



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Carer Issues Workgroup
Date: Tuesday 22 November 2011

Present: Chris O'Brien, Filomena Occhiodoro, Jen Day, Sally Warnes,

Apologies: Carole Matthews, Brenda Johnson, Bev Bannister, Julie Hazelgrove, Teresa Moran

Agenda Items	Discussion	Further Action Required	Completion Date
Welcome and apologies	Welcome and apologies noted		
Previous minutes / business arising	<p>Previous minutes approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sally met with Jason Neave - he supports his father who is caring for his mother who has younger onset dementia. Jason is the Managing Director of Via Media. He is extremely sympathetic to 'our cause' and has agreed to do the graphic design and publication of the resource.• Jason examined the resource and gave advice re what it should look like to meet the needs of the target audience.• Carole Matthews and Sally Warnes		

	<p>have re-written the booklet in line with his recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new draft was distributed to all group members – the format has been changed, stories shortened, referencing, statistics added. • The feedback from members was positive. 		
<p>Working Carers Project – finalising resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group agreed no more changes were necessary • The next step is to have the document proof read – group agreed Sally will organise this to be done • The logo of each organisation involved in the project should go onto the back page of the employer booklet, plus the SSRG logo • Carer Support have given permission for their DVD – working carers – to be used • After resource has been proof read – will be sent to Jason Neave to quote cost of graphic design and publishing • Contact an ‘evaluator’ to discuss suitable evaluation techniques • The group will need to think about....decide what it is we want to find out from an evaluation • When complete the resource will be ‘launched’ – to elevate the profile an ‘ambassador’ could be invited to promote working carer awareness - 	<p>Sally to ask Madeline Bishop – she does not have an ABN and will be reimbursed for her work with a gift voucher</p> <p>Sally to contact Andrea to confirm use of DVD</p> <p>Sally to speak with Alison Bowden re previous evaluators’ used at Council and to contact evaluator to discuss process</p>	

	<p>ideally a high profile working carer....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A power point will need to be developed as part of the presentation to employers' • The Working Carers DVD was viewed again and looked at in terms of it connecting and flowing with the rest of the package – everyone agreed it was a good fit. Only concern was the inclusion of the statement indicating that part of their arrangement was specific 'carers leave' – this was discussed and the group concluded that this model could be seen as 'employer of choice'....what is possible... 		
Next meeting:	<p>Tuesday 17 January 2012 2:00 to 4:00 pm Venue : to be confirmed</p>		