

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday 11 August 2015

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.

Present

Ms Sue Ash	UnitingCare West
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Ian Carter	AnglicareWA
Major Andrew Craib	The Salvation Army
Ms Mandy Gadsdon	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Ms Debbie Henderson	Family Inclusion Network of WA Inc
Mr David Hogg	Lifestyle Solutions
Ms Amanda Hunt	Mission Australia
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala
Ms Dawn Wallam	Yorganop Association Incorporated/SNAICC

In attendance

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

Apologies

Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
Ms Melissa Perry	Communicare Inc
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Ms Veronica Rodenburg	Yaandina Family Centre Inc

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14 July 2015

The minutes from the CSR meeting held on 14 July 2015 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Guest Speakers

Mr Terry Simpson, Consultant
Review of Departmental Community Sector Service Expenditure

The Chair welcomed Mr Simpson to the meeting.

Ms White explained the current internal organisational review and reform processes the Department is currently undergoing. The reform processes include OOHC, improving outcomes for Aboriginal children and families and the way the Department partners with the community sector.

Mr Simpson is reviewing the community service investment priorities and principles for the Department. Primarily, seeking visibility in investments in terms of what, why and how they are aligned with best practice, including service effectiveness, efficiency, contemporary service design and delivery. Importantly, how partnerships and the services procured connect with the Department's outcomes will also be considered. The sector will be consulted.

It was noted that individual services are not being reviewed but how the Department purchases the services, what is purchased compared to what services are needed and how a more flexible use of funding maybe established to achieve outcomes.

It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of October. The output from this would then go to the sector for consultation. Currently seeking input from CSR members to inform this process. It was agreed to report to CSR in September and October to update on progress. Mr Carter, Ms Wallam, Ms Ash and Ms Hunt agreed to provide input out of session.

This process is separate to the Regional Reform process.

Discussion ensued on the need for clarity of funding sources and processes and the specific costing models. It was noted that one agency may deliver a program much more cheaply than others, but not provide the same range and/or quantity of support, and therefore level of service, required.

Scoping the regulatory environment was also discussed, specifically relating to the shift from a contracting and funding environment to one of procurement.

The Chair thanked Mr Simpson for his time and the work he is undertaking. Members welcomed the opportunity to engage in this process.

<p>Action: Mr Carter, Ms Wallam, Ms Ash and Ms Hunt to provide input out of session. Mr Simpson to be invited to the September CSR meeting.</p>
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4. Actions Arising

4.1 Leadership and Partnership Forum and Learnings from place-based initiatives

The Chair provided the draft agenda. Mr Reid advised that Mr Grahame Searle is confirmed to present on Regional Reform, to broaden the knowledge base of participants. The Minister for Child Protection is confirmed. Mr Tom Leeming has been invited. The workshop session will incorporate Indigenous and non-government representatives where possible. Mr Searle's team is working with the CSR working group to finalise the agenda. Cabinet will endorse the Regional Reform team in the near future, including non-government and Aboriginal representatives. It is anticipated that some of these representatives will be included on the panel and participate in the workshop.

The afternoon session will focus on learnings from place based initiatives. Members agreed to invite a representative from the following to present :

- Communities for Children – Jenny Brody
- Armadale Family Support network – Vicki SMith
- Primary Health Association – Leane Durrington

- Child and parent centres – MercyCare – regional.
- UnitingCare West Service Centre strategy
- ACO

4.2 Evidence base and evaluation – Terms of Reference

Deferred to August meeting.

5. Agenda Items

5.1 Out of home care system

Ms Benham discussed the paper provided to members prior to the meeting '*Repositioning of the OOHC System*'.

This report outlines a proposal to describe the out-of-home care system under two phases:

1. transitional care; and
2. home for life care.

It is aligned and linked in the context of other reform changes, including over-representation of Aboriginal children in the out-of-home care system; realignment of district workforce; consistent carer assessment, training and approval; clarified policy on respite care; and realignment of Fostering and Adoptions Services.

6. Other Business

6.1 NIL

7. Next Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 10:40am. The next CSR meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2015, at Foyer Oxford.