

Campbelltown Interagency

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MINUTES

Thursday 1st April 2010

Present:

Angela Lonergan	Campbelltown Council
Patricia Ceulen	Sector Connect
Suzanne Hart	BCS LifeCare
Sana Al-Ahmar	MDSi
Linda Feeney	Carer Assist

Apologies:

Alicia Constable	Odyssey House After Care
Jeff Wilkin	Good Beginnings
Janet Robinson	YWCA
Emma Doukakis	Ideas – Disability Advocacy Brokerage
Kate Fitzgerald	MDSi
Jaci Dayes	MDS

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

Guest Speaker:

Angela Lonergan, Community Development Team Coordinator

Campbelltown Council Community Grant – designed for small Community Groups with funding of < \$50,000. The maximum available from Council is \$1,000.00 per application. Campbelltown Council offers these twice per year. Applications must be completed according to guidelines.

CDSE – Clubs NSW Funding – Large Clubs must provide a percentage of profit a return to local community services / programs. This is administered by a local group and includes representatives from the Clubs, Angela from Campbelltown Council and Jane from Sector Connect. Applications are now open and two information sessions were held earlier this week. Applications are available on line from Campbelltown Council and Sector Connect websites - there are eligibility criteria which must be met. Applications close 7th May and applications with a cover sheet must be sent to Sector Connect. The local group will review all applications and allocate the funds on identified needs basis. Organisations that have previously received funding are able to apply for funds as long as they have completed and submitted their outcomes report.

Organisation need to be incorporated or could have an incorporated organisation auspice the application.

Volunteer Small Grants - available through Federal government department and provide grant funds between \$1,000 an \$5,000 for small equipment, fuel vouchers or to help to contribute to training Volunteers.

ITEMS WITHOUT NOTICE:

Nil

INFORMATION SHARE:

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

Campbelltown City Council – Community Directory is updated every six months – please review to ensure the listing for your Agency is up to date, otherwise contact Council.

Campbelltown Community Profile – look out for dates when this information will be distributed for services. This is a very good opportunity to understand the Campbelltown local community so that the right programs can be provided and vital information to include in future funding applications.

YWCA

Contact: Janet Robinson

Email: janetr@ywcansw.com.au

The YWCA has commenced as a Job Network for the Campbelltown area. Janet is the Community Coordinator and looking for placement opportunities for unemployed people.

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

Current information directory is now available on MDS website

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.

MDSi

Contact: Sana Al-Ahmar – 4627 1188

- School holiday activities for 5 – 12 year olds Thursday 8th April and Monday 12th April from 10am – 1.00pm
- Dinka support group – meet Thursdays commencing 29th April from 4 – 5.30pm
- Centrelink session for Arabic speaking African Communities 9th April
- TAFE – Introduction to Community Services
- Iraqi women support group, language, health, relationships etc.

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

Foundation For Young Parents Program

Currently running Playgroups for young parents and are working well at Macarthur Square and Mawson Park in Campbelltown.

First Five Years – Currently training 12 Volunteers to be able to support young families from across the Macarthur area. Contact Danielle if you may have a suitable family that would benefit by have a Volunteer assisting with the child/ren in the home.

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.

The Salvation Army Counselling Service

Contact: Sue Parnell – 4731 1554, email susan.parnell@ave.salvationarmy.org

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

Carer Assist

Contact: Linda Feeney ph – 4620 5255

Providing information, education, advocacy and support for people with a Mental Illness.

Sector Connect Inc

Contact: Patricia 4648 5933

Fair Work Act training workshop from Jobs Australia will be held at West's Leagues Club on Tuesday 18th May 2010. Sector Connect has pushed hard for this to happen at a Macarthur local venue and it is important that organisations send a representative to this workshop to understand the full implications of legal changes and responsibilities of Employers.

Look out for training that is offered through Sector Connect.

Next meeting

Thursday 6th May 2010.

2pm to 4pm

At Campbelltown Library