

COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 12 April 2011

Large Executive Conference Room, Level 2
Department for Child Protection
189 Royal Street, East Perth

Meeting commenced at 9:30am

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the Community Sector Roundtable meeting.

Present

Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Ms Elaine Bennett (proxy)	Ngala
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection
Mr Robert Watson (proxy)	UnitingCare West
Mr John Berger (proxy)	Anglicare WA Inc
Ms Margaret Findson (proxy)	The Salvation Army
Ms Deborah Gould	Department for Child Protection
Ms Angela Hartwig	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)
Ms Debbie Henderson	The Family Inclusion Network of WA Inc
Mr Terry Murphy	Department for Child Protection

In attendance

Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection
Mr Terry Simpson	Department for Child Protection
Ms Julie Dixon	Department for Child Protection

Apologies

Mr Ashley Reid	MercyCare
Captain Ken Smith	The Salvation Army
Ms Sue Ash	UnitingCare West
Mr Ian Carter	Anglicare WA Inc
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection
Ms Rae Walter	Ngala

2. Guest Speaker Richard Aspinall, State Manager, FaHCSIA.

Deferred to future meeting.

3. Minutes of meeting held 8 March 2011

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 8 March 2011 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Family Support Hubs – project team update

The Chair welcomed Mr Simpson and Ms Dixon to the meeting. Mr Simpson distributed two documents for discussion:

- Secondary Family Support Hubs: Project Update – 12 April 2011; and
- Review of Secondary Family Support Funding Programs – Briefing Paper for Community Sector Roundtable, 12 April 2011.

Secondary Family Support Hubs: Project Update – 12 April 2011

It is anticipated that:

- The pilot hub will be implemented in October 2011 in one district.
- The Department's *Assist* program may be adapted to fulfil the IT requirements – this would be cost effective and can be implemented as needed as it is already established.
- A Request for Proposals will be utilised to select the provider for the initial hub.
- The sector will engage in discussions to determine preferred lead agency roles.

Further discussion ensued on the following:

- This is an evolutionary/ learning process.
- Some regions have progressed with the planning stage of establishing a hub, for example, Fremantle and Midland.
- It was suggested that the Steering Group report to the Community Sector Roundtable every two months and may incorporate a presentation from a local area representative to update on progress (e.g. Fremantle or Midland).
- The Communication Working Group resolved to replace the term *pilot* with **innovation** and *hub* with **network**.
- The impact/changes to be implemented as a result of the EAC processes are being carefully considered.
- Later this year consultation will take place in regional/remote WA on service integration requirements and options to develop a regional/remote proposal.

Review of Secondary Family Support Funding Programs – Briefing Paper for Community Sector Roundtable, 12 April 2011

The briefing paper was discussed in detail with further discussion on the following:

- There has been a good response to the survey, with thoughtful answers provided across all regions.
- The analysis of the surveys will be an appendix to the report. Each district may have 'gaps' specific to their area and will be able to flexibly adapt to their specific needs.
- Strong support was reported for more flexible and collaborative funding models.
- Service gaps were identified including a range of additional support services.

- It is proposed that there be collaboration between the Department and local agencies to determine the best service responses to achieve the required outcome in each area.

Action: Ms Dixon to present the final report at the next CSR meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Simpson for his detailed report and wished him success in his future endeavours.

4.2 CSR structure, terms of reference, membership selection - sub-group recommendations

The Chair reiterated that at the last meeting it was agreed that a small working group meet to develop a proposed structure and future directions for the Community Sector Roundtable, as the term of the Committee ends on 30 June, 2011.

The working group, as selected at the previous CSR meeting, included the following:

- Mr Terry Murphy;
- Mr Steve Glew;
- Ms Tricia Murray;
- Mr Tony Pietropiccolo; and
- Ms Sue Ash (apology).

Mr Glew tabled the proposed structure and open discussion followed.

It was agreed to provide an electronic copy to all members following this meeting, with comments to be provided by 20 April, 2011. Members indicated support for the proposal with the added clarification that membership is assigned to a position in an agency. Should a CEO leave an agency then the new replacement CEO of that agency may fill the position on CSR.

It was agreed that an EOI seeking new members should be prepared and disseminated as soon as possible.

Members were asked to consider their provision on CSR and advise Mr Glew before the next meeting if they nominate to retire from the committee. Retiring members may re-nominate for a position on CSR. It was agreed that if four nominations are not received before the next meeting a 'short straw' process will take place.

Action: Paper to be provided electronically to members after the meeting.
Members to provide comment by 20 April 2011.
Members nominating to retire from CSR to advise Mr Glew prior to the next meeting.

5. General Business

Nil

6. Other business

6.1 Future agenda items

The Chair asked members to provide suggestions for agenda items for future meetings. Several items were identified for upcoming agendas:

- Richard Aspinall, State Manager, FaHCSIA to be rescheduled to attend the June meeting.
- A guest speaker from CREATE be invited to provide an overview of the new program *Create Your Future* which teaches young people in foster care about health and wellbeing, life skills, job readiness, education and training options, and finance.
- Draft report on the review of Secondary Family Support Funding Programs.
- Recent developments in Standards Monitoring.

6.2 Educational fees for Children in Care

Mr Murphy advised that Challenger Institute of Technology has waived fees for children in care. This important decision has the potential to lead to discussions with other educational institutes requesting they also waive their fees for children in care.

7. Future Discussions

- Draft report on the review of Secondary Family Support Funding Programs (May 2011)
- Leadership and Partnership Forum – review and next steps (July).
- Commonwealth representative to be rescheduled for June meeting (Richard Aspinall, State Manager, FaHCSIA) (June 2011).
- WA Legislation – including mandatory reporting, family support hubs and secondary services (June/July 2011).
- CREATE to provide an overview of the new program *Create Your Future* (May/June)
- Engaging Community Sector for future Secondary Family Support Services networks (Chair, July 2011).
- Recent developments in Standards Monitoring (June 2011).

8. Next Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 10:45am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 May, 2011, at 9:30am.