

Campbelltown Interagency

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MINUTES

Thursday 6th May, 2010

Present:

Angela Lonergan	Campbelltown City Council
Linda Feeny	Carer Assist
Sr Ruth Davis	Catholic Care
Josephine Hindmarsh	Macarthur No Interest Loans (NILS)
Sue Dignon	DAFVIS
Deborah Ferry	Campbelltown City Council

Apologies:

Alicia Constable	Odyssey House After Care
Jeff Wilkin	Good Beginnings
Janet Robinson	YWCA
Emma Doukakis	Ideas – Disability Advocacy Brokerage
Kate Fitzgerald	MDSi
Annie Lee	TAFE
Jacqueline Dayes	MDS - HACC
Silvia Tedeski	MDS Haven Project
Patricia Ceulen	Sector Connect
Suzanne Hart	BCS LifeCare
Sana Al-Ahmar	MDSi

Guest Speakers:

Sue Dignan – Domestic and Family Violence Intervention (DAFVIS)

DVD presentation – *Home is where the hurt is:*

This is a locally produced documentary on domestic violence. The DVD was launched at Stop Domestic Violence Day, 3rd December 2009.

Copies soon to be available for services.

ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE:

Nil

INFORMATION SHARE:

Please forward your information share to networking@sectorconnect.org.au to be included in the minutes.

Linda Feeney: 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.

Sr Ruth Davis: CatholicCare

Phone: 4640 8520 Fax: 4628 4549

Information Share: CatholicCare services available include counselling for individuals, couples families, children (7 years + and adolescents. We also run a variety of parenting programs for parents of children 0-18 years are available. The new parenting courses program for the next school year will be available in the coming weeks. We also have a variety of other programs to meet the needs of individuals and families and this information is available in our brochure

Sue: The Salvation Army Counselling Service

Ph: 4731 1554 Fax: 4721 3471 email: susan.parnell@ae.salvationarmy.org

Vacancies for personal, family and relationship counselling at Campbelltown on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Fees on a sliding scale. Self referral

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.

MDS – HACC

Currently updating information in directory and will be available on MDS website soon.

MDSi

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

- Parenting Between Cultures – this course will be run during 2010
- Family Harmony and Healthy Relationships – Facilitators being trained so that they can deliver this course to their local community in their own language.
- Environmental Workshops will be developed.

The Benevolent Society - Fostering Young Lives

Contact: Veronica Marskell Phone: 02 8778 0600 Fax: 02 9734 6588

33 Moore St Liverpool NSW 2170

PO Box 135, Liverpool NSW 2170

The Benevolent Society's Fostering Young Lives program delivers general foster care, relative and kinship care, wraparound support and family preservation services. The children and families we help come to us through the NSW Department of Community Services.

The Benevolent Society's Fostering Young Lives program puts children at the centre of the service, creating a single point of contact and offering much greater ongoing and coordinated support for foster carers and children.

For information on becoming a foster carer at The Benevolent Society visit our website at www.bensoc.org.au

Ideas NSW

Contact: Emma Doukakis Phone: 0402 665 924

Disability Advocacy Brokerage – Can provide help for people with a disability and can provide an advocate who will: protect and promote your rights; support your decision making; represent your interests, assist you to be heard.

BCS LifeCare

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

Information Share:

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.

Next meeting

Thursday 1st July 2010.

2pm to 4pm

Change of venue - At Odyssey
House After Care

Suite 1, 15-23 Dumaresq Street
Campbelltown

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