

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday 14 October 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 Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection and Family Support
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Mr Mick Geaney	MercyCare
Mr David Hogg	Lifestyle Solutions
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Ms Melissa Perry	Communicare Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala
Ms Veronica Rodenburg	Yaandina Family Centre Inc
Ms Dawn Wallam	Yorganop Association Incorporated/SNAICC

In attendance

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

Apologies

Ms Amanda Hunt	Mission Australia
Captain Ken Smith	The Salvation Army

2. Minutes of Meeting held 12 August 2014

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 12 August 2014 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. Actions Arising

3.1 L&P forum – update/discussion

Ms Flanagan provided an overview of the draft agenda. It was suggested that a CSR member join the Panel to provide a service perspective. Mr Pietropiccolo agreed to do this. Dr Elena Douglas is facilitating the forum and is adding value/finalising the agenda today. A final draft will be ready to circulate by the end of this week.

Action: Mr Pietropiccolo to join the panel.

4. Guest Speaker: Ms Elke Browne, Director Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee

The Chair welcomed Ms Browne to the meeting. Ms Browne provided paper and detailed overview of the committee structure of the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (AACC). The following issues were raised:

The Family, Youth and Children Subcommittee is chaired by Ms White. Ms White advised that this committee's role is similar to the Community Sector Director Generals Advisory Committee, also chaired by Ms White with similar membership, and therefore there is opportunity to merge the two. This Family, Youth and Children Subcommittee is currently reviewing reform packages, requiring sector representation and suggested extending an invitation to CSR member organisations. Ms White will provide progress reports on the work of this Subcommittee to CSR.

Each of the AACC subcommittees are operating quite differently with differing objectives. Each department is represented on all subcommittees. The Commonwealth government is not represented on the subcommittees, with the exception of Family, Youth and Children. All subcommittees have Aboriginal representation.

The Regional & Remote Communities Sub-committee have finalised the papers they have prepared. They are currently being reviewed by Cabinet. Community engagement will take place once endorsed by Cabinet. This group is chaired by the Department of Housing.

Members queried linkages with the Partnership Forum. It was advised that Ms White chairs the Family, Youth and Children Subcommittee and the Youth at Risk subcommittee of the Partnership Forum. It was also suggested that the AACC conduct a 'roadshow' to promote the work of the subcommittees.

5. Agenda Items

5.1 Family Support Networks

Ms Benham confirmed that the latest information outlining the model has been finalised and is now available to the sector on the <http://www.whereto.org.au/> web page.

Some members suggested that plans proceed for a presentation/workshop on the FSNs to the sector - to both promote the FSNs and for staff development to be aimed at co-ordinators and staff of FSNs.

The six monthly progress report was discussed. It was clarified that the data set out in the report was based on the template that was agreed earlier this year. Some members requested more information and commentary on practice issues. . It was agreed that individual reports compiled by the Armadale and Murchison FSNs would be circulated to CSR members out of session as they provide additional qualitative information.

It was queried if the order of rollout as identified by CSR should be formalised. This had been recorded in previous minutes of CSR and changes discussed at a subsequent meeting. Ms Benham will circulate the suggested order of rollout for CSR consideration and comment after today's meeting.

Action:

- Department to develop a framework for a workshop aimed at professional development for FSN staff and other stakeholders.

- Ms Flanagan to circulate the Armadale and Murchison FSN reports.
- Ms Benham to circulate the suggested order of rollout for the FSNs for members comment.

5.2 Macro issues impacting the out of home care system

The Chair noted that the 5 year Strategic Planning Group is meeting immediately after CSR today.

The group is now consolidating ideas and developing an implementation plan. The five key directions will be finalised and discussed with CSR next month.

Action: Five key directions developed by the 5 Year Strategic Planning Group to be on the November CSR agenda.

5.3 Integration of Youth Services

Ms White to meet with Ms Perry out of session to provide an update on the progress of the Youth at Risk subcommittee of the Partnership Forum.

Ms Benham to circulate to members the acquittal of the At Risk Youth Strategy and the draft of the new At Risk Youth Strategy, seeking members input into the new strategy.

Action:

- Ms White and Ms Perry to meet out of session.
- Ms Benham to circulate the At Risk Youth Strategy papers.

5.4 Self-directed service design

It was advised that the Alliance breakfast is being held in November. Details to be forwarded to Mr Hogg.

Action: Details of the Alliance Breakfast to be circulated.

6. Other Business

6.1 Family by Family

Ms Benham advised that The Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) have withdrawn their application to LotteryWest for funding. Negotiations had been taking place over the last 12 months that would have involved TACSI partnering with a WA community sector organisation to deliver the program for 18 months before handing it over fully to the WA organisation, however there were ongoing issues around licencing and implementation. TACSI will continue their pilot in NSW and further expansion in South Australia. WA will have to opportunity to learn from the South Australian and NSW implementation.

6.2 November CSR meeting

The Chair advised that the November meeting clashes with the *Signs of Safety Gathering*. It was agreed to reschedule to November meeting to 7am on 11 November, at the Crown. Location to be advised.

Action: Meeting time and venue to be rescheduled.

6.3 Christmas lunch

Mr Glew asked members if they wished to continue with an annual Christmas lunch. It was agreed. Members to provide suggestions for a venue to Ms Flanagan as soon as possible.

Action: Members to forward venue suggestions to Ms Flanagan.

7. Next Meeting

Mr Reid advised he will be absent at the November meeting.

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