

# Campbelltown Interagency

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## MINUTES

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2010**

### **Present:**

Angela Lonergan	Campbelltown City Council
Janelle Hint	Carer Assist
Josephine Hindmarsh	Macarthur No Interest Loans (NILS)
Suzanne Hart	BCS Life Care
Sana Al-Ahmar	MDSi
Carroll Nicolaidis	Community Justice Centre - Campbelltown

### **Apologies:**

Alicia Constable	Odyssey House After Care Program
Sr Ruth Davis	Catholic Care
Michael Thorn	

### **Guest Speakers:**

No Guest speaker this meeting

### **Ideas for future meetings**

Discussion about how to keep Campbelltown Interagency engaging for Service Providers. Some ideas:

- Need a few key drivers to be involved in the background working of the Interagency. Angela keen to continue her active involvement, Sector Connect representative and others encourages to be hands on.
- In November conduct an evaluation to identify frequency / day / time of meeting. Are there other meetings occurring at the same time? Suggestions for guest speakers. Ideas from attendees for the direction of the Interagency.
- Many “suburb” based meetings occurring – RACI (Rosemeadow, Ambarvale Community Interagency) or BANC (Bradbury Airs Neighbourhood Connection). Perhaps identify a representative from these meetings to attend the Campbelltown Interagency and provide an update about their meeting.
- Council will arrange relevant speakers for presentations around Council issues i.e. Community grants / funding opportunities or community profile information. Angela is also the link for Community Services to the Campbelltown are and during November Community Builders will again open for funding applications. An information session will be organised, most likely for the November meeting. An announcement will be made soon regarding

last year's successful applications. This would also provide an opportunity to invite these Service Providers to Campbelltown Interagency and inform us about their projects.

- Decision for **September** meeting for all to **brainstorm** all meetings that take place across the Campbelltown LGA. This could form the basis of a "new Worker pack" so people have an idea of all meetings available and identify most relevant to their job.
- Angela wrote out a list of Interagencies – this will be typed up and included in the minutes as a separate document.

**Issues and concerns:**

Nil.

**Items without notice:**

Nil

**Information Share:**

*Please forward your information share to [networking@sectorconnect.org.au](mailto:networking@sectorconnect.org.au) to be included in the minutes.*

**Janelle Hint: Carer Assist**

Ph: 4620 5255 Fax: 4620 5255

Information, education and advocacy and support for people who care for someone with a Mental Illness.

Support Groups in Campbelltown (evenings) and Cabramatta (daytime)

**Josephine Hindmarsh: NILS**

Ph: 4625 6487 Fax: 4628 6346

Macarthur NILS offer loans – No Interest Loan of up to \$900.00 to purchase essential household items such as washing machine or refrigerator.

Eligibility:

- Live in Camden, Campbelltown or Wollondilly Shire for six months at the same address
- Have a low income or are eligible to hold a health care or pension concession card.
- Have the ability to repay the loan – usually between \$20.00 and \$40.00 per fortnight

Outreach service at Tahmoor Community Centre – 6 Harper Close Tahmoor Tuesday mornings

Camden Community Connections – Narellan Library Complex – Office 1 Cnr Elyard & Queen Streets Narellan – Wednesday mornings.

**The Haven Project – Macarthur Disabilities Services**

**Contact:** Silvia Tedeski **Phone:** 4621 8400 **Fax:** 4628 4006

The Haven Project is made up of a consortium of 5 organisations- BCD Community Care, The Disability Trust, Macarthur Disability Services, Community Links Wollondilly and Anglicare as the lead agency. The Project covers the four LGA s across Macarthur and Wingecarribee. I am based at Macarthur Disability Services and I cover the Camden and Campbelltown Areas. Colin Garrad is also based at MDS two

days a week and covers the same area. Colin has a youth focus and aims to support young carers aged 12-18.

The Haven Project is able to provide a range of resources and planning for time out for carers of a person living with a severe mental health illness. It is aimed at allowing carers to focus on their needs for wellness and recreation. We can help carers plan a personal respite experience tailored to the individual needs of the entire family. We provide flexibility and choice to ensure carers have access to a range of activities and experiences.

### **Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative**

Contact: Kate Fitzgerald. Ph: 4627 1188

Multicultural Family Worker

- Focus on Children Services
- Eight Playgroups throughout Macarthur region, covering multicultural communities – 2 with Arabic community, 1 within Vietnamese community and 1 within the Pacific Island community.

**Contact: Sana Al-Ahmar**

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1. **Community Partners Program (CPP)** is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging to assist aged people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) in accessing aged care services in Macarthur and Wingecarribee.

The Program has a dual role in working with both CALD communities and Aged Care Service Providers by providing information sessions and cultural briefings to Aged Care Services to assist them with strategies for culturally appropriate care; and to assist CALD communities to have better access to aged care services.

The communities the CPP project will focus on are: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Spanish, Pacific Islands (Samoan), Mauritian (French), Filipino (Tagalog), Vietnamese and Indian (Hindi and Urdu).

#### **The following information for community groups**

- CACP, EACH, EACHD, Residential Aged care (community housing, hostels, nursing homes), Respite care, Positive aging, Aged care assessment team (ACAT), Rights and responsibilities, Palliative care, Dementia awareness

#### **Information for aged care service providers**

- Arabic/ Chinese/ Spanish/ Mauritian/ Samoan (PI)/ Vietnamese/ Filipino/ Indian (Hindi & Urdu)
    - Health/ Food/ taboos/ religion/ settlement/ communication/ leisure/ Festivals/ other
2. **Next MMI meeting on Thursday 19 August**, Paul Power from Refugee Council will talk about Refugee specific projects: Sports; Employment; Refugee youth
  3. MDSI received funding from Area Assistance Scheme for a Family Worker in Minto

4. Dementia Bilingual Community Educators program, training community members about Dementia: 5 in Macarthur and 5 in Wingecarribee The BCE will then run sessions for their own communities in their own language

### **Community Justice Centres – Campbelltown**

**Contact:** Carroll Nicolaidis Phone: 1800 990 777 (free call)

Part of Justice and Attorney General Office: Provide free mediation and conflict management services to help people resolve their own disputes. This could be used for neighbor disputes, separation (only if NO children are involved and NO DV history). The service is free confidential, voluntary, timely and easy to use. Interpreters are available.

### **BCS LifeCare**

**Contact:** Suzanne Hart, Phone: 4628 4393 Fax: 4627 2650

A Mandarin speaking counselor is now available.

Counselling services we provide are:

- ❖ Marriage and Relationship
- ❖ Individual
- ❖ Child & Adolescent
- ❖ Grief & Loss
- ❖ Domestic Violence
- ❖ Carer

We also run a number of programs:

- ❖ Living Beyond Abuse- 9 week program for women who have experienced Domestic Violence. Cost- Free
- ❖ Owing Up-6 week program for men who are willing to own their violence, also an introduction to the following program. Cost- \$35 per week
- ❖ Facing Up-18 week program for men who are willing to own their violence and look at it at a deeper level. Cost- \$35 per week.
- ❖ React- 6 week program for young people who want to manage their anger responsibly. Cost- Free.
- ❖ Kids Time- 8 week program for children who have witnessed Domestic Violence in their own home. Cost –Free.
- ❖ Kids Between-6 week program for children whose parents are separated or divorced. Cost \$10 per week.

Our centre manager is Denise Markovics, should you have any queries regarding our service, feel free to contact either Denise, myself or Petrina on 4628 4393.

### **Campbelltown City Council**

Angela Lonergan

CSGP funding has now been split into two sections – Community Strengthening (Community Builders) and Early Intervention and Prevention – Keep Them Safe.

Community Builders will open for funding applications in November – Angela will arrange for a presentation to the Campbelltown Interagency.

Fishers Ghost Gig – challenge of the bands – applications now open. Participants must either live, work or study in Campbelltown LGA.

River Fest 12<sup>th</sup> September – Environmental and Cultural celebration.

### **Sector Connect**

Trish has resigned from the role of Networking due to university studies. Trish thanks everyone for assistance during this time in the role.

Sector Connect will have a new website and devise an improved information dissemination system – look out for this! With the new website it is anticipated that there will be an opportunity for Service Providers to have a webpage to promote their service. Costing for this is still to be confirmed. Website will have full launch at AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> October, to be held at Camden Civic Centre.

Josephine did raise the concern of the increased costs of membership to Sector Connect and how this impacts on small Services. Trish will pass on these concerns.

*Next meeting*

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010.*

*2pm to 4pm*