



SOUTHERN SERVICES  
REFORM GROUP

**SSRG Workgroup Meeting**  
**Workgroup: Carer Issues Workgroup**  
**Date: Tuesday 16 October 2012**

Present: Jen Day (Chair), Carole Matthews, Brenda Johnson, Filomena Occhiodoro, Julie Haselgrove , Meredith McLeod, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Chris O'Brien, Andrea Stent, Carol Sargeant, Sharron Irwin, Stephanie Phapps

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and apologies noted</li></ul>	
Previous minutes / business arising	Minutes approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actions completed</li></ul>	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep same meeting day and time to be 1pm</li><li>• Have a lunch meeting</li><li>• Suggestions made on where to hold the meeting were put forward</li><li>• Brenda to cancel room at Mitcham for that date</li><li>• Bev and Sally to organise lunch and inform group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inform group of venue for lunch</li></ul>

SRA Conference report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a lot of interest on the day</li> <li>• The group looked at photos of the stand</li> <li>• Sally gave a brief description of how the conference worked – the scribes etc</li> <li>• There will be a paper and official photos of the conference released</li> <li>• The topics discussed were very broad and fitted in / overlapped with our work</li> <li>• Conference speakers were very good</li> </ul>	
Project launch discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the launch for? To celebrate our work and/or promote the project and share it?</li> <li>• Who would we want to invite to the launch?</li> <li>• Every workgroup member to invite two people?</li> <li>• How big do we want to make the launch? Possibly 65 people.</li> <li>• Invite working carers that participated in the project, the steering committee and the Carer Issues workgroup</li> <li>• Suggestions for venue were Partridge House, Mitcham Village, Pier Hotel, Blue Swimmers Function Room, Seacliff Surf Club</li> <li>• Hold event last week of February 2013</li> <li>• Time of event 4 – 6pm</li> <li>• Provide finger food and drinks</li> <li>• Suggestion to have harp music in the background</li> <li>• Play the DVD and Sally to talk about the project</li> <li>• Suggestion for group members to wear hats</li> <li>• Suggestion to have an MC (Jane Reilly, Jane Doyle, Jodi from 102.3 or Ali Carle) for the event and an interview section with the MC interviewing a working carer /carers about their roles</li> <li>• Have a section where Pete Sparrow and/or Rosemary talk about carer organisations?</li> <li>• Need to have a structure to event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members to investigate venues within their own region</li> <li>• Bev to investigate speakers for MC role</li> </ul>
Project Officers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Professional Development -</b> Course underway – Diploma of Population Health. (Subsidised training through Skills for All) This will enhance knowledge and skills in the following - conducting community consultations, writing content for media, developing community education programs, implementing community development strategies and ‘act as a resource to other services’</li> <li>• <b>Appreciative Inquiry for Adaptive Change – Jeremy Scrivens</b> The collaborative projects are jointly organising workshops by Jeremy Scrivens. One</li> </ul>	

	<p>workshop will be held in the ‘hills’ region and the second will be for the metropolitan areas – at Burnside Ballroom. The Burnside workshop is scheduled for October 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Be confident, stand up and deliver –</b> Presented by the Better Practice Project on 29 November at the Marion Hotel. This workshop will invigorate your training and presentation skills. The aim is to provide a range of practical strategies and tips that participants can take away from the workshop and put into practice immediately</li> <li>• <b>Keeping Connected -</b> The workshop is presented by the Better Practice Project and will utilise findings from Alone in the Crowd research focusing on the five dimensions of loneliness. It will be held at the Marion Hotel on 15 November</li> <li>• <b>Innovative Project Forum –</b> Showcasing innovative projects in the southern region. The forum is scheduled for 23 November at the Marion Hotel</li> <li>• <b>Health and Community Informed Choices –In Home Services Workgroup –</b> The new project officer, Louise Fuller, has commenced and is exploring ways to distribute the community services information - an app, a pocket pal and QR codes will be part of the resource</li> <li>• <b>Social Inclusion Workgroup -</b> The postcard was distributed to Christies Beach in the week of 24 September by Messenger Press newspapers Responses are slow coming in but what we have had is positive Posters and extra postcards have been distributed to medical clinics and pharmacies on Beach Road There will be another trial of the postcard in the Holdfast Bay area next year</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion -</b> The group discussed ideas about a new project for next year The group discussed the TACSI Weaver project and the possibilities of doing some work with them Possibly invite people from TACSI to attend a meeting</p>	
Information Round	<p>Carole – Resthaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vacancies in most groups – need referrals</li> </ul> <p>Chris – ECH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day centre has vacancies – need referrals</li> </ul>	

Next meeting:	20 November 2012 1:00 to 3:00 pm Christmas lunch meeting Venue: to be advised  18 December meeting CANCELLED	