



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Carer Issues
Date: 15 October 2013

Present: Jen Day (Chair), Meredith McLeod, Carol Ganly, Julie Haselgrove, Kate Kenning, Justin Adams, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Brenda Johnson, Stephanie Papps, Carole Matthews, Teresa Moran, Sharron Irwin, Sandy Johnson-Jones, Filomena Occhiodoro

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• welcome and apologies• members were given a handout summarising the discussions so far about the 'flying under the caring kite' project	
Previous minutes & business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• previous minutes accepted• all actions completed	

Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the 'flying under the caring kite' handout is a summary of the outcomes of the subcommittee meeting • Sally met prior with Carole Matthews as she was unavailable to attend the meeting • part one of the project is to research and collate information and build the webpage • part two of the project is to create links to real carer stories via you tube clips – recommended we have a story from an older woman, a man and a young carer • decision not to create pathways on the webpage - have information with links to other websites – enabling the consumer to choose for themselves which information or pathway is relevant to them • a rough outline of the proposed webpage was drawn on the whiteboard • each category heading to have a different coloured kite and the linking webpage for that category to have the same colour kite to link them together • can we use the meaning of colours to represent different categories? • all members voted to keep 'flying under the caring kite' as the name of the project • need to have a second title as well as 'flying under the caring kite' that will be prominent in a Google search • A discussion was had about the categories. How many? What categories? • For the time being we are 'sticking' to the categories in the summary • the 'slant' for this project is older people • the categories were shared between the group members to research links <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate - recreation • Carol G. - finances • Julie - grieving • Meredith - sexuality and sensuality • Justin - employment, education and volunteering • Jen - health and fitness • Sally - social, relationships and spirituality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev to research what the different colours mean • Bev to talk with web host to discuss how to prioritise the name in a search

Project Officer Report	<p>Gateway -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myagedcare website is developed by Healthdirect • the call centre is being managed by Stella • there are only government funded services on the website – they have not included private providers – • A2HC are continuing to do referrals for the Gateway 	
Brainstorm service gaps / issues in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the group were asked to brainstorm ideas, gaps and concerns The issues raised were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network meetings are important – connected to community development • Building collaborative practice – it will become more competitive • Financially disadvantaged – can't afford to contribute – less money, more disadvantaged • Refuse to take on a package because greater cost • CDC will buy essential services but not social or more creative services • Focus is on the caree....what about the carer? • Customers with dementia....how is it going to work for them? • Will people access a service if they have to call a 1800 number? • Nightmare for service staff when changes are big • New packages are being introduced, but no more assessors employed • brainstorming sessions have been held in other workgroups and the results of those sessions were compared to our brainstorming session results 	
Information Sharing	<p>Meredith – Carers Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Day for the Carer Month activity had close to 200 people attend and was a huge success • there are 60 people registered for the afternoon tea on Thursday 	

	<p>Carol - ACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on green light for HACC vacancies • Carer Respite Options (NRCP) vacancies in the west • no vacancies in package care • some vacancies for level 2 in West Torrens and Port Adelaide <p>Julie – City of Holdfast Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers Week morning tea event at Kingston House today – Jacinta (Norman House) was the guest speaker - 25 carers attended • Every Generation event happening in the region <p>Justin – Unitingcare Wesley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • events were held last week for Mental Health Week – the aim of the events was to raise awareness about mental health issues, provide information and support to Carers • Guardianship and Legal Forum presentation with a focus on mental health rights Wednesday 6 November at the Fullarton Park Centre, Fullarton or Wednesday 13 November at Partridge House, Glenelg • Mates Breaks for male carers of adults living with a mental issue – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • day trip to Birdwood Motor Museum - Wednesday 30 October – 9.30am • visit the Adelaide Planetarium - Friday 29 November – 10.45 am – followed by lunch at Mawson Lakes Hotel • join a small group of carers on a bus tour to a variety of Supported Residential Facilities in your region – lunch included – 22 October North West region – 24 October South East region <p>Kate - ECH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to coordinate a new program - Southern In Home Respite Program – to be managed by Southern Day Program – package of up to 3 hours per week for up to 13 clients - NRCP funded - focus is to give the carer a break – at the moment there are 10 packages with a possibility of a couple more available - starts next week - \$8/hour for up to 3 hours a week <p>Jen – City of Onkaparinga</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• submissions are invited for the Celebration of Ability Art Exhibition 2013 – the exhibition celebrates the ability of people over the age of 18 years living with a disability and are residents of the City of Onkaparinga - art will be displayed at the Arts Centre from 3 December 2013 until 14 January 2014 – the exhibition is being held as part of the activities to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability <p>Sally – SSRG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the extra funding left over from the Health and Community Informed Choices Project will be used to develop the app for android <p>Next meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the group decided to have the meeting as usual with a Christmas themed afternoon tea	
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Next meeting: 19 November 2013

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room, City of Mitcham