

Community Sector Roundtable - Communiqué

The Community Sector Roundtable (CSR) is an advisory body that reports directly to the Director General, Department for Child Protection, providing advice and information that improves outcomes and strengthens the relationship between the Department and the community services sector in relation to the funding and the provision of services.

The CSR will now be providing regular communiqués to the sector to keep the sector informed about issues discussed at CSR meetings as well as important and timely issues and events impacting the sector. CSR minutes can be viewed on the Department for Child Protection website at:

<http://www.dcp.wa.gov.au/Organisation/Pages/AdvisoryCommittees.aspx>

As an introduction to the CSR, please see below for information on the terms of reference, key agenda items for 2013 and membership. Please note that in April each year an EOI goes out to the sector seeking three new members to replace three retiring members from the CSR.

CSR terms of reference:

- Foster positive and effective working relationships between the Department and the community services sector;
- Identify creative and innovative solutions that will lead to improved service delivery; and
- Provide advice on policy and practice in relation to funding arrangements between the Department and the sector in relation to child protection, children and young people in care and individual and family support services.

Key agenda items and subgroups for 2013, as listed below, have been identified through two strategic planning sessions. These issues have been selected for specific focus due to the importance and impact they will have/are having on the sector and the need for increased knowledge and consideration to enable sound decision making. Each subgroup is linked to one of the key agenda items and consists of three to five members. The subgroups are tasked with researching information relevant to that agenda item to report back to the CSR for further discussion and action. Additionally, the CSR will continue to raise and discuss issues impacting the sector as they arise.

Regular feedback to the community sector on how we are progressing with these agenda items will be circulated through this medium.

Key agenda item	Subgroup members
Macro issues impacting the out of home care system	Mick Geaney (MercyCare), Tricia Murray (Wanslea), Cheryl Barnett (DCP)
Further expansion and development of the Secondary Family Support Hubs and how the sector will/should engage in this	Ashley Reid (Ngala), Neil Hamilton (AccordWest), Kay Benham (DCP), Basil Hanna (Parkerville)

Self-Directed Service Design	Ian Carter (Anglicare), Irina Cattalini (WACOSS), Steve Glew (DCP), Basil Hanna (Parkerville), Les Evans (NAAC)
Integration of Services	Les Evans (NAAC), Melissa Perry (Mission Australia), Kay Benham (DCP), Helen Creed (WACOSS), Philipa Boldy (Anglicare)

Membership

Non Government Representatives

- Mr Basil Hanna, Chief Executive Officer, Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc (Chair).
- Mr Ian Carter, Chief Executive Officer, Anglicare WA.
- Ms Irina Cattalini, Chief Executive Officer, Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc.
- Ms Lesley Evans Chief Executive Officer, Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation.
- Mr Mick Geaney, General Manager, Family and Community Services Division, MercyCare.
- Mr Neil Hamilton, Chief Executive Officer, AccordWest.
- Ms Anne Moore Chair, Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services.
- Ms Tricia Murray, Executive Director, Wanslea Family Services Inc.
- Ms Melissa Perry, State Director (WA), Mission Australia.
- Mr Tony Pietropiccolo, Director, Centrecare Inc.
- Mr Ashley Reid, Chief Executive Officer, Ngala Family Resource Centre Inc.

Department Representatives

- Ms Cheryl Barnett, Executive Director, Metropolitan Services.
- Ms Kay Benham Executive Director, Policy and Learning.
- Mr Steve Glew Executive Director, Service Standards and Contracting.

Ex Officio

- Mr Terry Murphy, Director General, Department for Child Protection.