit, please do pass along the job posting. Thanks!

Position Title: Community Coordinator

Job Purpose: The Community Coordinator is responsible for leading Kinbrace's Community program to help build transformative connections: to the Host Community, the larger Community, the physical spaces of Kinbrace, and Kinbrace staff.

Position Overview: The Community Coordinator, with support from other staff and volunteers, will steward and nurture the Kinbrace community to create a transformative environment where residents, Host Community, staff, volunteers and neighbours flourish together.

The Community Coordinator is responsible for leading and caring for Kinbrace's Host Community; this includes ensuring all Host Community members are supported, listened to, and advocated for. The Community Coordinator will also work with each Host Community member to develop a Sustainability Plan to ensure ongoing health of the host community.

The Community Coordinator is also responsible for creating opportunities for Kinbrace residents to develop friendships with other residents, volunteers, neighbours, and staff members; this includes cultivating and stewarding volunteers and volunteer groups. In addition, the Community Coordinator will create community building events that help residents discover and experience belonging.

Position Terms: Full-time: 30 hours per week - \$25-30/hr depending on experience - 3-month mutual discernment period - Comprehensive benefits



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You are invited!

Jumpstart Refugee Talent Meet & Greet events

Jumpstart Refugee Talent is a refugee led non-profit organization that supports the economic empowerment of newly settled refugees in Canada.

Jumpstart has recently expanded to Vancouver and is hosting meet & greet networking events to introduce our team to the community. We are inviting:

- Refugees new to Canada interested in meaningful employment/entrepreneurship
- Canadian professionals interested in supporting refugees
- Businesses and employers
- Settlement agencies and service providers

RSVP to one of our upcoming events:

Burnaby

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Location: WeWork - 6060 Silver Dr, Burnaby, BC V5H 2Y3 (3rd floor)

RSVP: www.eventbrite.ca/e/93430698735



Vancouver

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2020

Time: 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Location: WeWork - 333 Seymour, Vancouver, BC V6B 5A6 (8th Floor)

RSVP: www.eventbrite.ca/e/93424674717



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**Participate in the Canadian Council for Refugees Working Group meetings
Toronto, 28-29 February 2020 at the Salvation Army, 160 Jarvis St., Toronto, M5B 2E1**



Insight on some of the topics on the Agendas:

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 9:30am - 5pm: Inland Protection Working Group meeting

- Front-end issues – delays in eligibility determination
- New ineligibility and PRRA

SATURDAY 29 FEBRUARY 9:30am - 5pm: Overseas Protection & Resettlement Working Group meeting

- Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) updates from Working Group February 11-13, 2020
- Share findings of G5 survey in report form

9:30am - 5pm: Immigration and Settlement Working Group meeting

- International Students
- Housing – including the creation of the National Right to Housing Network

In all Groups:

- Planning Spring Consultation, June 2-4, 2020 (Moncton, New Brunswick)
- Advocacy priorities 2020 9:30am - 5pm: Immigration and Settlement Working Group meeting
- International Students
- Housing – including the creation of the National Right to Housing Network

Agendas for the meeting will be available a couple of days prior to the event on the Working Group webpages for logged-in CCR members and will also be sent by email to the CCR list. SEE OVER

Hello BCSIS Service Providers,



We invite you to register for the new BCSIS E-learning module Employment-Related Supports and Inter-Agency Referrals for Immigrant Clients (Part 1), which is now available through the AMSSA Institute.

Newcomer clients seeking employment have unique needs and often require services from multiple organizations. However, they can face challenges navigating the complex network of services. This training offers guidance on service delivery approach and best practices. Topics include:

- Cultural impact on attitudes towards employment and career development
- Newcomers and the importance of work
- Fundamental best practices for successful referrals
- Ways to establish and maintain client trust
- Client needs assessment in the context of referrals
- The importance of building and maintaining knowledge of services in order to provide appropriate referrals

Module #6 is the first of two companion modules that guide effective supports, service delivery and interagency collaboration. The topic will be continued in Module #7, scheduled to launch at the end of March.

The free online workshop requires approximately 90 minutes for the learner to complete. It's asynchronous, self-paced and can be taken at the learner's convenience, by individuals or in a group, for example at a staff meeting. It's great for onboarding new staff. Learners receive a Certificate of Completion once they have completed all sections, quizzes and the evaluation. Here is the link for registration:

<https://institute.amssa.org/courses/employment-related-supports-and-inter-agency-referrals-for-immigrant-clients-part-1>

Questions? Please contact:

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JOB OPPORTUNITY



MOSAIC Refugee Settlement and Integration Program is looking for a Coordinator of Refugee Claimants Housing Management and Referral. We would like to share this job posting with you, and please find details in the link: https://www.mosaicbc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Job-posting_Coordinator-of-RC-Housing-Management-and-Referral--Jan2020.pdf

This is a full time position with starting hourly rate range from \$ 25.16 to \$26.69 (depending on qualifications and experience), and **it's an ongoing position until a suitable candidate is found.**

Questions? Please contact: Tracy Tang

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