

Minutes

Campbelltown Interagency

Date: 3rd February 2011

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Venue: Campbelltown Library – Hurley Street, Campbelltown

Attendees

- Karen Chisnall – Sector Connect
- Ross Wortham – Benevolent Society
- Adam Ainscough – Centrelink
- Wayne Briggs – Campbelltown Family Support Service
- Brian Milford – Youth Connections
- Cheryl Tarantola – Anglicare
- Suzanne Hart – BCS Life Care Relationship Services
- Josephine Hindmarsh – Macarthur NILS
- Leonie Evans – Macarthur NILS
- Regina Nagy – Traxside
- Karina Smith – Red Cross
- Jessica Mutton – Red Cross
- Debra Hansel – Red Cross
- Rosalie Schick – CAP Debt Recovery
- Lauren Broughall – The Cottage Centre
- Michael Thorn – Animation Project

Apologies

- Cathy Chopping – Centrelink
- Mathew Ferguson – Department of Premier and Cabinet

Guest Speaker

Benevolent Society: C4C Plus Program – Ross Wortham

The C4C Plus Funding is an extension of the C4C program targeting children 0 – 12 years in Rosemeadow/Ambarvale. The project is looking at families with a higher vulnerability that may be experiencing drug and alcohol issues, mental health, domestic violence etc.

As a part of the project a comprehensive community consultation took place as well as a workshop with professionals. A 116 page report was produced as a result of this process.

The project is looking at providing holistic family support and raising the profile of existing programs running in the Rosemeadow/Ambarvale area, as well as providing workforce development.

The project has now developed a strategic plan which has been approved by FaCHSIA. The strategic plan is available for viewing if interested.

Aboriginal Community Connections Strategy

The Aboriginal Community Connections Strategy tender process has now closed. What C4C Plus are looking for in the Aboriginal Community Connections Strategy tender:

- A project that works with the strengths of the Aboriginal community
- Looking at soft entry points to build relationships with the Aboriginal community

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- Projects that build up resources to support families
- Building capacity in mainstream services
- Projects that can increase referrals

Decisions will be made on which service/s gets funding closer to the middle of February 2011.

Intensive Family Support

A large amount of funding is available for this strategy. This strategy is place based and has no restrictions on referrals. Focusing on higher vulnerability families who are at risk of having their children taken into out-of-home care. Want projects to support what's already available in the area. This strategy is going to tender shortly.

Grass Roots Empowerment and Awareness Raising Strategy (GEARS)

This strategy is about encouraging the community to drive projects on issues faced by vulnerable families' e.g. domestic violence etc.

Community consultation in Rosemeadow/Ambarvale community was held on 9th February. The aim of this consultation was to get the community discussing the issues and identifying how they would like the money to be spent. Another aim of the consultation is to get a commitment from people within the community to work on this strategy.

The group discussed some campaigns that have been run previously that have involved the community, including:

- Housing NSW Minto relocation project
- St Vincent de Paul animation project in Claymore (DVD project using a fox pop method)
- Campbelltown DV Committee: Solving the Jigsaw
- Minto book about stories before the relocation project (developed by the Minto Resident Action Group)
- Partners in Employment are running forums on youth issues, business and mental health

Collaboration and Learning Strategy

Looking at workforce development and increasing collaboration between services. Australian Centre for child protection is working in partnership on this strategy. This strategy will be moving forward in early 2011.

This project will be operating until 2013.

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Questions

- *Will any Aboriginal people be employed through this project?*

Yes. Several Aboriginal people will be employed through the Aboriginal Community Connections Strategy and the Intensive Family Support Strategy.

- *How much community consultation will take place before planning is completed?*

Community consultation won't stop. It will be a continual process. The core community committee will be set up to be an open forum, where new members can be engaged easily.

Centrelink: Local Connections to Work – Adam Ainscough

Centrelink will be holding a community briefing on the 8th February 2011 about the Local Connections to Work program that is being set up at Centrelink Campbelltown offices. This briefing will be at Campbelltown Arts Centre.

Local Connections to Work is not a project but a program that Centrelink is running. This program does not run in every area that Centrelink has an office but Campbelltown has been selected as an area for this program to run. The Centrelink manager is now working on setting this program up in the Campbelltown offices.

This program looks at how to over-come barriers to re-engaging in employment. Local Connections to Work is set-up to be a wraparound service, where a number of services are in the same place at the one time to meet the needs of the client. The Campbelltown office is going to clear the first floor to invite services to be placed in this area and provide services to clients. Some services include Medicare, Housing, Centrelink, Counseling, Financial Aid etc.

This program is targeting the long-term unemployed (which includes unemployed for 5 years or more) and unemployed youth (15-24 years). As well as people experiencing drug and alcohol issues, low literacy, mental health issues or those identified as at risk. Centrelink will be conducting joint interviews with Job Services Australia with the people who fit within the previously mentioned criteria. It is compulsory for the long term unemployed to attend an interview to meet requirements and receive their Centrelink payments. As the aim is to get people involved in society and increase economic participation.

The idea behind this program is to build partnerships with other services to address client issues together. It is based on a New Zealand model where the customer comes into the service and services wrap around the client to meet their needs.

The Local Connections to Work program is not looking to exclude anyone that is interested in being involved. If you are interested in being involved get in touch with Adam Ainscough: adam.ac.ainscough@centrelink.gov.au

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Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Mapping of Interagencies in the Campbelltown LGA

A list of Interagencies that are running in the Campbelltown Local Government Area was distributed among the group. People were asked to review the list and advise of any changes and additions that were required. The list has been updated and is available for viewing. Contact Karen on networking@sectorconnect.org.au if interested. The group discussed which Interagencies would be most beneficial to hear about at the Campbelltown Interagency meeting. These included:

- Rosemeadow/Ambarvale Community Interagency
- Macarthur Migrant Interagency
- Macarthur Disability Network
- Macarthur Mental Health Network
- MacUnity

Actions

Karen to follow-up with Interagency conveners to report back at Campbelltown Interagency meetings.

New Business

Format of Campbelltown Interagency in 2011

The group discussed the format of the Campbelltown Interagency and looked at what format would be most beneficial for agencies to regularly attend the Interagency meetings. The following suggestions were made:

- Have updates from other Interagency meetings as a standing agenda item
- Have funding opportunities as a standing agenda item
- Have topics for forums in Macarthur as a standing discussion topic at each meeting
- Alternate the meeting venue: a number of agencies offered to hold the Campbelltown Interagency
- Look at new services attending the meeting to have an opportunity to talk about their service and the rest of information share for new events and news items
- Suggested that we have a presentation from Housing NSW regarding housing issues in Campbelltown and housing pathways and Communities Services to discuss the changes to CSGP funding and the EIPP funding scheme

Actions

Karen to revise the agenda for future Campbelltown Interagencies and follow-up on presentations.

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Information Share

The group shared information about services and upcoming events verbally. This information was not recorded in the minutes, however completed information share forms are attached as follows

BCS LifeCare Relationship Services

Just to advise we have had a name change from:

BCS LifeCare Counselling & Family Services

to

BCS LifeCare Relationship Services

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.

Traxside

Young mums and bubs starting February. Call Sarah on 4625 2525

- Girls know best group, Term 1, 2011, 6 week program for at risk young women covering health topics.
- In the planning phase for a peer support group for young people with a chronic illness.

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BreastScreen NSW Sydney South West

BreastScreen invites women to Camden

BreastScreen NSW, Sydney South West is returning to Camden and inviting women to attend for their free screening mammogram (breast x-ray), for the early detection of breast cancer. BreastScreen especially invites women aged 50 to 69 years as research shows that these women are in the group that will benefit the most from screening, however all women over 40 years are eligible to attend.

BreastScreen's mobile van will be located in Oxley Street Camden, opposite Woolworths, from Monday 28 February until Friday 6 May 2011. The Service will be open from 8.30 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday and on some limited Saturday mornings.

To book their free appointment women should phone BreastScreen on 13 20 50.

Families NSW Facilitation Project

South West Sydney Triple P Project 2010/11

Triple P Practitioner Meeting

Date: 3 March 2011

Time: 2.00 – 3.30pm

Venue: Sector Connect, 351 Welling Drive, Mt Annan

Purpose of Meeting:

- Meet other practitioners working in the Macarthur/Wingecarribee area
- Discuss the potential to co-facilitate with other practitioners
- Discuss how to better coordinate seminars and groups to ensure a more even spread over the year

RSVP by 23 February 2011

Sarina Leotta at Families NSW Facilitation Project

Ph: 9724 4127

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Families NSW Facilitation Project

Team Building Workshop

Date: 23 March 2011

Time: 9am – 4pm

Venue: Sector Connect

351 Welling Drive, Mt Annan

Cost: \$60 Sector Connect Members or \$80 Non-Members

Presented by Katrina Langhorn

Purpose of workshop is to learn how to:

- Effectively communicate
- Resolve conflict
- Problem solve

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- Build Trust
- Group development
- Action Plan

Registration closes 16th March 2011

Further information contact Karen Chisnall

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Email: familiesnsw@sectorconnect.org.au

Next Meeting		
Thursday 7 th April 2011 <u>Venue</u> : Campbelltown Library – Hurley Street, Campbelltown <u>Time</u> : 2pm-4pm		