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MYSN Meeting

Date: 2nd February 2011

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: BEC Smeaton Grange – 70 Topham Road, Smeaton Grange

Attendees

- Sue Purnell – Macarthur Disability Services
- Chye Toole – Campbelltown City Council
- Sally Berry – Youth Solutions
- Caroline Esho – Mission Australia
- Patricia Kelly – Mission Australia
- Kate Dixon – Campbelltown Council
- Martin Peesies – Lions Australia
- Deborah Hulks – Burnside
- Leo Dynevor – Muru Nanga Mai
- Cath Brennan – Connect Consulting
- Donna Bevan – Connect Consulting
- Rachelle Barber – Wollondilly Shire Council
- Michelle Williams – Wingecarribee Shire Council
- Karen Chisnall – Sector Connect
- Jonothan Crisley – TAFE
- Chad Ritchie – Muru Nanga Mai
- Karen Badans – Max Employment
- Brian Milford – Youth Connections
- Caroline Fielden – Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW
- Karen Yuen – UnitingCare Burnside
- Regina Nagy – Traxside
- Luke Roki – Community Links Wollondilly
- Erin Hoffman – MDSI
- Kerestina Abdemalak - MDSI

Apologies

- Ashley Searle
- Jodie Grundy
- Tony Golden

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Youth Services Model Development Project - Update

Connect Consulting – Cath Brennan and Donna Bevan

October 2009 Youth Services Model Development Project (YSMDP) Stage One Final Report prepared by Lou Bacchiella for Sector Connect www.sectorconnect.org.au

Lou conducted consultation with a range of stakeholders, a literature review, service mapping and started looking at evaluation. It was found that participation rates at the time of the report were low, services needed more soft entry points, services were doing different things than they were funded for, the sector needed to utilise newer technologies within service provision and there needed to be more opportunities to improve the skill sets of workers.

In November 2009 the YSMD Project was put on hold in order to consider what would be happening for Campbelltown youth services.

In June 2010 UnitingCare Burnside was awarded auspice of Campbelltown Youth Services and in December 2010 Connect Consulting was engaged to complete the YSMD Project which ends in October 2011.

The YSMDP is auspice by Sector Connect and the consultant's report to a whole of government reference committee. Cath Brennan is based at Sector Connect on Monday and Tuesdays.

Aim of the YSMDP:

Enhanced planning and coordination of youth service systems is at the heart of the YSMD project with the aim of delivering improved outcomes for young people in Macarthur and Wingecarribee.

Sector Connect is looking to support the growth of service systems in Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee LGAs.

YSMD Project Key Focus Areas:

- Service Delivery Models
- Communication Strategies – young people, families, services
- Youth Participation in planning and advisory
- Audit of resources
- Referral mechanisms
- Service mapping and data collection
- Worker Development

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MYSN SWOT Analysis – Current and Future Role of MYSN

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Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Networking - Face to face contact - Info share – increase opportunities for collaboration and referrals - Partnerships - Relationship building - Level of attendance – diversity/variety of services and representation across the area - Cooperation - Well skilled workers - Ethical dilemma's - Catchment size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level of attendance - Enhance role of advocacy within network - Promotion of who we are and what we do - Better relationship with DET - Not enough focus on individual regions - Info share - Cohesion across sector - Changeover of staff - No network plan - No leader - Catchment size - Time restraints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaboration and referral - Feeding internal priorities into MYSN group plan to increase collaboration e.g. funding, projects, events and decrease duplication - Guest speakers - YSMD Project - Newsletter e.g. Campbelltown Council Newsletter - Agenda item for issues across each LGA and get guest speakers to address issues identified - MYSN central calendar - Partnerships - Referrals - Specialist advice - TAFE students - Sector Connect Resource Library - MacUnity - Planning each year for MYSN to have purpose - Councils to work more collaboratively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positions changed - Gov. Changes - Bureaucratic rules within organisations - Conflicting priorities - Lack of follow through i.e. training - Time restraints and lack of funding - MYSN becoming uninteresting - Competitive tendering

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MYSN Plans for 2011

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Priorities

- Issue based focus
- Solution based focus
- List of actions and delegations
- Remain connected, driven and focused
- Strengthen network
- Increase advocacy
- Continued information share
- More focus on LGAs in network
- More emphasis on planning
- Planning around Councils youth strategies and working out priorities for the MYSN network – issues focused
- Executive group
- Identify how to integrate Wingecarribee into Macarthur region
- Engage schools in MYSN
- Identify funding opportunities
- Increase engagement with Aboriginal young people

Practicalities

- Look at where meetings are held
- Assess rotating chairs (identified as not being ideal by some, however others identified it as being a good thing but that the agenda needs to be more set)
- Look at email effectiveness

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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.

Traxside

- Young mums and bubs group starting in February call Sarah on 4625 2525
- Girls know Best Group – Terms 1 2011, 6 week program on health issues for young, topic cover:
 - Girly changes
 - Contraception options
 - STI information
 - Safe relationships
 - AOD

Max Employment

- Can assist young people into work
- Can assist with job applications
- Can assist with job readiness
- We have an aboriginal employment officer
- We can offer various accredited and non-accredited training

Youth Connections

Recently taken over a contract for running outreach activities in the Campbelltown area. Looking to make connections with other services in the area to form possible partnerships.

Mission Australia – South West Youth Services

D.A.A.P (Drug & Alcohol Awareness Program): AOD education awareness program for 12-24 years old living in the Macarthur area.

UnitingCare Burnside

Transition Program

Who: young people 9-14 years from Airds or Rosemeadow/Ambarvale with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background

When: last Tuesday of every month

Where: Airds Youth Centre (40 Riverside Drive, Airds)

What: pool, fozball, table tennis, rock climbing and more

Cost: free

On Fire! – Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW

We organize, co-ordinate and supervise fun days, camps and support services for young carers (8-18 years) of people with mental health issues. There are co-coordinators in South East Sydney, Wagga Wagga, Newcastle and Campbelltown. Caroline is the Campbelltown coordinator.

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Burnside – Connexions Team

Macarthur Reconnect

Working with young people (12-18 years) and their families where there is conflict at home. Early intervention, casework and/or mediation skills are used to reduce early homelessness for young people. Work with families for 6-10 weeks.

Next Meeting	Meeting Date	
	<p>Wednesday 2nd March 2011 <u>Venue</u>: Eaglevale Leisure Centre (Cnr Feldspar Road and Emerald Drive, Eaglevale) <u>Time</u>: 10am-4pm</p>	