



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Carer Issues Workgroup
Date: Tuesday 17 July 2012

Present: Jen Day (Chair), Meredith McLeod, Carol Sargeant, Carole Matthews, Julie Haselgrove, Sharron Irwin, Chris O'Brien, Sally Warnes (Project Officer)

Apologies: Andrea Stent, Brenda Johnson, Filomena Occhiodoro, Bev Bannister

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and apologies noted	
Previous minutes / business arising	Minutes approved <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check with Bev re the MRU information• Sally has not invited a working carer to present at the conference – decided the group needed to have further discussion about this.	
Working Carers Project	Trial so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris (ECH) - the trial is currently happening in the community programs area (and they were very 'open' to it) however it has been difficult to engage the residential area and to organise a time to present the package. There are possibly potential barriers to wanting this topic 'out in the open' - ?concern that employees will expect more flexibility etc from the employer.• Sally (City of Onkaparinga) – has had some 'hitches' in starting the trial at the Council however there are 2 teams that are definitely going ahead with it and there will be an opportunity to present the package soon....hopefully in August. The 2 teams are quite diverse – one 'Community' team, the other the 'depot' team.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carole (Resthaven) – trial has been discussed with HR and they are happy for it to proceed in the Community Respite Team. Carole would also like to organise a trial at a residential site as well. Hopefully these trials could commence in August. • Co-presenting to demonstrate ‘collaboration’ is acknowledged as the best way to present the material. • An official launch of the project will be organised after completion of the trials. 	
Southern Regional Alliance Conference Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Friday 21 September, 1100 to 1230 • Equal Opportunity Commission to also present – scenarios – bring the topic ‘to life’ • Presentation could be structured – 30min project presentation, 30min EOC presentation, 30min workshop <p>Presentation will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DVD • Carers legislation • Trials and evaluations of project...so far • The impact of caring • tie in with the conference theme which is ‘Forging pathways out of poverty’ and ‘Addressing social determinants of health’ • Maybe use the music ‘Keep your hat on’ - Joe Cocker • Sally to co-present with Carole – change into different hats while presenting • Convenor: Chris O’Brien • Scribe: Julie Hazelgrove • Reserve? • Workshop should include hats – have participants wearing hats, make a hat, write on hats (reflections), wear 2 hats and the ‘inner hat’ could be a food handling hat! • Workshop could involve answering the evaluation questions but have participants moving around in response to the questions. It could also be a way for the workgroup to get more information re attitudes and awareness of working carers. • The workshop could be titled ‘hats off to working carers’ • Everyone throw their hats up into the air in acknowledgement of carers • Sally will write conference abstract and email to group members for feedback – needs to be submitted by Monday 23 July. 	<p>Download music – ‘Keep your hat on’</p> <p>Email abstract to workgroup for feedback.</p>
Project Officers Report	No report given	

Information Round	<p>Carole (Resthaven)-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently vacancies at Hersey Cottages and Ridgeway House <p>Meredith (Carer Support)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New southern office/shop front to be opened in October – 241 Main South Road, Morphett vale. Meredith will work from this office. Employing an ATSI worker and will have volunteers managing reception. • There has been a 'back-log of new carers that have enrolled – which is being addressed • Great response to a morning tea that has been organised in the east – usually an area where it has been difficult to attract/find carers. • During the carers course 'Taking Care of Yourself' introduced emergency care plans with a good response. <p>Chris (ECH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one vacancy in day respite • Starting to get referrals from A2HC – mainly associated with getting support before ACAT is done • Involved in the process of joining with Masonic Homes – 'big job' • In the Mitcham area there is vacancy for CACP's <p>Sharron (ACH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased health checks for carers – Chemmart Chemists. Baseline now and then again in 6 months. • Movie tickets for carers – enjoyable respite option • Riverview – planned or emergency overnight respite – if support needed please contact Sharron as often something can be 'worked out'. <p>Carol (ACH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancies in HACC – Mitcham, Marion and Holdfast Bay <p>Julie (City of Holdfast Bay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is receiving funding for self-directed care through Disability SA. • She is finally receiving daily transport for her son after lobbying for system changes for some time. 	
Gap identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No gaps identified 	
Next meeting:	<p>Tuesday 21 August 2012 2:00 to 4:00 pm, Venue : Committee Room, City of Mitcham</p>	