

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 14 June 2011

Large Executive Conference Room, Level 2
Department for Child Protection
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

Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Mr Ian Carter	Anglicare WA Inc
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection
Ms Rae Walter	Ngala
Captain Ken Smith	The Salvation Army
Ms Sue Ash	UnitingCare West
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection
Ms Debbie Henderson	The Family Inclusion Network of WA Inc
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS

In attendance

Mr Terry Murphy	Department for Child Protection
Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection

Apologies

Ms Angela Hartwig	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)
Mr Ashley Reid	MercyCare

2. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Aspinall, State Manager, FaHCSIA - Update on Commonwealth programs

The Chair advised that Mr Aspinall was unable to attend the meeting and that Ms Deborah Edwards, FaHCSIA, would provide the update on Mr Aspinall's behalf.

Ms Edwards tabled document titled *2010-2011 FaHCSIA Portfolio Budget Statement Outcomes and Administered Items Structure*. This provides an overview of the programs administered by FaHCSIA.

Ms Edwards briefly discussed each item. Discussion ensued on the following:

- The impact of accreditation and quality assurance systems on the delivery of services.
- It was agreed that Ms Edwards would discuss the issues raised around accreditation and quality assurance with Mr Aspinall. The Department has been providing ongoing feedback to the Commonwealth on this issue.
- The need to assess the 'at risk' group and establish preventative mechanisms.
- FaHCSIA is in the process of streamlining units of operation to reduce the number of staff members/units agencies need to liaise with.

3. Minutes of meeting held 10 May 2011

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 10 May 2011 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Budget Briefing – 2011-2012

Mr Murphy and Mr Glew circulated the Community Sector Budget Highlights 2011-2012 and provided an overview.

The following items were discussed:

- Non-government out of home care placements – funding for approximately 36 additional placements. This is consistent with the Out of Home Care Service Policy to increase placements over time. Additional placements will be discussed with existing agencies which are operating at 100 per cent capacity. Placements will also be sought from new agencies via a Request for Proposal process.
- Family preservation services - additional placements will be discussed with existing agencies and also be sought from new agencies via a Request for Proposal process.
- At risk youth accommodation service – taking a more individualised approach for young people who have chosen not to engage in departmental services.
- Delegated case management – trialling, with the view to successfully implementing delegated case management for children and young people in the CEO's care.
- Continued roll out of Secure Care.
- At risk youth services – to enhance community sector youth services in key areas of the State. May be used to increase service capacity or as brokerage for individuals.
- Hardship Utilities Grants Scheme (HUGS) – approximately ten million in 2011-2012 which also provides for financial counsellors employed through the community services sector. Demand has been growing significantly. Currently under review with changes to be implemented from 1 July 2011. The reform is focused on improving access.
- Leaving Care – individualised funding packages.

4.2 Family Support Services – National Collaboration Framework

Mr Murphy discussed the paper *Family Support Services National Collaboration Framework* which had been provided to members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr Murphy explained that the paper is a draft proposal that was provided to the last Community and Disability Services Ministers' Advisory Council (CDSMAC) meeting, with a request for feedback. Feedback will be incorporated with the intention of presenting the final document at the next CDSMAC meeting for endorsement. Feedback is being sought from the community sector as well as government departments.

The paper provides a framework to bring State and Commonwealth agencies together, improving collaboration and communication. This will enable collaboration in program design, processes and recommendations for funding allocations. The States and Commonwealth are very supportive of the proposal.

Members were asked for feedback, to be provided to Mr Glew by 15 July 2011. Members agreed to meet before the next CSR meeting, if necessary, to provide feedback at the July meeting.

Action: Feedback to be provided to Mr Glew by 15 July 2011.

4.3 Secondary Family Support Network - update

Mr Glew advised that there will be a call for a Request for Proposal regarding the innovation site in Armadale once the Department of Treasury releases the new required template. It is anticipated the Request for Proposal will occur in the first or second week in July.

4.4 EOI – member selection

Mr Glew disseminated a table providing a brief overview of the new members selected via the EOI process and the continuing members. The new members commence their three year terms from July 2011 and therefore should be present at the next meeting.

4.5 Leadership and Partnership Forum

Mr Glew advised that planning for the next Leadership and Partnership Forum has begun. Members agreed that early to mid November would be the most suitable time to host the Forum.

Mr Glew requested that members consider possible guest speakers, agenda items and workshop themes for the Forum. Mr Glew and Ms Cattalini will discuss partnership arrangements for hosting the Forum out of session. Further discussion regarding the agenda and guest speakers will take place at the next meeting.

Action: A date in November to be set for the Leadership and Partnership Forum and planning/organisation to continue.

5. General Business

5.1 Other business

5.1.1 Retiring CSR members

The Chair thanked retiring members, Mr Ian Carter and Ms Debbie Henderson, for their time and commitment to the Community Sector Roundtable and the valuable input and advice that they have contributed.

6. Future Discussions

- Recent developments in Standards Monitoring (B Hanna & S Glew July 2011).
- CREATE to provide an overview of the new program Create Your Future (August/September 2011)
- WA Legislation (T Murphy, early 2012)
- Engaging Community Sector for future Secondary Family Support Services networks (Chair, early 2012).
- Hubs for health and child development (guest speaker, Health Department, early 2012)

8. Next Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:15am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 July, 2011, at 9:30am.