



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Carer Issues
Date: 15 April 2014

Present: Jen Day (Chair), Justin Adams, Carol Ganly, Carole Matthews, Brenda Johnson, Sharron Irwin, Filomena Occhiodoro, Julie Haselgrove, Kate Kenning, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Sandy Johnson-Jones, Meredith McLeod, Gael Porter

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• welcome and apologies• Brenda was presented with a gift from the group for her retirement	
Previous minutes & business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• previous minutes accepted	
Project Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julie has been collecting information from carers about their experiences of grief and loss – she has written up their responses• The group discussed aspects of how the information should be presented• maybe PDF the tips the carers have given and have as a page that could be printed off• Sandy has contributed information from a carer about places to	

	<p>remember to contact after someone dies – this will be added</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the book by Pat Smytherman is to be placed on the post caring web page • link to Centrelink is important • do we make health a separate topic? - health and wellbeing topic needs some more 'thinking' around it • list topics alphabetically on the website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to make changes to information sheet and send out one week prior to the next meeting
<p>Project Officer Report</p>	<p>Social Inclusion Workgroup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • viewed the film that the workgroup have put together 'Ignite Your Spark' • Is it possible to have the wording in different languages? <p>World Elder Abuse Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference packs given out to host an event for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day <p>Training Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the top 8 topics that people want are Social Inclusion & Community Participation, Practicalities of Consumer Directed Care, Working with People with Dementia, Mental Health and the Older Person, Carers Health & Wellbeing, Consumer Choice & Consumer Voice, Restorative Care, Wellness & Reablement and Technology and Older People <p>App figures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple - total downloads = 476 sessions / number of times app been used = 4040 • Android - total downloads = 39 sessions / number of times app been used = 156 	

Information Sharing	<p>Carole - Resthaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spaces available in some of the programs but not in the cottages <p>Filomena – Carers SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no interest loans are available for carers to purchase white goods up to the value of \$1200 • staff changes resulting in low staff numbers at the moment – have had some temp staff recently helping with all of the A2HC referrals • have not had the capacity to do anything further on the Working Carers Project Resource • forum happening mid-year <p>Brenda – City of Marion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two new coordinators starting next week – one replacing Brenda when she retires and the other in Community Connections - linking people with activities already in the community - lunch clubs - Friday group, Don Juan group • coordinated services for clients living in public housing with a squalor issue - mental health services involved in clean up • has really enjoyed working with the SSRG workgroup <p>Sharron - ACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vacancies in centre based groups • vacancies in working carers program • vacancies at Riverview • HACC and NRCP are on red for A2HC <p>Julie – City of Holdfast Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from the high tea in January a support type group for carers has evolved – have started meeting with about eight people attending • changes happening within council - new reforms are frightening 	

	<p>Kate - ECH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECH has sold all SA residential facilities to Allity Aged Care – enabling ECH to focus on community services and independent living units • vacancies in Day program and NRCP in home respite <p>Carol - ACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vacancies in the west • no vacancies in the south <p>Justin – UnitingCare Wesley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigating the Mental Health System at GP Plus Noarlunga - Monday 5th May • general information sessions designed to provide understanding of the major mental illnesses and treatments - 7 week program – can attend one or more of the sessions – 15 May – 26 June – see newsletter for more details • male carer programs – May event is a fishing charter and lunch • Lounge on Gibson - carers lounge - first Friday of every month • flyers and newsletter were given out to the group <p>Jen – City of Onkaparinga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Disability Network Meeting was on Wednesday 9 April • Guest speakers were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Ambagtsheer—External Merits Review Support Service. External Merits Review process people who apply for a care plan with the National Disability Insurance Scheme - have a right to appeal decisions. • Tegan Whittard—Brain Injury Network of South Australia Advocacy role with BINSa and the Reconnect Transition Program funded by the Motor Accident Commission • may start a new program for people with brain injury at one of the 	
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Next meeting date: 20 May 2014
Time: 2 – 4 pm
Venue: Committee Room, City of Mitcham