

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 15 May 2012

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
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection
Mr Mick Geaney	MercyCare
Mr Neil Hamilton	AccordWest
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala
Ms Anne Moore	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Ms Melissa Perry	Mission Australia

In attendance

Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection
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Apologies

Mr Terry Murphy	Department for Child Protection
Ms Les Evans	Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation
Ms Sue Ash	UnitingCare West
Captain Ken Smith	The Salvation Army

2. Minutes of meeting held 13 March 2012

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 13 March 2012 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Actions Arising

3.1 Opinion Piece in response to the Commissioner's media statement – Department of Housings Three Strikes policy

The Chair apologised for the delay in finalising this paper. He asked if a member would like to provide input and prepare the final draft for consideration at the next CSR meeting. Ms Cattalini offered to finalise the paper with the assistance of WACOSS policy personnel.

3.2 Joint meeting of CSR and CSDG – debrief

Members agreed that the Joint Meeting was useful for broad discussion but not a forum for decision making. The information shared was useful and provided increased clarity around specific issues. In the future it may be more useful to focus meetings on specific topics, involving only the key agencies for that particular issue.

Members discussed the Young People with Exceptionally Complex Needs (YPECM) program which aims to provide a co-ordinated service delivery response to improve the well-being and quality of life of young people with exceptionally complex needs. It was agreed to circulate a paper on this program with the meeting papers.

Members also discussed individualised funding and requested that this be on the next agenda for a more focused discussion. Ms Cattalini advised that she has spoken to Ms Rebecca Brown, DPC, who will convene a meeting, with key players, on this subject for broader discussion.

Action: Paper on Young People with Exceptionally Complex Needs (YPECM) to be circulated before the next meeting.

3.3 Rapid Response

Ms Benham provided the *Implementation Plan for the Interagency Rapid Response Framework* for members information and discussion.

The Framework is constantly evolving and has been to Cabinet as part of a detailed progress report. The Child Safety Directors Group oversees the development of the Framework.

Members discussed the value of seeking commitment from the Commonwealth, through the *National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children*, regarding the *Implementation Plan for the Interagency Rapid Response Framework*. This would assist with the push for other agencies to accept responsibility with DCP and the sector.

Ms Benham advised that she is happy to receive comments on this Framework at any time.

3.4 Agency Implementation Plan

The Chair welcomed Ms Bradbury and Ms Vernon to the meeting.

Ms Bradbury and Ms Vernon discussed the paper, *Agency Implementation Plan Template*, which had been provided to members for consideration prior to the meeting.

The following points were raised:

- No written feedback had been received to date.
- Currently there is some repetition, as the first draft has been developed to be fully inclusive and address each of the template questions.
- The first draft has been reviewed by the Peak Bodies.
- Important to be clear that the primary purpose of Component 2 funding is to address the sustainability of current services.
- Important to clearly state the processes of NGO engagement.

- Need to articulate a shift in thinking regarding the on-going future directions.
- Further discussions are required to clearly articulate and incorporate the on-going needs, innovation, gaps in service delivery etc.
- It was suggested that the sector develop a draft version from their perspective.

Ms Vernon advised that the Plan must be submitted by 30 June 2012. The Department is meeting with WACOSS on Thursday to discuss the draft, comments will be incorporated and provided to members. Feedback can be provided to Mr Geaney, who has agreed to collate responses and a draft response will be prepared with the assistance of a nominated WACOSS officer prior to the next CSR meeting.

Action: DCP to provide draft to members by 22 May 2012, members to provide comments to Mr Geaney by the end of May to enable a paper to be drafted for discussion at the next CSR meeting

3.5 Membership – EOI update

Mr Glew advised that the EOI has now closed. A meeting will be organised with Ms Cattalini to review the applicants. All applicants will be notified before the end of June to enable new members to join CSR from July 2012.

Action: Mr Glew to arrange a meeting with Ms Cattalini to review the applications.

AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 Secure Care – update

The Chair welcomed Mr Gavin West and Ms Shirley to the meeting. Mr West and Ms Shirley provided a comprehensive update regarding Secure Care. A brief paper was provided to members including information on the health team, education team, therapeutic care, statewide transports, evaluation, basis statistics and challenges.

The following points were discussed:

- When required, extensions beyond the 21 day period have been provided.
- Importance of ensuring the facility does not become a proxy detention or mental health facility.
- Concerns regarding youth being transferred from the Secure Care facility back into country regions. Local hospitals and other relevant services are linked into the Care Plan for the individual.
- Secure Care successfully utilises telepsychiatry where needed.
- Re-engaging with services – current services are encouraged to visit clients in Secure Care.
- Where behaviour becomes difficult to manage, appropriate medication is provided through PMH and/or the GP.
- Parallel planning providing multiple exit points.

Members requested data on the type and number of placements for youth entering Secure Care, specifically for the 13/14 year age group.

Action: Mr West to provide data on the type and number of placements for youth entering Secure Care at the next update.

4.2 Family Support Network

Mr Hanna advised that the team is now on board and the Minister will officially launch the Armadale Family Support Network on Tuesday 22 May 2012. The launch will be held at the George Jones Child Advocacy Centre, which is the location of the Common Entry Point Team.

4.3 Leadership and Partnership Forum

Mr Glew briefly discussed the Leadership and Partnership Forum. Members have been sent outlook diary appointments to lock in 7 November 2012 for the Forum. The Forum will take place at the University Club of WA.

This will remain on the agenda to discuss guest speakers and agenda items. Suggestions can also be forward to Ms Flanagan.

Action: Members to forward suggestions for guest speakers and agenda items to Ms Flanagan.

5. Other Business

5.1 Equal Remuneration Offer

Ms Cattalini advised that WACOSS had been briefed by the Commonwealth Department of Finance around the funding for Pay Equity. The Equal Remuneration offer should be handed down this week. The costing model behind the Commonwealth's \$2 billion that has been provisionally allocated and has costed WA based on only 30% of the total value of commonwealth programs in WA. This was based on the ABS data which suggests that 30% of the workforce in our sector is covered by Fair Work Australia. The remainder would fall under State conditions. WACOSS believes this is a gross underestimation when it comes to workers under federally funded programs, although it may be the case for the sector more broadly. This information has been provided to the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth have asked for more information and evidence around this, subsequently WACOSS has sent out an urgent survey to the sector. Ms Cattalini asked that members complete the survey and encourage others to do so within the next two days.

Once the costing's are finalised, each Commonwealth department will contact services with the increased funding offer. Services can choose to reject the offer and negotiate individually.

Homelessness is the only area affected in WA. The State share (7.5%) has been announced and will be back dated to 1 July 2011.

6. Future Discussions

7. Next 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 12 June 2012 at 9:30am.