

# Minutes

## Campbelltown Interagency

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Time:** 2pm – 4pm

**Venue:** Campbelltown Library – Hurley Street, Campbelltown

### Attendees

- Karen Chisnall – Sector Connect
- Alana O’Sullivan – Forum Sentencing
- Angela Lonergan – Campbelltown Council
- Karen Simpson – Macarthur Diversity Services
- Diane Coleman – BCS LifeCare
- Suzanne Hart – BCS LifeCare
- Terry Wilde – ABS Census
- Julie-Anne Taylor – Northcott
- Coral Ison – MDSI
- Chris Nightingale – Shekinah: The Salvation Army
- Jessica Mutton – Red Cross
- Orlando Bailey – Mission Australia

### Apologies

### Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- Suzanne Hart

### Guest Speaker

#### Australian Bureau of Statistics: Upcoming Census – Terry Wilde

150 collector’s positions available in Campbelltown. The Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for people to be involved in the Census collection that are representative of the Macarthur area. Collectors will be on a nine week contract. This opportunity could be a good start for people who have been long-term unemployed to re-engage in work. The only experience needed is reasonable clerical skills, to be organised and reliable.

Additionally, the Census is looking to enumerate homeless people such as how many homeless people living in Campbelltown, where they are staying and how to contact them. Currently, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking to formulate a plan to record this information. Specifically, specialised collectors will be employed, the same Census form for the rest of the population won’t be used, research into different models used to engage homeless people will be looked at, it may need to be more than one night of collection to engage homeless people. The plan will be developed by June 2011.

The Census itself will be conducted on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and will be available to complete in both hard copy and electronic formats.

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Criteria to become a Census Collector includes:

- Driver's License
- Good literacy skills
- Reasonable hand-writing
- Reasonably fit
- Access to a lock-up garage

Recruitment opens the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and collectors are trained in July 2011.

It has been identified that people living in the Campbelltown area are underrepresented in the Census data. As a result, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is engaging with the Aboriginal community through the Aboriginal Land Councils, health services and others to increase the number of Aboriginal people who complete the Census. As well as trying to engage with vulnerable communities to instil the belief that the information collected during the Census is confidential and won't be passed on to anyone else.

Data from the Census will be made available in June 2012.

## **MDSI: Dementia Awareness – Coral Ison**

The Dementia Awareness project is funded by ADHC and funded for Campbelltown and Wingecarribee. The project is focused on CALD communities in Campbelltown, and in Wingecarribee is focused on rural and isolated communities and CALD communities. Bi-lingual communicators have been trained to conduct seminars with people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

250,000 people are affected by dementia in Australia. By 2050 750,000 people will suffer from dementia and this is set to continue to increase.

Dementia is a progressive, degenerative illness. Dementia is an umbrella term with 70-100 different types of illness associated with this illness. Alzheimer's is the most common illness people with dementia suffer from.

There are a number of risk reduction strategies that can be implemented to help prevent the onset of dementia, including:

- Physical activity
- Healthy eating
- Doing activities which increase brain function
- Regular medical checks
- Good social interaction

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## Campbelltown Council: Community Grants – Angela Lonergan

Community Grants are now available through Campbelltown Council. These grants are aimed at small community groups which are generally run by volunteers. Twice a year these grants are available and applicants can apply for anything up to \$1000. Groups run by services are not eligible to apply for this funding but if a service supports an external group that group can apply.

CDSE funding is now available also. This funding is available for organisations. Applications must be in by the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Organisations can apply for community projects up to \$5000. Priority areas for this round of funding have been identified and can reviewed on the Sector Connect website.

## Interagency Reports

### Mental Health Interagency – Orlando Bailey

40-50 people attend each meeting. Orlando has recently taken over chair of the meeting and the interagency is looking to change the way things run currently to increase interaction, and increase networking opportunities. What the interagency wants to know about is CALD & ATSI communities and is looking to increase advocacy within the network.

### Rosemeadow/Ambarvale Community Interagency

In the process of organizing a Family Fun Day event in Rosemeadow/Ambarvale to consult with the community and make sure that the activities they perform are relevant/beneficial within the community.

### Claymore Interagency

Holding a planning day on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The planning day will look at what the interagency wants to focus on etc. for the year.

## Guest Speaker Suggestions

- Housing NSW re: impact on services and overview of the housing areas in Campbelltown.
- Campbelltown Council re: Community Strategic Plan
- DoCS re: KTS legislation and CSGP realignment
- ADHC
- FaCHSIA

## Actions for Next Meeting

Nominate people to provide Interagency reports to the Campbelltown Interagency.

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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.

We have a new centre manager Diane Coleman, should you have any queries regarding our service, feel free to contact either Diane, myself or Petrina on 4628 4393.

## Next Meeting

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

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