

## COMMUNITY SECTOR ROUNDTABLE

### MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday 14 February 2012

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

Ms Sue Ash	UnitingCare West
Ms Cheryl Barnett	Department for Child Protection
Ms Kay Benham	Department for Child Protection
Ms Irina Cattalini	WACOSS
Ms Les Evans	Ngnowar Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation
Mr Steve Glew	Department for Child Protection
Mr Mick Greaney	MercyCare
Mr Neil Hamilton	AccordWest
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc
Ms Tricia Murray	Wanslea Family Services Inc
Mr Ashley Reid	Ngala

##### In attendance

Mr Terry Murphy	Department for Child Protection
Ms Sandra Flanagan	Department for Child Protection

##### Apologies

Mr Tony Pietropiccolo	Centrecare Inc
Captain Ken Smith	The Salvation Army
Ms Anne Moore	Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)
Ms Melissa Perry	Mission Australia

#### 2. Minutes of meeting held 13 December 2011

The minutes from the Community Sector Roundtable meeting held on 13 December 2011 were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 3. Actions Arising

##### 3.1 At Risk Youth Strategy

Ms Benham distributed the paper - *At Risk Youth Strategy: 2011-2014* for members information. An electronic copy will be provided to members with the minutes, for distribution to wider networks.

<b>Action:</b> Ms Flanagan to provide an electronic copy of <i>At Risk Youth Strategy: 2011-2014</i> with the minutes.
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### **3.2 Opinion Piece in response to the Commissioner's media statement – Department of Housings Three Strikes policy**

Ms Cattalini advised that she met with Mr Pietropiccolo to establish the focus of the paper. WACOSS has provided Mr Pietropiccolo with the relevant information and he has agreed to prepare the draft paper.

Ms Cattalini advised that the focus of the Opinion piece has been extended to include broader juvenile justice issues. Juvenile justice will also be addressed at the WACOSS Conference.

Ms Ash advised that there has been an increase in the number of families seeking accommodation at Tranby House. It is currently being investigated whether this is linked to the introduction of the *Three Strikes* policy. If the outcome of the investigation demonstrates a link to that policy, Ms Ash will provide a report to CSR.

Ms Benham advised that evidence to date suggests that there have been very few evictions as a result of the *Three Strikes* policy. Most evictions are a result of non-payment of rent. The list of families with concerns of potential eviction due to behavioural issues has diminished which may be a result of the additional processes in place to identify these families and provide support. Members also discussed the positive effects of the new *Alcohol Restrictions* policy assisting families in minimising disruptive behaviour in the home.

<b>Action:</b> Request that the Chair provide members with the draft <i>Opinion Piece</i> for discussion.
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### **3.3 Joint meeting of CSR and CSDG – agenda items**

Members suggested the following agenda items for the joint meeting of CSR and CSDG:

- Early Years
- Housing and homelessness
- Implication of the changes to procurement processes and requirements
- Partnership philosophies
- Collaborative groups eg Education, health and police
- Rapid Response
- Ethos and details regarding the Partnership Forum
- Report from the Human Services Coordination Workshop for Regional Chairs

Ms Benham asked that agenda items be forwarded to her by 28 February 2012. It was agreed that Mr Hanna and Ms Cattalini would liaise with Ms Benham to finalise the agenda before the next meeting.

<b>Action:</b> Members to provide Ms Benham with agenda items for the joint meeting by 28 February 2012. Ms Benham to liaise with Mr Hanna and Ms Cattalini to finalise the agenda before the next meeting.
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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **4.1 Sustainability funding for joint State and Commonwealth programs**

Members queried how discussion regarding the joint funded programs and the process regarding the Component Two funding will be progressed.

Fair Work Australia have made and formally announced their decision, still waiting on an outcome from the Federal Government. As such, the funding has not been distributed.

Concern was also expressed that if indexation on the Federal component remained at around 1.7%, even with the increase in funding, the long term viability of services will not improve.

Component 2 Funding – the Department to develop an *industry plan* in consultation with CSR to be forwarded to the external review group for approval in July 2012.

It is anticipated that the template for the Agency Implementation Plan, being developed by the Department of Finance, will be available by the end of February/beginning of March.

<p><b>Action:</b> Sustainability funding to remain on the agenda. Development of Industry Plan to be on March agenda.</p>
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#### **4.2 Family Support Network**

Mr Hanna reported that the Family Support Network team for the innovation site in Armadale has been established, and that the budgets and consultants to develop the implementation plan have been confirmed. Letters have been forwarded to local agencies to remind them of the scheduled workshops and to inform them that Parkerville is the lead agency seeking to establish partnerships with local agencies. Two forums are being held, one this month and one in March, to reinvigorate peoples energy and interest in coming together to work towards achieving the goals.

A marketing plan has been developed including an initial 'soft' launch scheduled for 1 April 2012 to be followed by a major launch involving media etc. approximately one month later. The development of the database has also begun.

<p><b>Action:</b> Regular updates to be provided to CSR.</p>
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#### **4.3 Mandatory Reporting/Quarterly Statistical update**

Ms Benham provided a paper *Quarterly Report: Reporting for the Quarter to December 2011*.

### **5. Other Business**

#### **5.1 Secure Care**

It was requested that an update be provided on Secure Care.

Mr Murphy advised that independent assessors have completed a report which was very positive and made some beneficial recommendations.

<p><b>Action:</b> Secure Care to be added to the Future Discussions list for discussion at the next possible meeting.</p>
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### **6. Future Discussions**

#### **6.1 East Kimberley**

Intergenerational issues – strengthening the available tools and access to them, such as Responsible Parenting, Income Management and Alcohol restricted Premises. An overview/update to be provided, date to be advised.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting was declared closed at 11:15am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 9:30am.