

Attendance

➤	Lily Roberts-Everett	Camden Community Connections
➤	Mathew Ferguson	Dept of Premier and Cabinet
➤	Noelene Rudolph	Camden Council
➤	Diane Coleman	LifeCare Relationship Services
➤	Carmel Flavell	Community Links Wollondilly (rep Greg Duffy)
➤	Karen Chisnall	Sector Connect
➤	Jeanne Duffry	Sector Connect

Apologies

➤	Gloria Bates	MTC
➤	Sarah Lees	Wollondilly Council
➤	Greg Duffy	Community Links Wollondilly
➤	Mark Populin	Interchange Wingecarribee
➤	Jane Mclvor	Sector Connect

Acknowledgement to Country

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes accepted as a true representation of proceedings

Info Share:

- Debbie Roberts Youth Solutions has accepted a position as executive officer with Ronald McDonald House
- Camden Community Connections are undergoing a restructure. New positions include: Community Development Officer, Family Worker and Group Facilitator.
- Community Links Wollondilly – Challenging Behaviours starting October 20th.
- Regional representative information sheets being compiled by Jane Mclvor. This sheet requests information regarding meetings and networks attended by Managers that might be useful to the network as a whole.
- A 3000 building site development is being developed in Catherine Fields. The developer has the most control and it will rely on Oran Park for facilities. Gregory Hill community facilities are to be developed. Mater Dei is developing a retirement village
- Keep Them Safe facilitated discussion sessions to be held across the region.

Development Regional Advocacy – Survey Monkey results powerpoint attached.

Discussion points:

- Most responses came from the Campbelltown area this could be partially due to respondents indicating Campbelltown/Camden though their service extends further. Response distribution suggests lack of services in other areas.
- Suggestion that unless all agencies respond to the survey data is not indicative of the Sector. Phone interviews to non

respondents could be an option.

- Do you think there is anything the Ministers need to know?
 - Difference between regions
 - Greater support for existing providers
 - Sustainable projects v 1 to 3 year projects
 - Limited employment options with lack of transport a major issue
 - Community needs are not being funded due to a lack of communication
 - Financial exclusion
 - More for CALD – CALD mental health is not being funded and is being dealt with through other core business services
 - Mental Health Issues across the board
 - Patient and carer funding for mental health
- Purpose of the survey is to identify 2 or 3 issues for prioritising, then the key issues behind the key issues.
- It was agreed by both Noelene Rudolph and Lily Roberts-Everett that the 40 odd Managers Network members who hadn't responded need to be contacted for a response. Discussion around which services are not accessing Sector Connect and therefore were not included in the survey. Decided that regardless a weighty argument is still made if all registered members are surveyed.
- The purpose of the survey is for the MP's visit at the October meeting.
- Lily Roberts-Everett offered a loan of her student on Wednesday/Thursdays to help carry out the required work.
- IT infrastructure, or lack of, in Wollondilly and Wingecarribe is not covered
- Financial stress
- Implications for young men specifically in isolation
- Comment: Developers put in new fiber optic IT infrastructure which will impact service delivery over the next 10 years. HSNNet is seen as inadequate and needs to be upgraded. Background infrastructure is very important. Youth is very reliant on IT. Facebook and Twitter are now effective ways to engage young people. Media policy is required and legal advice is important to protect organisations. [See attached social media policy](#). Discussion around Community Services Conference and opportunity to investigate this subject; how a service might change, legal responsibilities. Change of Access of service and opportunity to access services are issues.
- Intellectually disadvantaged – training outside of the region so availability, local resources, time, travel are all issues.
- Work force development – what is the availability? Mapping? Buying in training specific to the region might be an option.
- IMPACT – How can this network impact and where? Housing and transport – network seen as having no impact really. What can we do as a network to influence change?
- Service provision is not meeting growth.
- Asking the Government to be more strategic in funding planning. What is the process? How is funding determined? Funding bodies should be doing the planning. Consultation is not very engaging and the process is not known. There is enormous growth planned for Camden. How have the State and Federal Governments taken this into account. There has been no overall plan determined for the area. Question – so why isn't funding being shifted to take growth in the area into account? Seifa ranking does not flag Camden as a disadvantaged area therefore funding is not being channelled.
- Results of the survey should be provided to Human Service 'Heads' to inform them of the situation. Sector Connect could forward them to the chair of the 'cluster'. Cluster meets every 6 weeks. Priorities are set by the cluster. Whole of Government issues are looked after by this group.
- Federal agencies to be targeted need to be identified.
- There needs to be a multipronged approach. Now is a good time for planning for facilities because of the new MPs in the area.

August 26, 2011

Next meeting: 9.30am
Friday 28th of October
BEC 70 Topham Road
Smeaton Grange

Meeting closed 11.10