



**Seniors Collaborative
Action Project**

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**Dementia Resource Worker Task Force
Monday 23rd June 2014 @ 10:00am
The Barossa Council (Interview Room)**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Debra Anderson (SCAP), Gaby Lengyel (Country Home Services), Kerrie-Anne Vladcoff (Gawler Health Service GEM team).

APOLOGIES : Denise Maule (Gawler HACC)

1. OPEN

Meeting opened 10:15am.

2. CHANGE OF TITLE

It was agreed that Dementia Resource Worker is a more accurate description for the role we are seeking/

3. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

- Applications for funding under the Aged Care Service Improvement & Healthy Ageing Grants Programme were advertised by DSS last Thursday.
- One of the priority areas is "Respond to existing and emerging challenges, including dementia care".
- This is where we will have an opportunity to secure funding for the Dementia Resource Worker.
- Applications close Jul 23
- Need to identify service provider who will be best applicant for the grant.
- SA Country Carers may be interested.
- INCHS could also apply. GEM team at Gawler Health Service has had funding cut from July 1 2014. This Programme could be a funding source.

4. POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Dementia Resource Worker will need to be appropriately qualified and have a sound understanding of cognition, and be able to undertake cognitive screening and assessments.

The Key Responsibilities described in the Murray Mallee position are relevant for this DRW (attached)

5. NEXT MEETING

Monday June 7, 2014 at 2:30pm at Gawler (venue TBA)

6. ACTION PLAN

Action	Responsibility	Timeframe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather and document all anecdotal data regarding dementia, eg client's stories, and care worker experiences and observations 	Gaby Denise	By July 7 Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to GP's at Kapunda Medical Centre and Hyde & Partners and the GEM geriatrician about their perceptions of the need for a DRW in the region. Write a brief summary of the findings. Talk to at least one doctor at Gawler Medical Service. Write a brief summary of the findings. 	Kerrie-Anne Deb	By July 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss future funding opportunities for DLW with Alzheimers Australia 	Deb	July 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise meeting of stakeholders to discuss best proponent for this Programme 	Deb	June 30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Dementia Action Forum in the region 	Task Force	Longer term

Murray Mallee Dementia Link Worker Key Responsibilities

Specific to the role (i.e. not including generic responsibilities or KPI's e.g. OHS&W)

Offer a major access point to people with dementia and their carers to facilitate access to dementia specific and other community services as well as social activities.

Develop and evaluate an initial intake process to identify client & carer needs in partnership with the ACAT (Murray Mallee Community Health Service) and the regional GP clinics,

Conduct home assessments to identify areas for potential skill development and maintenance of current level of independence and function.

Develop care plans in consultation with client, carer and other relevant partners..

Provide initial counselling to people with dementia and their carers.

Provide referral to relevant agencies and services on behalf of clients and carers.

Facilitate initial coordinated service provision, which may include coordinating case conferences and development of a team/partnership approach which aims for continuity of care and seamless services.

Provide initial information, education and advocacy as required.

Take a leadership role in the development and coordination of education & information support in partnership with Alzheimer's Association, HACC and community aged care package providers. Particular emphasis will be given to developing education and information support for small communities outside Murray Bridge.

Utilise a person centred approach which will include strategies enabling access for people with special needs.

Increase capacity for community service providers in the Murray Mallee region to provide services to people with dementia and their carers and to understand and navigate the dementia services network.

Promote the function of the link worker within the region and at community events.

Work with the Murray Mallee General Practice Network and regional clinics to support local referral mechanisms.

Support, inform and report to steering committee (MMAT?) all information to enable the progression & evaluation of the service and to identify local dementia service gaps.