



SOUTHERN SERVICES  
REFORM GROUP

**SSRG Workgroup Meeting**  
**Workgroup: Carer Issues**  
**Date: 19 August 2014**

Present: Jen Day (Chair), Meredith McLeod, Kate Kenning, Julie Haselgrove, Deb Logos, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Sandy Johnson-Jones, Carol Ganly, Gael Porter, Carole Matthews, Filomena Occhiodoro

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
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></ul>	
Post Caring project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>group looked at Post Carers project on the SSRG website</li><li>discussion on content and look of the resource</li><li>need to market the project – have postcards designed</li><li>send information and link to all State-wide collaborative officers</li><li>Is there a place for promotion of project in carers week?</li><li>possibly give all kite pictures to 'In White Space' and see what they come up with</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sally to send link to collaborative officers</li><li>Sally to contact In White Space re postcards</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• could have main kite on front page and information on the back</li> <li>• 'Beyond the Caring Kite' - title for project</li> <li>• could also promote at Disability and Lifestyle Expo in November - Social Inclusion workgroup stand - 7 November 2014</li> <li>• could have postcards at SASMA Symposium</li> <li>• Jen will talk to BINSAs (Brain Injury Network of SA) to promote resource on their website</li> <li>• Carer SA and Carer Support - link to the on-line resource</li> <li>• Sally to talk with Southern Medicare Local about supporting promotion</li> <li>• Possibly negotiate with carer organisations to have the information on their own websites</li> <li>• Possibly have a launch - can we tag the launch onto another event?</li> <li>• need kites at the event</li> <li>• distribute postcards to doctors, chemists, etc</li> <li>• idea - create kite fridge magnets, brochure in the shape of a kite</li> <li>• ?have a kite flag/banner made</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jen to talk with BINSAs</li> <li>• Sally to talk with Filomena</li> <li>• Sally to talk with Southern Medicare Local</li> </ul>
Where to now?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the group were given the annual plan to read - whatever we do next needs to fit</li> <li>• do we do a carer forum – include information about finances – costs to go into residential care, Centrelink, what if my partner goes into residential care?</li> <li>• do something to put the spotlight back on carers - revisit 'taking time for you'</li> <li>• possibly give carers tools to help deal with the new changes in the aged care system - giving people the skills to be assertive and confident</li> <li>• idea to campaign to politicians - link politician with carers so they can actually see what is happening - raise awareness of carers lives - website 'Adopt a Politician Scheme WA' - ? setup in SA in partnership with universities, organisations and SSRG (or similar)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally to look at adopt a politician idea - research idea</li> </ul>

Project Officer report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Too hats...too hard - Sally writing a summary of project - pre and post evaluations - will email to all once complete</li> <li>• September meeting cancelled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally to do follow up with Carer organisations to see if they have resource on their own websites</li> </ul>
Information Sharing	<p>Kate - ECH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• trying to promote programs more</li> <li>• received extra HACCC funding earlier in year so can increase numbers in Day Program</li> <li>• brochures are being distributed - retirement villages, GPs, community centres</li> <li>• Day Program funded for transport</li> <li>• vacancies for In Home Respite program</li> <li>• vacancies in Day program</li> </ul> <p>Meredith - Carer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pamper day for ATSI clients this Thursday</li> <li>• big event next week at Woodstock Winery</li> <li>• revisiting transport issues - buses to events</li> <li>• Carers Week in October doing a joint project with the City of Onkaparinga - pamper day at Elizabeth House</li> </ul> <p>Deb - City of Mitcham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social programs have vacancies</li> <li>• Tuesday Lunch Club has vacancies</li> <li>• advertising to get more men into the groups</li> <li>• may miss October meeting - on holidays</li> </ul>	

**Next meeting date: 16 September 2014 CANCELLED**

**Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm**

**Venue: Committee Room, City of Mitcham**