

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 9 August 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
Ms Sue Ash	UnitingCare West
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	MercyCare
Captain Ken Smith	The Salvation Army
Ms Carmen Acosta	Mission Australia
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection

In attendance

Mr Terry Murphy	Department for Child Protection
Ms Melissa Dobson	Department for Child Protection

Apologies

Mr Ross Kyrwood	Mission Australia
Mr Neil Hamilton	AccordWest
Ms Les Evans	Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
Ms Anne Moore	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)
Ms Rae Walter	Ngala
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc

2. Minutes of meeting held 12 July 2011

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 12 July 2011 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Actions Arising

3.1 Leadership and Partnership Forum – agenda items and guest speakers.

Mr Glew advised that the planning and organisation of the Forum is underway.

Ms Ash suggested that there may be relevant speakers, from both Australia and overseas, attending CHOGM who may be able to remain in Perth to present at the Leadership and

Partnership Forum. Ms Ash suggested Liz Gosling, who has strong knowledge and connections in both the UK and WA, and has expertise regarding the implementation of standards. Ms Ash also suggested looking at the list of presenters planned for the Peoples Forum, preceding COGM, to determine if a relevant guest speaker may be in Perth and able to present at the Forum. Ms Ash agreed to make the necessary enquires, advise Mr Glew of the outcome and circulate information regarding the People's Forum to members.

Action:

1. Members to forward suggestions for guest speakers and/or agenda item to Ms Flanagan.
2. Ms Ash to advise Mr Glew of the availability of Liz Gosling, and circulate information regarding the Peoples Forum to members.

3.2 National Collaboration Framework – feedback

Mr Glew advised that the document has been finalised and agreement reached with the Commonwealth. The paper will be presented at CDSMAC on 18 August 2011. It will be ready for circulation after that time.

Mr Murphy noted that a useful addition to the paper by the Commonwealth was the *use of existing forums*, providing a clear pathway forward. The next step is to establish how and when we include the Commonwealth for the purpose of sharing information, joint planning, monitoring of Commonwealth initiatives etc.

3.3 Standards Monitoring – circulation of document

Mr Glew advised that the document *Better Care Better Standards* document had been circulated with the minutes prior to the meeting.

3.4 Sanctuary model - update

Mr Hanna advised that a one day course will be available to staff of Out of Home Care and Residential Services, with 25 places at \$50 per day per person to cover catering. The invitation will be circulated soon.

Action: Mr Glew to follow up with Ms McMullen.

3.5 MACCP – update and minutes

Ms Benham advised that the Ministerial Advisory Council on Child Protection (MACCP) reports directly to the Minister for Child Protection and has been meeting for a number of years under different formats. It is chaired by Hon Peter Foss and meets once every 2 months. There are currently three vacancies on the Council. The May meeting was cancelled. The priority areas for 2011 have been developed in line with the National Child Protection Framework. The minutes from the meeting held on 27 July 2011, will be circulated once they have been ratified at the September MACCP meeting.

4. Agenda Items

4.1 Strategic Data – update

Ms Pritchard tabled the *Community Sector Roundtable Quarterly report: reporting for the quarterly April to June 2011*, which was then discussed. It was advised that the new Client System has been in place since May 2010 and a data warehouse which draws information out of Assist, is used for internal and national reporting requirements. Refinement of these systems is on-going.

Members requested data on Income Management, Ms Pritchard agreed to circulate this to members out of session.

Action: Ms Pritchard to provide Income Management to Ms Flanagan for circulation to members.

4.2 Secondary Family Support Network - update

Mr Glew advised that the Request for Proposal went out to all CEOs of DCP funded organisations. A sector briefing will be held next week. Applications close on 23 September 2011.

Mr Glew asked members if they had any comment or issues regarding the new procurement process. A member queried the concept of market driven pricing, yet in practice a fixed amount of money may be available. The inherent contradiction of open market price and finite resources are managed through adjustment to supply, quantity is the 'swing factor'. Prices will be negotiated. From Government's perspective there is an added bureaucratic layer with the procurement plan for contracts going back and forth to the new committee, established by the Department of Finance Procurement Unit, for approval.

CSR is an important forum for discussing issues such as these as they affect community services. These issues can be fed into the Partnership Forum, which is made up of four sectors - mental health, disabilities, housing and child protection. Two representatives from CSR are members of the Partnership Forum.

4.3 Agenda items – suggestions for remainder 2011

Suggested agenda items:

- Interface of Child Protection with Homelessness and other areas of the Department.
- HUGs update and data.
- Newstart – concerns regarding families being cut off after a given period.
- NGO statistics – providing a picture of the sector. The Senior Executive group of DCP have recently begun receiving quarterly reports of this data, which can be tabled at CSR for discussion. The data will be incomplete (excluding commonwealth funded programs etc), but will be further developed and improved over time.
- Geographical and other factors placing pressure on the Child Protection sector. . (Chair to provide graph based on age groups).
- Secure Care update
- Joint meeting of CSR and the Child Safety Directors Group (CSDG) once a year to discuss/workshop a range of issues. Mr Murphy to discuss with CSDG.
- Issues around placing the increasing number of seriously traumatised children with very complex needs, eg suicidal, particularly in the 10-12 age group.
- Changes to Medicare rebate, implemented from November. From November, Medicare will only fund a reduced number of session and more will be required.
- DCP response to Homelessness regarding CHOGM

Action:

1. Mr Murphy to discuss possibility of joint meeting with CSDG at the next CSDG meeting (October).
2. Chair to bring graph of data based on age group by location, as discussed, to October CSR meeting.

5. Other business

Nil

6. Future Discussions

- CREATE to provide an overview of the new program Create Your Future (September/October 2011)
- WA Legislation (T Murphy, early 2012)
- Engaging Community Sector for future Secondary Family Support Services networks (Chair, early 2012).
- Hubs for health and early childhood development (guest speaker, Health Department, early 2012)
- CARS update

7. Next Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:25am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13 September, 2011, at 9:30am.