



SOUTHERN SERVICES  
REFORM GROUP

**SSRG Workgroup Meeting**  
**Workgroup: Carer Issues**  
**Date: 18 June 2013**

Present: Jen Day (Chair), Meredith McLeod, Brenda Johnson, Julie Haselgrove, Carole Matthews, Stephanie Papps, Carol Ganly, Filomena Occhiodoro, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Chris O'Brien, Justin Adams, Sandy Johnson-Jones, Sharron Irwin, Teresa Moran

| Agenda Items                        | Discussion   | Actions  |
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| Welcome and apologies               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>welcome and apologies</li> </ul>  |  |
| Previous minutes & business arising | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>previous minutes accepted</li> <li>post evaluations – working carers project - to begin</li> <li>all actions completed</li> <li>a discussion was had on the relinquished carers project idea and whether we wanted to go ahead with it</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sally to check with Chris re evaluations</li> </ul> |
| Discussion about a new project      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>revisited project ideas from last minutes - discussion on being a carer and care recipient at same time</li> <li>discussion on making a u-tube</li> <li>there is a link for Mitcham Council on utube</li> </ul>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brenda to send link to Sally for</li> </ul>         |



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| <p>Project Officer report</p> | <p>In Home Services Workgroup -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the app is now live</li> <li>• the advertorial has been sent out</li> <li>• Louise is on holidays at present, her contract is finished but she will be back to market and evaluate the project in July</li> <li>• we are still waiting on the pocket pal from the printer – hopefully it will be available early in July</li> <li>• postcards coming soon to be used as a marketing tool</li> <li>• website updates to suit what we have so far</li> </ul> <p>Dementia Workgroup -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• day one of the two day Cert IV Dementia training is complete</li> <li>• the training was to up skill – create dementia champions and be the ‘go to’ person</li> <li>• the training focus was changed to be about community</li> <li>• Another training session ‘World of Creativity’ is being scheduled about suitable activities based on Montessori</li> </ul> <p>Social Inclusion Workgroup -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the postcards project stage 2 at the City of Holdfast Bay is underway</li> <li>• the group are looking at having a photographic exhibition around social inclusion – having photos of people doing activities, connecting with other people - not organisation or program related activities - destigmatising social isolation - still working on idea of a travelling exhibition</li> </ul> <p>Consumer Workgroup -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• members have had a lot of input about the app</li> </ul> <p>General -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Directed Care training – sessions 30 and 31 July – all sessions are full – at Noarlunga and Marion</li> <li>• ARAS – Advocacy in Action - Upholding Service User Rights Seminar - session 24 July at Noarlunga</li> <li>• The e-newsletter will be out next month – is there anything you would like to see in it?</li> <li>• I Can Self-Management Consumer Directed Care – I Can training workshops – three sessions – run in collaboration with the East</li> </ul> |  |
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| <p>Information sharing</p> | <p>Stephanie - MIFSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• winter catalogue handed out</li> <li>• carers of people with mental illness can come along too</li> <li>• new mentoring program</li> <li>• employment specific</li> </ul> <p>Carole - Resthaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one off activities being offered for end of financial year</li> <li>• supporting carers when someone goes into residential care</li> <li>• in the process of changing brochures with new logos</li> <li>• Community Respite Services and Marion joined forces for an Everygen Celebration to be held in October - carer focus - looking for giveaways for carers</li> <li>• Ridgeway House are now funded to open seven days a week</li> </ul> <p>Meredith - Carer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have two part time Aboriginal workers - overlapping days - sharing role - working well</li> <li>• the recent ATSI event was a success</li> <li>• relooked at other ways of regularly consulting with carers</li> <li>• consultations in various areas are very popular - will be doing two sessions in one day</li> <li>• painting from the heart, silk scarves, rice mandalas</li> <li>• Victor Harbour retreat overbooked may have to hold a second one</li> <li>• expansion into trophy shop - will happen in July giving more room for activities</li> </ul> <p>Carol - ACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in home care packages – waiting list</li> <li>• some NRCP programs in inner south available for carer respite options</li> <li>• Swans Cottage at Pennington has vacancies</li> </ul> <p>Brenda – City of Mitcham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• getting ready for HACCC audit</li> </ul> |  |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a u-tube clip about council</li> </ul> <p>Julie – City of Holdfast Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Darby had baby girl – Sophie Emily</li> <li>• Would like to do more activities for carers</li> </ul> <p>Filomena – Carer SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• more A2HC referrals coming in - interesting how the new changes at the gateway are evolving</li> <li>• working carers still looking at the Carers Resource and what they can do - expanding on the powerpoint</li> <li>• Community Achievement awards for the community - new carers achievement award</li> </ul> |  |
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**Next meeting date: 16 July 2013**

**Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm**

**Venue: Committee Room, Mitcham Council, 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park**