

## COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 13 May 2014

Large Executive Conference Room, Level 2  
Department for Child Protection and Family Support  
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

Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Ian Carter	AnglicareWA
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Mr Mick Geaney	MercyCare
Mr Neil Hamilton	AccordWest
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala
Ms Veronica Rodenburg	Yaandina Family Centre Inc

##### In attendance

Ms Emma White	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection and Family Support

##### Apologies

Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Melissa Perry	Mission Australia
Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Ms Martine Pitt	Communicare Inc

#### 2. Minutes of Meeting held 8 April 2014

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 8 April 2014 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 3. Actions Arising

##### 3.1 LDC Scholarship – outcome

Mr Geaney advised that the date has been set for the selection panel to meet, the outcomes will be reported at the June CSR meeting. Ms Benham advised there were 44 applicants, with seven from foster carers and only two from NGOs. It is anticipated that there will be an increase in applications from NGOs next year.

**Actions:** to remain on the agenda for next month.

### **3.2 CPFS papers on SDSA and Outcomes and 4.3 Self-directed service design - MercyCare paper on SDSA.**

The Chair noted that the CPFS paper had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Mr Geaney distributed and discussed the summary paper of MercyCare's *Person Centred Approach*.

MercyCare Program Managers are working these principles into their operational plans.

Members discussed how they are undertaking similar work and working through the terminology. Every setting is different, the broad range of services gives rise to operational challenges.

### **3.3 FSN Forum and 4.1 Expansion and development of the Secondary Family Support Networks**

As suggested at the April meeting, Ms Benham provided an overview of the early thinking regarding the forum which is intended to be a 'professional development' event, sharing the learnings across the three sites, recapping the FSN vision, outcomes sought, highlights and challenges. Potential invitees would include Alliance managers/representatives, ASO's, Leaders Child Protection relevant DD and ADD's, CSR members.

CSR members suggested that the broad group involved in the FSN, eg alliance partners and other agencies also be included. This led on to a discussion about the strategy to support the proposed budget submission for the expansion of the FSN.

Members discussed the timelines for the budget submission and it was confirmed that the CPFS submission would need to be completed by November 2014 and the WACOSS budget submission by October 2014. Members reiterated the importance of gathering as much information as possible to support these papers, in addition to the evaluation. Options were discussed regarding a separate forum focused on expansion, the successes and the way forward, with central agencies and the broader sector invited.

It was agreed that a working group should be formed to work through the best way forward regarding the forum/s, target audience, purpose, advocacy and timing with the budget submissions.

CSR to focus on the strategy for expansion of the network, including advocacy plan. The strategy needs to be developed before the plan for the forums can be undertaken.

Ms Rodenburg advised she has set up a network, also termed a *Family Support Network*, in West Pilbara. This *Family Support Network* has a broader brief than the FSN CSR and CPFS have been working towards. It was requested that induction pack be prepared for new members including a brief on the development of the FSN's.

The working group to schedule a meeting before the next CSR meeting. Working group membership to be expanded, including Mr Hamilton, Ms Benham, Mr Glew, Mr Hanna, Ms Cattalini and Ms White.

#### **Actions:**

- Ms Benham to organise a working group meeting to discuss the strategy for expansion and consider ways that the CSR can provide additional support.
- Working Group to begin preparation for the first, operational forum.

- Next CSR meeting to focus on the development of the strategy.
- Project scope to be re-circulated to members.
- State Plan to be re-circulated to members.
- Induction pack to be prepared for new members.

### **3.4 Chair of 5 Year Out of Home Care Plan to be invited to CSR and 4.2 Macro issues impacting the out of home care system**

Ms Benham advised that Mr Maher has been invited but is unavailable to attend today's meeting. He has been rescheduled to attend the August meeting.

### **3.5 EOI re CSR membership (closes on 23 May 2014)**

The Chair advised that the EOI closes on 23 May. Four positions are open to new/returning members.

### **3.6 L&P forum – working group members**

Ms Flanagan advised that the date has been set and should now be in all members diaries. A working group meeting to be scheduled. It was agreed that the working group would again consist of Mr Glew, Ms Cattalini, Mr Carter and Ms Murray.

**Action:** Ms Flanagan to coordinate a meeting of the working group.

### **3.7 Alliance Strategic Plan**

Mr Geaney provided an overview of the Alliance Strategic Plan, including the four key directions:

- Development of a practice framework for out of home care
- Transitioning – unpacking the frameworks around this, both in and out of care, including systematic issues around aboriginal children in care (in partnership with SNAICC) and how Signs of Safety interfaces with trauma informed models.
- Transfer of case management
- To achieve an increase of 50% of out of home care, including Kinship care, provided by non-government organisations in five years. Mindful that there are now new players in the system (private organisations).

Next step will be to determine the strategic actions.

This information will be shared with the CPFS/NGO Out of Home Care Five Year Plan working group.

## **4. Agenda Items**

### **4.4 Integration of Youth Services - overview of the outcomes of the Youth Justice Think Tank and the Youth Service Consultation Report.**

Ms Cattalini provided an update on the following:

- The *Think Tank* was completed approximately a year ago, now need to determine what comes next.
- DPC have undertaken an Aboriginal Youth Expenditure review, the report has gone to the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet subcommittee
- The new Youth Justice Board has been setup by the Department of Corrective Services. It is anticipated they will set up a social impact bond around prevention of children going into detention.
- One of the four Partnership Forums projects is *Youth at Risk*. Each area will have a government and Non-government representative leader.

- AACC are running 4 subcommittees: Children, Youth and Families (led by CPFS), Education, Housing and Health, including mental health.

Housing have completed a report which has been submitted to Government regarding suggested ways forward. Implementation on accepted recommendations will follow. There is a brief document on the governance of this which can be circulated to CSR members.

AACC WAAC have proposed a summit looking at consultation processes across government, service delivery, how we consult with Aboriginal people. It has been suggested that some members of CSR participate in this forum. Ms White will seek membership for as many CSR members as possible to this summit.

**Action:**

- Ms White to provide the paper for circulation.
- Representative from AACC to be invited to attend a future CSR meeting to provide an update.
- Save the date information and draft agenda to be circulated to CSR members for the Regional Chairs forum to be held on 20 June.
- Circulate information regarding the SNAICC forum in 13 June 2014.
- Ms White to determine how many membership places can be secured for CSR members to the WAAC Summit.

## **5. Other Business**

### **5.1 Budget highlights - CPFS**

Ms White distributed and discussed the CPFS Budget highlights paper.

The Fremantle FSN arose through an opportunity presented to CPFS to obtain some funding and support for FSNs as a result of the innovations fund successes and the level of collaboration and continuum of services in the Fremantle area. It was also an opportunity to explore the matching of funds, and the ground work within the sector that was already occurring. It was regrettable that more discussion around this decision could not take place beforehand, however the benefit of locking in Government's commitment to FSNs and building on previous government investment in Fremantle meant that the timing was right. Securing some funding for FSNs was a positive sign of support from government.

CPFS is currently working through the allocations to determine where they will be.

### **5.2 Quarterly Statistical report**

The Quarterly report January to March 2014, to be emailed to members after the meeting and discussed at the June meeting.

**Action:** Quarterly report to be emailed to members, not for further circulation.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:20. The next CSR meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 June 2014.