

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday 12 August 2014

Large Executive Conference Room, Level 2
Department for Child Protection and Family Support
189 Royal Street, East Perth

Meeting commenced at 9:30am

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Community Sector Roundtable meeting. Ms Dawn Wallam was welcomed to CSR as a new member, representing SNAICC. Ms Wallam is the CEO of Yorganop Association Incorporated.

Present

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| Ms Cheryl Barnett | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |
| Ms Kay Benham | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |
| Mr Steve Glew | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |
| Mr Basil Hanna | Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc |
| Captain Ken Smith | The Salvation Army |
| Mr Mick Geaney | MercyCare |
| Mr David Hogg | Lifestyle Solutions |
| Ms Tricia Murray | Wanslea Family Services Inc |
| Ms Martine Pitt | Communicare Inc |
| Mr Ashley Reid | Ngala |
| Ms Veronica Rodenburg | Yaandina Family Centre Inc |
| Ms Dawn Wallam | Yorganop Association Incorporated/SNAICC |

In attendance

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| Ms Emma White | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |
| Ms Sandra Flanagan | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |

Apologies

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| Mr Ian Carter | AnglicareWA |
| Ms Irina Cattalini | WACOSS |
| Ms Melissa Perry | Mission Australia |
| Mr Tony Pietropiccolo | Centrecare Inc |

2. Minutes of Meeting held 8 July 2014

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 8 July 2014 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Actions Arising

3.1 L&P forum – update/discussion

Mr Glew advised that feedback had been requested on the suggested topics and possible guest speakers, with limited response. It was requested that members consider these items and provide details as soon as possible to Ms Flanagan.

Action: members to provide feedback to Ms Flanagan regarding suggestions for the Leadership and Partnership Forum ASAP.

4. Agenda Items

4.1 Expansion and development of the Secondary Family Support Networks

The Chair briefly discussed the paper *Western Australian Family Support Networks: An integrated, collaborative service delivery model* that had been provided prior to the meeting and the maps and other data that were tabled at the meeting. He asked that members take time to consider the papers and return comments to Ms Benham by the end of this week.

Ms Benham discussed the spread of services and the proposed order for the roll out of FSNs. Given that the model for country locations may require further work, it is proposed that metro locations, along with Bunbury and Peel undertaken first. It was proposed that the remaining country locations be established once increased learnings can be incorporated into a model appropriate to regional/remote locations.

Other items discussed included:

- possible involvement /funding from Royalties for Regions;
- commitment of the Department's District Directors to taking a lead role in the establishment and on-going work of the FSNs;
- the benefits of services working together;
- the benefits of FSNs enabling the flexibility to shift funding to gaps; and
- a joint presentation (government and non-government) scheduled for 31 October to the Partnership Forum on the FSNs.

It was agreed, in principle that the rollout would begin with the metropolitan locations, and Bunbury and Peel, with country locations to follow.

Information will be provided to WACOSS and the Alliance for inclusion in their respective Budget Submissions.

Action:

- Members to provide feedback on the papers and proposals by Friday 15 August to Ms Benham.
- Item to remain on the agenda for further discussion next meeting.
- Information to be forwarded to WACOSS and the Alliance.

4.2 Macro issues impacting the out of home care system

The Chair welcomed Mr Paul Maher and Mr Ben Whitehouse to the meeting. Mr Maher provided an overview of the Out of Home Care Five Year Strategic Plan. Two papers were distributed to members, an *Out of Home Care Five Year Strategic Plan - update* and *Challenges and Trends in WA Out of Home Care System*. These papers were discussed.

Additional discussion ensued on the following:

- The difficulty in aligning the amount of therapeutic care required to the costing model.
- The role of FSNs in the prevention of tertiary issues/intervention.
- The cost of OOH in other jurisdictions is being examined.
- Identifying what is being paid for, including the cost of not providing the required level of service (eg future cost on health services, corrective services etc).

- Consideration of the potential to legislate Rapid Response, this is built in to government agencies KPIs so would reduce the vulnerability of rapid response which currently operates on “influence” rather than requirement.
- Draft paper being prepared by the Alliance regarding the costings for Tier 1 family group homes. This will be made available to CSR once completed.
- The Tier 1 to 3 framework is being superseded, having served its purpose. It is time to build on the learnings and create more appropriate pathways into the future.
- It was questioned how well these issues are understood at the political level, particularly the Department of Treasury, which provides the funding.
- The Greens Senate inquiry into children living in out of home care may provide an opportunity to be heard.
- At the political level it is important to provide a clear, simple and consistent message – concrete strategies in response to the current and future environment and the Royal Commission.
- Importance of training foster carers. This is being addressed by a sub group and will be discussed in more detail at the next CSR meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Maher and Mr Whitehouse for attending the meeting.

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| Action: discussion on proposed training for foster carers to be in the next agenda. |
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4.3 Integration of Youth Services

Ms White advised she is co-chairing a Partnership Forum Working Group on Youth with Sue Ash. This group is currently focusing on – co-design, integration and sustainable use of resources, with the view to developing a resource for services. An update on this project will be provided to CSR as appropriate.

Ms Rodenberg requested an update on the issues pertaining to youth and *the Integration of Youth Services working group* out of session. Ms White agreed to provide this update.

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| Action: Ms White to contact Ms Rodenberg out of session to discuss youth issues. |
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4.4 Self-directed service design

Deferred.

5. Other Business

5.1 Signs of Safety Gathering

Ms Barnett advised that the Signs of Safety Gathering is scheduled for 11-13 November 2014. CSR members were invited to present on a relevant topic at the conference. Ms Barnett will forward information on the Gathering for members information and consideration of presentation topics.

All CSR members will be invited to attend the Gathering.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Barnett to forward information on the Signs of Safety Gathering to CSR members re invitation to present. • Members to forward Expressions of Interest to Ms Barnett. |
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5.2 November CSR meeting

The November CSR meeting will clash with the Signs of Safety Gathering. A new date for that CSR will need to be considered at the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting

Mr Hanna, Mr Geaney and Mr Glew advised they will be absent at the September meeting.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:20am. The next CSR meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 September 2014.