

## COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 11 March 2014

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 Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Mr Ian Carter	AnglicareWA
Mr Mick Geaney	MercyCare
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Neil Hamilton	AccordWest
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Ms Melissa Perry	Mission Australia
Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Ms Martine Pitt	Communicare Inc

##### In attendance

Mr Terry Murphy	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection and Family Support

##### Apologies

Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala
Ms Veronica Rodenburg	Yaandina Family Centre Inc

#### 2. Minutes of Meeting held 10 December 2013

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 10 December 2013 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 3. Actions Arising

##### 3.1 and 3.2 Ms Grinbergs, State Manager, Department of Social Services – provision of information and scheduling of meetings

Ms Grinbergs office has been contacted regarding the progress of the agreed written response to issues raised at the December meeting. This is being progressed and it has been tentatively scheduled for Ms Grinbergs to attend two meetings of CSR in 2014 to provide updates on the Commonwealth initiatives.

##### 3.3 Letter to Minister Morton

The Chair has written to Minister Morton regarding the on-going funding of the State's NPAH programs.

Mr Glew advised that Minister Morton is pressing Minister Andrews for a response to the NPAH funding issue. Members expressed on-going and significant concern regarding the loss of staff and necessary winding up of NPAH programs if no certainty of continuation is provided in the very near future. The consequences of not continuing the NPAH programs in WA has been clearly and emphatically communicated to the Commonwealth government.

#### **3.4 Paper on issues raised in Geraldton at Partnership Forum**

Mr Murphy has provided the paper on issues raised in Geraldton at the Partnership Forum to the Chair.

#### **3.5 Operational framework for family support networks**

As agreed, changes to the operational framework for family support networks have been documented by CPFS.

#### **3.6 Template for FSN progress reports to be drafted by CPFS**

The template has been provided to CSR members. The following discussion ensued:

- The template will enable aggregated information on all FSN sites to be provided to CSR on a six monthly basis.
- The data will be drawn from FUSION.
- CPFS will extract the data from FUSION, qualitative information will be extracted from the six monthly reports.
- It was acknowledged that there are currently accuracy issues with FUSION. Corrections are underway.
- The next FSN evaluation will contain a greater level of data and a cost/benefit analysis as there are now three sites to draw the information from.
- Members noted that there are differences between the three sites (eg the range of services available; level of engagement of the local services etc) and thus different expectations as to what constitutes achievement. They should not be compared without due consideration of these differences. It was also noted that the intent of the data collection is not to compare the sites but provide aggregated data of the FSNs as a whole.
- It was agreed that all three sites should be consulted in the development of the template.
- It was noted that *drug and alcohol* is missing from the “primary reason for referral” in the template. Ms Dixon will review how this is titled in FUSION to determine if it can be included in the template.

#### **Actions:**

- CPFS to consult with the three FSN sites in the development of the template.
- CSR to be advised of the timeframe for upgrading/correcting FUSION.
- CPFS to determine if *drug and alcohol* can be included in the template as a primary reason for referral.

#### **3.5 CPFS response to the FACS capability Review – distribution of paper**

Done.

#### **3.6 Meeting Dates for 2014 – set in diaries**

Done.

#### 4. Work Plan for 2014

Please see separate work plan document.

##### Actions:

- Distribute paper - *Exploring Self-Directed Support and Signs of Safety*.
- Ms Perry to provide an overview of the outcomes of the *Youth Justice Think Tank* and the *Youth Service Consultation Report* at the April Meeting.
- Mr Geaney to request sharing of information between CSR and the Alliance, regarding the development of the 5 Year Plan for Out of Home Care.
- Mr Geaney to provide a paper by MercyCare on SDSD to CSR.

#### 5. Other Business

##### 5.1 Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention – scholarship

Mr Glew provided a handout outlining the Diploma and requested a nomination from CSR for a member participate on the selection committee.

Mr Geaney agreed to represent CSR on the Selection Committee.

Members requested that flexibility be provided (ie additional places) to the community sector if the numbers from FCA or DCPFS fall short of expectation.

**Action:** Mr Glew to advise the CPFS Learning and Development Centre of that Mr Geaney has agreed to participate on the Selection Committee and request flexibility of numbers if possible.

##### 5.2 Outcomes paper

Mr Glew advised that the paper is near completion, awaiting final feedback. This will be incorporated by Ms Amie Swan when she returns from leave in April and presented to CSR as soon as possible thereafter.

**Action:** Outcomes paper to be included on the CSR agenda as soon as practicable.

##### 5.3 Quarterly report

The Quarterly report was tabled. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.

**Action:** Quarterly report to be placed on the April agenda.

#### 6. Next Meeting

Members joined Mr Pietropiccolo and the Chair in acknowledging Mr Murphy's commitment and the extensive and successful reform he has brought to the Department and wished him well for his future endeavours.

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:30. The next CSR meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 April 2014.