



Seniors Collaborative
Action Project

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Minutes of the Gawler Region Aged Care Network Meeting held Wednesday 12 December, 2018, at the Gawler Elderly Centre

- 1. PRESENT:** Corinne Bruer & Trish Brydson (Uniting Communities – RAS); Craig Gogoll (ACNA – RAS); Deb Anderson (SCAP); Fiona Brown (Hyde & Partners); Jo Parker (Barossa & Light Home Assist); Fiona Brown (Hyde & Partners) Penka Tayloe (Gawler Care & Share); Sandy Lehmann & Sarah West (Gawler Home Assist); Sharon Hoffmann (Northern Carers Network).

APOLOGIES: Amy Foote (Country Health Connect); Chris Kirk & Lauren Donnellan (Country Home Services); Dorothy Hewitt (Remedy Health Care); Elspeth Morgan (Carers' & Disability Link); Emma Young (Country SA PHN); Peter Smith (Gawler Community Retirement Homes); Jacqueline Jones (BHFR Country Health Connect); Karen Hammond (Resthaven); Kerrie Draper-Rose (Gawler Home Assist); Leonie Grant (Uniting Communities); Morna Coats (Dementia Australia); Natalie Koufos (Southern Cross Care) Deborah Bolt (ARAS); Rachel Koehne (Uniting Communities – RAS); Remie Munson (Angels Care); Vanessa Helbig (Barossa Village)

2. CHAIRPERSON

Craig chaired the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 17/10/2018

Accepted

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Wellness Film

Deb reported that the film has been completed and will be part of a resource kit available in 2019 for training and development. Will be useful for contractors.

4.2 Local Directory

Deb has received the Excel documents and hopes to complete it before the end of the year.

4.3 Gawler Community Wellbeing Expo

Held 15 November in Gum Tree Plaza. 20 stall holders members of the Gawler & Districts Community Services Forum. Positive feedback received.

4.4 Wellness Report

Feedback :

- Straightforward
- Assisted with identifying gaps
- Quantitative not qualitative
- Will be used a benchmark for future report

4.5 Growth Funding

Haven't heard back from the Department as yet.

Deb has passed concerns to DoH about this and the lack of information about the future of CHSP. Councils need a long lead in time to make decisions about service levels, especially given recent council elections

5. REFORM UPDATE

5.1 Consultation – Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care

DoH has released a Discussion Paper for the aged care sector and interested parties on the design of the streamlined consumer assessment model. Consultation closes 11 February. Deb encouraged all service providers to submit their response. Due to the timing there is unlikely to be an opportunity for a regional response.

5.2 Integrated Carer Support Service

Sharon presented information about the new model of Carer Support which is currently out for tender.

- There will be many changes for carers
- 3 x stages of delivery:
 1. 2015 – Carer Support Gateway
 2. Design & development in consultation with sector & other stakeholders
 3. 2018-19 Implementation
- Three levels of service
- National phone & online counselling
- Regional hubs – will provide preventative and emergency supports for carers.
- Local service delivery partners will be contracted to deliver services coordinated by Regional Delivery Partners (RDP)
- 177,000 carers in metro SA
- 66,000 carers in rural SA
- There will be two hubs – one in metro, one in rural. These align with PHN regions.
- Carer Support is leading a consortium and will tender for both contracts
- Carer Gateway will be primary point of entry for carers.
- Carers will then go through one of the hubs for assessment and planning.
- Encouraging on line support for carers.
- No social support
- 3 sites to access respite:
 - flexible respite – MAC
 - under 65 – NDIS
 - emergency –RDPS
- Packages of support will be available for eligible carers. Up to \$3,000 per year. 7,000 packages available in SA.
- More info available online:
<https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-carers/integrated-carer-support-service-implementation-updates-and-information>

6. REVIEW GRACN

6.1 Meeting frequency

- It was agreed to continue meeting every two months in 2019.
- The RAS/MAC Troubleshooting Working Group decided to stop meeting and to attend GRACN meetings instead as it is usually the same people who attend both meetings.
- Gawler is a more central location as there are northern metro service providers who service Gawler who would be unlikely to travel to Nuri. The Barossa service providers are willing to travel to Gawler and several also service Gawler.
- If RAS/MAC issues are identified at GRACN and can't be addressed there could be a follow up meeting to resolve them.

6.2 Ideas for guest speakers

- Forgotten Australians
- Advance Care Directives
- Technology for Ageing and Disability (TADSA)

6. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was discussion about the best way of developing a support/care/service plan following receipt of the RAS assessment which provides goals, strengths and difficulties.

RAS can see the assessment on one page whereas service providers need to access 4 x tabs to see all the information

7. INFORMATION SHARING

- It was noted that Country Home Services is now providing home maintenance services including window cleaning.
- Care & Share will be closed until 15 January but still taking referrals.
- Gawler Home Assist will be closed 22 December –6 January so will not be accepting referrals during that time
- RAS will still be undertaking assessments except on public holidays

8. 2019 MEETINGS

- 20 February 2019
- 17 April 2019
- 19 June 2019
- 21 August 2019
- 16 October 2019
- 11 December 2019

9. CLOSE

Meeting closed 4.30pm