

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 8 July 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. New members were welcomed and formally introduced.

Present

Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Ian Carter	AnglicareWA
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
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 Melissa Perry	Mission Australia
Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Ms Martine Pitt	Communicare Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala
Ms Veronica Rodenburg	Yaandina Family Centre Inc

In attendance

Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
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Apologies

Ms Emma White	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection and Family Support

2. Minutes of Meeting held 10 June 2014

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 10 June 2014 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Actions Arising

3.1 L&P forum – update/discussion

Mr Glew advised that the working group met out of session, the following topics were identified and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

1. FSN site selections – strategy, criteria and rationale.
2. Broad banding of Commonwealth services - DSS
3. Federalism – focus on Child Protection sector
4. McClure report

Feedback was requested on the topics and possible guest speakers.

Ideas included:

- Helen Grinbergs, State Manager, DSS broad banding
- Child Protection Framework
- Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) - Family Matters, indigenous issues
- Homelessness and affordable housing – significant change over the next 12 months. Look at the philosophy driving the direction and future programs. What are WA's preferred framework's to drive the future direction?
- IMF research around equity and productivity.
- Collective impact (for example, discussion regarding establishing an impact bond to address homelessness)
- Civil society
- Dr John Philimore, Curtin Institute for Public Policy - economic perspective 12 months on (from his presentation last year at P&L Forum).

Members discussed potentially establishing a facilitated panel session to discuss the political, economic and service contexts incorporating a philosophical point of view.

Theme: New visions of Civil Society and the impact of inequality and disadvantage in Western Australia.

Action: Working group to meet out of session to progress.
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4. Agenda Items

4.1 Expansion and development of the Secondary Family Support Networks – strategy for expansion

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- Recommended locations for FSNs
- Marketing plan for rollout out
- Budget submission

Members discussed the following issues:

- Priority order of site selection for rollout.
- Criteria for site selection including notifications, other data (eg referrals, demographics etc) and site readiness.
- Readiness is an important factor for site selection as it impacts the ease at which successful implementation can be obtained.
- It is envisaged that all districts will have a FSN, thus readiness may be the most important factor in determining order of implementation, thus allowing time for capacity building in sites not yet ready.
- It was noted that FNSs are not about starting new services but coordinating existing services.
- Required information on the number of secondary services located in each district (State and Commonwealth funded) to inform the readiness factor.
- Consideration of an alternative model for rural/remote FSNs.
- Services not funded by the Department may also add value to a FSN but are difficult to identify.

- FSNs to be discussed at Regional Forums. This will assist in increasing knowledge and gaining information about the location's readiness to establish a FSN.
- Members agreed a four year plan was more feasible than the two year plan for rollout of all FSNs.
- The following order of rollout to be considered:
 - 15/16 : Midland, Rockingham and Peel
 - 16/17 : Cannington, plus two country locations
 - 17/18 : Joondalup, plus two country locations
 - 18/19 : Perth, plus two country locations.
- The data and readiness factors may influence/alter the order of the above.
- Armadale, Mirrabooka, Fremantle and Murchison already have FSNs in train.
- Consideration to be given to means of preparing the first three sites for implementation.
- The Department is discussing FSNs with District Directors to determine the readiness factor for each region and with the view to bringing the local services up to date with recent progress and planned action.

Actions:

- Ms Barnett to provide data on: interactions, initial enquiry and safety and wellbeing assessments by postcode.
- Ms Benham to provide information on the number of secondary services (State and Commonwealth) in each district.
- Marketing plan and strategies to ensure the first three locations are ready for implementation to be discussed at the next meeting.

4.2 Macro issues impacting the out of home care system

Mr Geaney advised that the work in this area is progressing well. It was noted that the Department will be engaging the sector in the Permanency Planning Developmental Project.

Ms Cattalini queried if the Five Year Out of Home Care Strategy will include a target for how much of the care the Department is looking to deliver in the community sector. A subgroup has specified a target, however it is for consideration and decision by the Steering Committee.

4.3 Self-directed service design

Nil

4.4 Integration of Youth Services

Nil

5. Other Business

5.1 Aboriginal representation on CSR

Aboriginal representation on CSR was queried. It was advised that, this has been discussed and unfortunately no applications were received from such a representative. Members agree this is important and that an Aboriginal representative should be specifically sought.

It was suggested that Ms Mandy Gadsdon, Department for Child Protection and Family Support be invited to join CSR and/or a non-government representative. It was noted that SNAICC has expressed an interest in having a representative on CSR.

Resolution: members agreed that SNAICC be approached inviting a representative onto CSR.

Action: the Chair to contact SNAICC re representation on CSR, preferably at CEO level.

6. Next Meeting

Mr Cater, Ms Cattalini and Ms Perry advised they will be absent at the August meeting. The Chair offered them opportunity to provide written comments on the FSN issue to be discussed at the August meeting.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:25am. The next CSR meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 August 2014.