

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday 8 February 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 Deputy Chair welcomed members to the Community Sector Roundtable meeting.

Present

Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Ms Elaine Bennett (proxy)	Ngala
Mr Robert Watson (proxy)	UnitingCare West
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection
Mr Ashley Reid	MercyCare
Ms Kimberley Kammermann (proxy)	WACOSS Inc
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection
Ms Deborah Gould	Department for Child Protection
Ms Debbie Henderson	The Family Inclusion Network of WA Inc
Ms Jackie Newbigin (proxy)	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)

In attendance

Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection
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Apologies

Mr Terry Murphy	Department for Child Protection
Mr Ian Carter	Anglicare WA Inc
Ms Rae Walter	Ngala
Ms Sue Ash	WACOSS Inc
Ms Angela Hartwig	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)

The Chair provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda as several items planned for this meeting have now been deferred to the March meeting due to unavoidable circumstances.

2. Minutes of meeting held 14 December 2010

The minutes from the CSR meeting held on 14 December 2010 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Leadership and Partnership Forum –review and next steps

Mr Glew requested that members consider hosting one Leadership and Partnership Forum in 2011 rather than two, given the large number of interagency forums and workshops taking place this year. It was recommended that the next Forum be held in the second half of the year.

Resolution: *Members agreed to hold one Leadership and Partnership Forum in the second half of 2011.*

3.2 Communities for Children Plus WA site – project team update

Ms Bennett advised that the new Executive Officer for the initiative will be available next month to provide an overview of the Communities for Children Plus WA site and the operational model. It was suggested that the presentation focus on the following:

- What will the model look like?
- What will it do?
- Who will it impact on?
- How will it interface with other services in the area?

The Communities for Children Plus WA site will be driven by a Community Reference Group.

Action: This item to remain on the agenda for the next CSR meeting.
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4. Secondary Services

4.1 Family Support Hubs – project team update

The Chair welcomed Mr Terry Simpson to the meeting.

Mr Simpson distributed a paper providing an update and advised that the project scope has now been revised to better reflect the new environment. Work is continuing on the development of the hub model through the working and task groups and the KPMG consultancy. KPMG will have completed their work by July this year.

Discussion ensued on the following:

- It is anticipated that the hub model will be implemented in one district and evaluated over a twelve month period. The district is yet to be determined, however Armadale is emerging as a key area for consideration given the high need in that area and the existence of other initiatives.
- Funding for the state-wide expansion will be sought through the 2013/14 budget process.
- It was suggested that the composition of the Steering Group be broadened to include representatives from the Department of Education and the Commonwealth departments – Centrelink and FaHCSIA. Further discussion is required regarding

the inclusion of a representative from the Health Department, as Department of Health is well represented on the Working Group.

- Discussion also centred on piloting a second site, six months into the pilot process, in a regional area. This proposal was not progressed further.
- Mr Simpson advised that during the pilot phase, extensive consultations will be undertaken in regional/remote areas to determine a model that will work well in those locations.
- Mr Simpson also discussed a review of funded secondary family support services. This review would not review of individual services. The review would be undertaken to create a sounder basis for the expansion of secondary services, lead to better integration at the program level and clearly identify the need, i.e. what services are required. It would be a review of the overarching framework and an opportunity to identify what services are required, and gaps in service provision.
- The Department is preparing a review consultation paper which will be forward to CSR members prior to the next meeting. Mr Simpson asked for a volunteer to review the paper before it goes out to the wider group. Mr Hanna agreed to do this.

Action: Mr Simpson to provide Mr Hanna with a copy of the consultation paper for comment before disseminating to all members prior to the next meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Simpson for his update on family support hubs.

5. General Business

NIL

6. Other business

6.1 Data sets for CSR members

It was queried when strategic data would be available to members. Ms Benham advised that, while the data system is still experiencing technical difficulties, some advances have been made, and some data can be extracted manually. Members requested that, if possible, data regarding trends in child protection be made available at the next meeting. Ms Benham agreed to access relevant data where possible.

Action: Ms Benham to determine what relevant data may be extracted for distribution to the CSR members and present data to the next meeting.

7. Future Discussions

- Bendigo Bank, offer of presentation (March)
- CSR membership selection and rotation process (March)
- Secure Care (March)
- Commonwealth representative to be invited to CSR (new State Manager, FaHCSIA) (March/April)

- WA Legislation – including mandatory reporting, family support hubs and secondary services (March 2011)
- Changes to the family relationship services (Chair, early 2011).

8. Next Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 10:20am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8 March, 2011, at 9:30am.