



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Carer Issues Workgroup
Date: Tuesday 21 August 2012

Present: Stephanie Papps, Meredith McLeod, Brenda Johnson, Filomena Occhiodoro, Andrea Stent, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

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

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sally chaired the meeting in the absence of Jen Day• Welcome and apologies noted	
Previous minutes / business arising	Minutes approved <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A question was raised about what is a 'reserve' convenor/scribe for the Southern Regional Alliance Conference? It is having a backup for these tasks if needed.• Sally has downloaded the words for the song Take Your Hat Off but the group has decided it may not be appropriate for the presentation	
Working Carers Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The resource trial at ECH is about to start in residential after some initial concerns from managers• Sally has presented to Onkaparinga's Field Operations Centre and is to present to Community Services at the Noarlunga office in September• Resthaven will start their trial soon• The evaluation sheets received so far were passed around the group for reading• There is a mix of responses	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim is to go back in six months and re-survey staff • Idea to pull some of the information gathered from the evaluations and use it on a slide for the conference presentation • The resource has not yet been made available to all • Questions were raised about when we make the resource available... • We could launch the resource after the first evaluations are completed • Possible launch in early December • Equal Opportunity Commission could be involved in the launch • The resource could be made available after the launch • We would like the carers that had input into the resource project to be present at the launch • Looking for ideas of an event/conference that we could combine the launch with • Ideas for a launch were to have an art show based around hats or a fashion parade of hats; something in Melbourne Cup week playing on the hat theme; Marion Cultural Centre often have events that we could tie into; art exhibition around '2 Hats Too Hard?' Your interpretation: High tea 'Mad Hatters' tea party • Who would we invite to the launch? What is the purpose of the launch? Who do we want to reach? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting people to raise awareness • Invite service providers, carers involved, general carers, public • If you are a carer what do your hats look like? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to ring Equal Opportunity to discuss the option for them to be involved in the launch • Meredith to follow up with a friend that is a milliner
<p>Southern Regional Alliance Conference Discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Matthews will be presenting at the conference with Sally • Suggested headings for the presentation slides are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is a carer? • Impact of caring • Working carers - What's been done in the past? • Working Carers – Why the work was important • Project description • Project objectives • Legislative requirements • Staff and organisational impact • Evaluations • Hope for the future • Sally explained how the presentation would work and the timeframes for it • The presentation has to meet the conference themes of forging pathways out of poverty and addressing social determinants of health 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meredith suggested to frame the presentation headings into past, present and future • The presentation schedule is to be <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally and Carole presentation • Workshop • Equal opportunity presentation • Chris has organised a juggler • Ideas for the workshop - have hats that people can write key words on – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • words relevant to the different roles they ‘juggle’ • have good and bad roles on hats • swap hats around the room to look at what roles other people have • write a number representing the number of hats you wear • SSRG to provide hats, marker pens etc • Connect the hats to the theme – health – look at your life, is there a balance there - life balance – how does that impact on your health? • Julie to be the scribe, Chris the convenor, other group members may attend for Sally’s session only • Sally and Meredith to ‘nut’ out the workshop and then discuss with rest of group at next meeting for fine tuning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally and Bev to look for and purchase hats • Sally and Meredith to meet and design workshop
<p>Project Officers Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with People in Complex Domestic Environments/Hoarding and Squalor: Domiciliary Care has developed a hoarding and squalor staff training resource. This training is now being made available to community service workers as a pilot project in the Western and Southern Adelaide regions. Tuesday 28 August, 1.30 pm at Domiciliary Care, Noarlunga. • Gerontology Conference: The 13th annual South Australian Gerontology Conference will be presented by the SA Division of the Australian Association of Gerontology at the National Wine Centre, Adelaide on Friday 14th September 2012, commencing at 8:45am. This conference will bring together a wide range of people with an interest in ageing, including national leaders in their research arenas. The main themes covered in this conference include: the technology journey; the journey to enablement; the journey from research to practice; the journey - travelling from A to B; and the journey to community participation and wellbeing. An email with details was handed out. • Dementia Conference: Run by Alzheimer’s SA the 2012 Dementia Conference CHALLENGE VALUE INSPIRE. This event brings together international, national and local dementia experts to expand our knowledge, challenge our practices and inspire our work into the future. Day one is for workers supporting people living with dementia and day two is for carers. A flyer with details was handed out. 	

Information Round	<p>Stephanie – MIFSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wellways Program has been renamed to ‘Carer Support’ with a similar range of programs including sessions for partners; the partner and the person living with mental illness that they care for, come together for information sessions over a four week period • During Carers Week there is a Pamper Day being organised <p>Brenda – City of Mitcham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished transitioning people to new providers, surprised at how many chose to stay with former agencies or continue with family help. If a client stops services now they are able to come back to services at a later date <p>Meredith – Carer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running a four day break at Carrickalinga for carers – Carers Pitstop – theme focused on endings and transitions • Trialling an outing to Monarto where clients drive and pay for themselves • ‘Self-running’ support group being held on Saturdays <p>Andrea – Carer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a part time retreats coordinator who was helping more carers access retreats – noticing a difference without her • New southern venue – hope to be up and running by October • Recruiting staff to work with Aboriginal people – last night held an information night for applicants or people interested in the position • All growth is occurring in the southern region at the moment <p>Filomena – Carer SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional staff doing in house training today – face book – Carers SA are planning to use it for promotion and supporting clients • Staff development day tomorrow • Research project - Juggling work and care – liaising with Novita • Carer SA have an open day during Carers Week – inviting some groups of carers to attend • Disability and Ageing Expo went well and was better set up than last year 	
Gap identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No gaps recorded 	
Next meeting:	<p>Tuesday 18 September 2012 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Venue : Committee Room, City of Mitcham</p>	

