

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 12 April 2016

Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor
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 (CSR) meeting.

Acknowledgement to Country made by the Chair.

Present

Ms Sue Ash	UnitingCare West
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Ian Carter	Anglicare WA
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS (Chairperson)
Ms Mandy Gadsdon	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Ms Debbie Henderson	Family Inclusion Network of WA Inc
Ms Amanda Hunt	Mission Australia
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Captain Scott Smallacombe	The Salvation Army
Ms Dawn Wallam	Yorganop Association Incorporated/SNAICC

In attendance

Ms Pippa Monger	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
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Apologies

Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Mr David Hogg	Lifestyle Solutions
Ms Melissa Perry	Communicare Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala
Ms Emma White	Department for Child Protection and Family Support

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 8 March 2016

The minutes from the CSR meeting held on 8 March 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings with the following corrections:

- Identify Mr Pietropiccolo as the Chair of the meeting; and
- Mr Pietropiccolo stated that he not the WA community sector representative with the Third Action Plan working group, but a community sector representative.

3 Actions Arising

3.1 Third Action Plan for the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children

The *Implementation of the Third Action Plan 2015-18 under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020* paper was tabled.

Query regarding a trial of intensive support for young people in care transitioning to adulthood with implementation from July 2016 - if funded services, including leaving care services will be involved in the trial information needs to be provided.

ACTION: Ms Monger to include clarifying information about the trial with the minutes.

Discussion about child safe organisations, broad sector implications of regulatory and funding changes and other outcomes of the Royal Commission.

3.2 Terms of Reference and outcome statements for CSR priorities

Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference, Membership and Overview document to be edited to include:

- suggested changes to TOR from Strategic Planning Meeting; and
- changes to responsibility of membership to reflect that members are individual representatives and not representatives of constituencies.

Discussion regarding more targeted membership to focus on priorities of the CSR, for example in the current environment targeting more ACCO membership, possibly outside of Departmental funded services. It was recognised that the Department is responsible for the selection of members but the CSR is responsible for the rules about the membership process through the TOR.

Recommendations to include statement about relevant community representatives reflecting the current priorities of the CSR in the membership profile.

ACTION: Ms Monger to make edits to the Terms of Reference, Membership and Overview document to reflect the discussions at the meeting and circulate to members for adoption out of session.

Broader conversation at the Department's Executive around the different consultative functions is needed and reported back to the CSR.

CSR Priorities

Discussions included:

- suggestion to have specific priority area on improved outcomes for Aboriginal children and families;
- suggestion to have strategic goals statement and focus areas of work as it is supposed to be a work plan as opposed to a list of priorities;
- need to identify appropriate outcome measurements;
- link in with departmental outcome statements for OOHC, co-design outcomes and Earlier Intervention and family support.

Action: Ms Ash, Ms Murray, Ms Hunt and Ms Gadsdon to work on the current priorities list to develop a CSR Strategic Plan that outlines outcomes CSR want to achieve and areas of focus and Ms Monger to provide secretariat support.

3.3 Impacts of the ERO

A paper on community sector experiences with the ERO is being drafted to brief the Funding and Contracting Working Group. It was agreed that CSR members need to keep updated on these discussions.

ACTION: Ms Ash to provide an update at discussions at the Funding and Contracting Working Group that relate to the ERO.

4. Agenda Items

4.1 Earlier Intervention and Family Support

Family Support Networks – Six Monthly Progress Report for reporting period 1 July to 31 December 2015 tabled.

ACTION: Ms Monger to include Agenda item in May meeting to discuss the Family Support Networks – Six Monthly Progress Report.

Processes that will inform the Earlier Intervention and Family Support Strategy (EIFSS):

- Feedback period for the discussion paper has closed, a summary of responses and draft EIFSS will be developed and further consultation processes.
- The review of Intensive Family Support Services by an independent consultant is a separate process but will inform the development of the Strategy, no product as yet.
- Mr Carter and Ms White are co-chairing an exercise for the Partnership Forum on an outcomes framework using earlier intervention and family support as the framework.

Need to consider watching brief on Commonwealth activities in earlier intervention and family support.

Discussion on common definitions for earlier intervention, secondary and tertiary services. Paper developed by CSR defining CFCs, CPCs, FSNs is still with Julie Dixon, and needs to come back to CSR.

ACTION: Ms Monger to follow up with Julie Dixon regarding CSR paper on definitions.

Discussion on focus of Family Support Networks in relation to the EIFSS discussion paper. FSNs continue to focus on preventing interface with the child protection system but there is scope to align FSNs with Family Enhancement services.

Members agreed there is no need to a working group on this area at this stage.

ACTION: Ms Monger to include the following items on the May agenda:

- Feedback from discussion paper consultation; and
- Update on process of the review of Intensive Family Support Services.

ACTION: Department's Strategic Plan to be circulated to members when it is out for consultation.

4.2 Planning, Co-design and Outcomes Framework

Terry Simpson has requested a consultation workshop with CSR at the 14 June meeting in regard to the Community Sector Expenditure Review.

ACTION: 14 June CSR meeting to commence at 8.30am to accommodate the consultation workshop.

4.3 Out of Home Care

Debrief meeting on OOHC Reform consultation process was held on 17 March and facilitated by Peta Slocombe. It is hoped the Out-of-Home Care paper will be launched in the next few weeks. This is an implementation plan for out-of-home care reform over the next five years.

The legislative amendments process is running parallel to the launch of the Out-of-Home Care paper.

4.4 Governance, Terms of Reference and Communication

Members agreed that the governance items are split between the beginning and end of the agenda. This agenda item will be removed and communication included at the end of the agenda for members to review discussions and communication requirements.

4.5 Watching Brief

Family and Domestic Violence

- Mr Carter raised interested in a brief on the new governance framework and representation at the Family and Domestic Violence Governance Council. This is taken on notice and advice provided back to CSR in regard to appropriateness of an out of session briefing or attendee at the next meeting.
- Women's Council on Domestic and Family Violence undertaking research for MACCP and completed a scoping paper on what is happening now. This may be circulated to CSR members once approved by MACCP.

Homelessness

- Discussions with Commonwealth regarding 16-17 NPAH funding has been protracted but hoping to have resolution by the end of the week. The Department will provide three month notice to impacted services, subsequent to resolution with Commonwealth.
- WACOSS and Shelter WA sent joint letters to Federal MPs but no responses to date.
- Further consultations will be undertaken regarding funding decisions for 17-18.

Aboriginal Youth Services Investment Reform and Regional Human Services Reform

- Both reform initiatives are progressing slowly.
- Difficulty in getting Government departments working together similar to difficulty getting not-for-profits working together.

Early Years

- Nil.

4.6 Communication

Include in communique –

- advise that CSR developing a new strategic plan, finalising the TORs, identifying priority outcomes and focus areas of work, which will be made available when finished; and
- clarity around time frames and consultations processes.

5. General Business

Nil.

6. Next Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:35am. The next CSR meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 May 2016, at the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.