



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Carer Issues Workgroup
Date: Tuesday 19 June 2012

Present: Andrea Stent, Brenda Johnson, Filomena Occhiodoro, Meredith McLeod, Carol Sargeant, Stephanie Papps, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes), Cecilia White, Corina Mulholland

Apologies: Jen Day (Chair), Carole Matthews, Julie Haselgrove, Sharron Irwin, Chris O'Brien,

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and apologies noted • Introductions were made around the table • Sally chaired the meeting in the absence of Jen Day 	
Previous minutes / business arising	<p>Minutes approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email contact information of Metropolitan Referral Unit given to the group • PIP and CHART information still to be distributed to the group • Our guest speakers, Cecilia White and Corina Mulholland from the Equal Opportunity Commission will arrive about 3pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev to send MRU information to group
Working Carers Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trial has started at ECH – presentations to management and staff have taken place. • The trial at City of Onkaparinga will be happening soon. Sally has spoken with management to get this underway. It will be trialed within two different sections of the organisation. • The trial at Resthaven is planned to start in July. • New evaluation forms are completed – copies were handed out. • Filomena or Andrea to help Sally with the presentation at City of Onkaparinga. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were unsuccessful with the abstract submitted for the Disability Conference but successful for the Southern Regional Alliance Conference in September. • Do we need a small working group to help put the presentation/workshop component together? The format/content will be discussed further at the next meeting. • By the end of the year all trials and evaluations of the Working Carers Resource should be finished and we can hold a launch to further promote the resource and to thank all those involved. • The Equal Opportunity Commission to be invited and be involved in the launch. • Suggestions were put forward as to whom to ask to host/ speak at the launch. The group thought that Peter Sparrow would be a good candidate and he could possibly be part of the conference presentation/workshop as well. • SSRG are going to make another sticker to go in the folder of the Working Carers Resource to acknowledge and thank all those involved in the making of the DVD (Equal Opportunity Commission and working carers from Carer Support). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to keep the group informed regarding the conference • Sally to ring and formally ask Peter to be part of both events.
<p>Guest Speakers - Cecilia White and Corina Mulholland, Equal Opportunity Commission(EO)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes were extended to Cecilia and Corina. • Introductions were made around the table. • Sally explained the SSRG and the Working Carers Resource project. • Cecilia explained what they do at the Equal Opportunity Commission – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corina and Cecilia work in the Community Engagement team. • EO has an interest in Carers – the legislation of the Equal Opportunity Act covers and protects carers against unfair treatment at work and in other areas. • This is a fairly recent coverage for EO. • They provide an avenue to have issues heard and they conciliate between the involved parties if required – between employer and employee, and find solutions to suit all parties involved. • Trying to get the message out to all that the service is available. • They do project work with community groups as well – focusing on preventative work. • What is Caring Responsibilities Discrimination? A person has caring responsibilities if they care for or support their dependent child or another immediate family member who is in need of care and support. An immediate family member can be someone's: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spouse or partner (including an ex) • son or daughter (of any age) • parent • grandparent 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grandchild • brother or sister <p>It also includes the corresponding relations of your spouse or partner.</p> <p>Direct caring responsibilities discrimination is treating people unfavourably because of their caring responsibilities.</p> <p>Indirect caring responsibilities discrimination is treatment which appears to be equal but is unfair on certain people because of their caring responsibilities. To be unlawful it must be unreasonable.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of the Carer resource could be kept at the EO for distribution and promotion • EO could hold Contact Officer Forums to promote the resource within organisations • A copy of the resource could go on the EO website • EO could do a presentation of resource at Flexible Working Hours One Off Forums they hold • Training can be arranged for organisations through EO • SSRG to work with EO to help with promoting and training for resource • EO to be part of Working Carers presentation at Southern Regional Alliance conference/workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to email business plan to Corina and Cecilia
Project Officer report	No report presented	
Information Round	<p>Filomena (Carers SA) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will send email to Sally with the new contact details for the new premises of Carer SA • All of Carer SA in one building on Greenhill Road <p>Andrea (Carer Support) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplied CHART team and PIP information – to send an email copy to Bev for distribution • Launch of Pathways to Better Mental Health and CHART Thursday 21 June 4pm – flyer handed out • PIP information session for carers of an adult child with a disability – A Carer’s Perspective – 20 June – Karawatha Community Centre, O’Sullivan Beach <p>Meredith (Carer Support) –</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to forward Carer SA contact details to all of SSRG • Bev to send Chart and PIP information to all and upload to SSRG website

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finishing a 'Taking Care of Yourself' course at Aldinga – this has been very successful • Stress Buster Day – Monday 25 June – Tai Chi, massage, meal and information <p>Stephanie (MIFSA) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIFSA offer two forms of respite – working individually with the care recipient or staying at the respite house – carer programs are also offered. • Handed out the MIFSA winter catalogue and the Christmas in July flyer – both available on SSRG website • Are happy to work with other organisations to arrange other activities suitable for their clients <p>Brenda (City of Mitcham) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working through retendering process with City of Marion and City of Holdfast Bay for home assist program <p>Carol (ACH) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a coordinator at ACH Glenelg • Most clients are receiving HACC services 	
Gap identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No gaps identified 	
Next meeting:	<p>Tuesday 17 July 2012 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Venue : Committee Room, City of Mitcham</p>	