

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday 14 June 2016

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Community Sector Roundtable (CSR) meeting.

Acknowledgement to Country made by the Chair.

Present

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| Ms Irina Cattalini | WACOSS (Acting Chairperson) |
| 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 | Anglicare WA |
| Ms Mandy Gadsdon | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |
| Mr Steve Glew | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |
| Ms Debbie Henderson | Family Inclusion Network of WA Inc |
| Ms Tricia Murray | Wanslea Family Services Inc |
| Ms Melissa Perry | Communicare Inc |
| Mr Tony Pietropiccolo | Centrecare Inc |
| Major Scott Smallacombe | The Salvation Army |
| Ms Emma White | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |

In attendance

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| Ms Pippa Monger | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |
| Mr Terry Simpson | Consultant |
| Mr Ben White | Department for Child Protection and Family Support |

Apologies

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| Mr Basil Hanna | Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc |
| Mr David Hogg | Lifestyle Solutions |
| Ms Amanda Hunt | Mission Australia |
| Mr Ashley Reid | Ngala |
| Ms Dawn Wallam | Yorganop Association Incorporated/SNAICC |

Meeting commenced at 9:35 am.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 10 May 2016

The minutes from the CSR meeting held on 10 May 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3 Actions Arising

3.1 Map of CPFS Reform Activities

- Map of reform activities provided to CSR members prior to meeting. In regard to the glossary for child protection, it was confirmed that the glossary would be published on the Department's external website and support consistent use of language in the

OOHC sector. The Department is developing an engagement, consultation and collaboration framework, which will sit behind the glossary.

- Kay Benham will lead a Strategy Reform Unit to help support the coordination and delivery of the reform activities.

3.2 Changes to FSN Six Monthly Reporting Template for CSR to detail trends and outcomes

- Policy and Learning has started to look at this with Non Government Policy and Funding and Ms Gadsdon will meet with Ms Hanna to discuss this work.

ACTION: Ms Gadsdon to provide an update on FSN Reporting template at the next meeting.

3.3 EIFSS Presentation

- The Themes, Issues and Discussions Paper has been circulated. Consistency in feedback provided from 61 submissions and 14 face to face consultations.

3.4 Update of CSR Information Paper - Child and Parent Centres, Family Support Networks and Communities for Children

- The updated CSR Information Paper - Child and Parent Centres, Family Support Networks and Communities for Children was circulated to CSR members prior to the meeting. It was confirmed that the paper would be made available on the Department's external website.
- The Chair raised the current changing landscape in regard to the establishment of Kindilinks, the ceasing of Parenting WA and Best Start programs and other early childhood/parenting programs that intersect with some of the programs in the paper. This involves both the Department of Education and Department of Local Government and Communities, it would be beneficial to invite both Departments to either attend in person or provide a brief to the CSR.
- It was noted that the Department is a partner on the Connecting Communities for Kids initiative.

ACTION: Ms Monger to invite Department of Education and Department of Local Government and Communities to provide an update on parenting and early childhood programs.

4. Agenda Items

4.1 Earlier Intervention and Family Support

- The Partnership Forum is supporting the design and set up of an Outcomes Framework, with Ms White and Mr Carter co-chairing the working group. Organising a learning event to look at the intent and process to design the framework. Working group to meet in July and learning event to be held on 29 August 2016.
- The scope of the Outcomes Framework is in relation to the EIFSS and the early intervention area.
- DPC is looking at data linkages. This is not the focus of the Outcomes Framework but will come together at some point.
- Recommendations of the Intensive Family Services Review will be considered in the context of future direction in alignment with the EIFSS.

4.2 Planning, Co-design and Outcomes Framework

- Department working on an internal paper to outline its understanding and intent regarding co-design to provide a platform to work in this space.
- Working group of the Partnership Forum has a proposed draft framework on co-design. This is the current focal point of the partnership Forum.

4.3 Out of Home Care

- Ms Benham will look at how to keep CSR further updated on the OOHC Reforms and report back to members.
- Mr Pietropiccolo queried how the Department is thinking about the implementation of the OOHC reforms and the resources required, particularly in light of the current environment of funding restrictions across Government.
- Ms White stated that a prepared conversation can be had in the context of the regular updates. The work with Price Waterhouse Coopers will be important to understand some of these issues.
- Ms Murray raised concern regarding the timing of some of the processes, for example the *Framework for Collaborative Engagement between the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and the Community Services Sector* paper was provided to the peaks with a short turnaround time for consultation, leaving no time to constructively meet to discuss feedback.

4.4 Watching Brief

Family and Domestic Violence

- Ms White provided an update on the Family and Domestic Violence Governance Council (FDVGC):
 - to meet with Chief Judge at Family Court regarding interest and availability to attend the FDVGC;
 - perpetrator/men's behavior change network/peak body supported. The FDVGC is making plans through working groups to design this and funding for two years has been identified;
 - unresolved discussion about membership, perpetrator network/peak body would be an obvious member to the FDVGC in line with the Women's Council;
 - at ministerial level trying to bring Ministers together that have a role with family and domestic violence;
 - FDV Response Teams – pilot commencing July 1 to implement a different threshold and prioritisation system to provide better identification and support, as well as collaborate with different resource base for those teams.

Homelessness

- Minister Mitchell launched snapshot paper on 19 May 2016. The paper provided an overview of the progress over the last five years and flagged a series of planning forums to be held across the State. A list of forum dates will be distributed to CSR members.
- Changes to the NPAH have gone through relatively smoothly with contract changes from 1 August 2016 to allow for any staff changes within services.
- Concern about the number of 1 year contracts in the sector and how organisations are able to cope with significant changes around service delivery in an uncertain funding environment.
- Ms Cattalini raised the need for clear processes in responding to funding cuts, for example there was an expectation that there would be consultation regarding the current decisions around NPAH and the meeting with peaks was misrepresented as consultation. The difficulties around this matter was outlined by Mr Glew.

Aboriginal Youth Services Investment Reform and Regional Human Services Reform

- No update on Aboriginal Youth Services Investment Reform.
- Regional Services Reform Update:
 - a roadmap document providing an overview of the Reform is working its way through Cabinet;
 - the roadmap forms the basis of consultations with individual Aboriginal communities across the State (in July); and

- Strategic Regional Advisory Committee meetings held in Pilbara and Kimberley's in last two weeks went well.

Early Years

- This item was covered by the earlier discussion in section 3.4 and action to request a briefing from Department of Education and Department of Local Government and Communities. Members will continue discussion when responses have been received.

5. General Business

5.1 Reflecting on the outcome of the State Budget

- Department has received demand funding however this is to be offset with a range of efficiency dividends and public sector renewal targets.
- Department has been excluded from the Agency Expenditure Reviews as it can demonstrate current reform work and internal expenditure review undertaken.
- Observation that growth is in the tertiary end, in contrast forward estimates in outcome areas 1 and 2 are declining. WACOSS advocating that growth needed in early intervention and family support.

5.2 Partnership Forum

- At the FCWG a paper about how Government agencies may go about major changes is being discussed. Department of Finance may look at incorporating some of the strategies into best practice guidelines.
- Partnership Forum is looking at a beginning discussion paper around the ERO obligations. It would be useful to bring back to CSR.
- General discussion at FCWG around who is at the table (ensuring all relevant Departments present) and looking at big picture issues of sustainability of the sector. Concern around who is looking at a State Plan regarding the number of reforms and the capacity of the State to deliver services to its community.

5.3 Aboriginal Services and Practice Framework

- Department has revised Aboriginal Services and Practice Framework.

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| ACTION: Ms Gadsdon to provide a presentation of the ASPF at the next meeting. |
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6. Community Sector Expenditure Review Consultation Workshop

- Mr Simpson undertook the workshop with CSR members.

Next Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:33am. The next CSR meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 July 2016, at the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.