



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Carer Issues
Date: 17 March 2015

Present: Jen Day (Chair), Sandy Johnson-Jones, Carol Ganly, Filomena Occhiodoro, Kate Kenning, Teresa Tindley, Meredith McLeod, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Valerie McMahon, Gael Porter, Deb Logos, Lee Richie, Teresa Moran, Julie Haselgrove

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">welcome and apologies	
Previous minutes & business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">previous minutes acceptedthe list of special dates has not been sent yethave brought bookmarks for distributionSally spoke with publishers about Umbrella Projectthere have been a few staffing changes within our organisationSally is now the Acting Team Leader of Community Programs - Alison Bowden has retired - Bev is moving into the role of Community Transport Support Officerthe Collaborative Projects as they are now will cease at the end of October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bev to send list of special dates to group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSRG will engage a new project officer and administration support in the interim to back fill these roles – Sally will still be overseeing the project • winding up the four workgroups and rolling them into two workgroups - Umbrella Project Workgroup and Aged Care Reform Workgroup to understand/keep up to date with the reform process - will organise dates for both new groups and send out to all • could all workgroups come together for a lunch or something so they meet other workgroup participants ready to go into the new groups and as a farewell to celebrate what we have done? 	
Umbrella Project update and discussion – War against Loneliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flash mob event in Ramsay Place has been discussed as a launch for the project • the umbrella will have the slogan around the outside and a wordle in the middle - a collation of words from the project plan – umbrellas will be orange and blue – SSRG colours • could use male talent from the poster as the lead role of the flash mob as he is also an actor • discussion - maybe the launch could be an expo type event for service providers as well as the flash mob – promotion of our project and programs • idea to involve Jamie’s Kitchen somehow • Sally can maybe engage with other teams within council and make this a bigger event if possible • may be able to insert a wall planner inside the main calendar • feedback from a newer group member - very impressed with what the groups do and the creativity and initiative people show • discussion on what sector support is going to look like - no one knows yet - SSRG funded until end of October 	
Information round	<p>Sandy – City of Onkaparinga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no vacancies apart from some cancelled hours for short term respite 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger Onset Dementia Group going well • Cafe 94 starts in two weeks (multicultural group) • Post Carers and Cooking Group for carers going well <p>Carol – ACH Glenelg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenelg level 2 packages available • some HACC available • respite house - Swan Cottage at Woodville has vacancies <p>Filomena – Carers SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Guarding Carers and Abuse Forum this morning – good numbers attended • RAS tenders and results pushed back to mid-April • discussion on how things might work after 30 June 2015 <p>Meredith – Carer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location of new regional offices are – Morphett Vale, Newton, Glandore – stage two of the move will be in Aldinga • have put together a Past Carers booklet – has a checklist and bits of advice - bits came from SSRG • Discover Yourself Day – 14 May – The Farm at Willunga • Relaxation and Lunch - 21 May at Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre, Christies Beach • Information sessions – 15 April at Marion Hotel; 12 May at Club Marion • Pamper and Information Day - 16 June at Jimmy Deane’s Function Centre • Consumer Directed Packages – 19 March at Elizabeth House, Christie Downs <p>Teresa – Resthaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • referrals have dried up at the moment from A2HC • getting some self referrals for groups • have vacancies in all programs and respite homes - Hersey 	
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	<p>Cottages, Lane Cottage and WORX Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extra day available at Lane Cottage - every three weeks on Saturday to support carers • holiday home at Aldinga – respite available every three weeks – for carer and care recipient - contact Karen McDougale ph: 8358 3173 • Ridgeway House has overnight vacancies <p>Kate – ECH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • new CEO David Panter started last week • management restructure – Katy Elding is the new manager – covering Wellness and Social Programs • vacancy in Centre Based Day Care and In Home Respite <p>Jen – City of Onkaparinga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmony Day at the Arts Centre, Port Noarlunga – 21 March Shedtastics singers performing • Tribal Flourish lead dancing, Shedtastic singers and items made from participants in The Shed – 7pm in Ramsay Place 26 March – part of Activate Ramsay Place • information sessions – joint venture with Social Program – first session on 'Downsizing' - 29 April at Civic area – there will be two daytime and two evening sessions • new book by Jodie Rose (Murray Rose’s wife) Australian carers put a book together – launch last week on Current Affair on television - http://aca.ninemsn.com.au/article/8966817/australias-remarkable-carers; also on Facebook- Journeys of the Heart by Jodi Rose 	
CHSP draft guidelines - discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the collaborative projects are sending out a state wide survey to collect data for feedback to the Department of Social Services re the new Commonwealth Home Support Programme • members were given a draft copy of the survey, the original will come electronically soon – please fill it in and have your say • a scenario of how the ‘new system’ is going to work after 30 June, was read from the draft Manual – discussion followed 	

Project Officer update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advance Care Directives Training – 6 May at Marion Council – 9.30 – 11.30am • LGBTI Training – 31 March at Mitcham Council – all day session • I Can(t) - Lui and Sally have rewritten the program – delivered the workshop to SIS staff last week and are delivering to consumers at GTRAC next week - working with SIS to get Train the Trainer package written - aim to have peer led program - hoping to negotiate with a registered training organisation that SIS are associated with • Louise has finished updating/revamping the app – information will be sent to the publisher for the update – the app is hopefully ‘reform friendly’ so as not to go out of date too quickly • SASMA met again last week with increased group numbers - SIS are the auspice of SASMA – SASMA will be running another symposium in conjunction with the Disability and Aging Expo. DIRC do not exist anymore - SIS is going to run the Expo in 2015 and the Symposium will be part of that. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev to resend Advance Care Directive Training information to group and put new names on the list to attend
Discuss future of the group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the group have decided not to meet anymore and members to merge into two new workgroups when formed • the group would like to meet for dinner in April as a last get together – 21 April decided upon 	

Next meeting date: No more meetings