



Seniors Collaborative Action Project

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**Seniors Collaborative Action Project
Executive Committee Meeting held
Thursday July 24, 2014 @ 10:30am
The Barossa Council (Interview Room)**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Debra Anderson, Erik Moen, Gary Vogt, Felicity Hage

APOLOGIES : Beth Hudman, Denise Maule, Kirsty Hage, Steve Lowe

1. OPEN

Meeting opened 10:40am.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1. June SCAP Forum Debrief.

Good to have Tony Pasin there to establish connection with the sector. He will be visiting Carers' Link in the near future.

Centre Based Day Care Workshop was effective in sharing information about what is available. Action Plan from the workshop has been distributed to stakeholders.

3.2 CHSP Discussion Paper

RSCAP's regional response to the Paper was developed following the Forum.

Gary reported that there was robust feedback submitted from the Carers sector.

4. PO REPORT

Tabled and accepted

Key points:

- SCAP pull-up banner have been produced following feedback from the last meeting.
- Barossa Council has new website. In process of transferring all of SCAP's stuff to the new site.
- Training & Development Opportunities: 5 Sexual Diversity Consciousness Raising for Aged Care Workers workshops were held in the region with good attendance and excellent feedback received. Will be negotiating with BPP for further workshops for contractors.
- Kapunda Ageing in Style Expo in Kapunda was held Thursday June 26. Good attendance, Light Council was pleased with the event and will allocate funds in the budget for next year's Expo.
- HACC Contractors Study – Application for funding to SACNML was unsuccessful due to Budget decisions regarding future of ML's.
Option is for service providers to contribute to the Study.
Action: Deb to re-distribute project brief.
- Dementia Resource Worker Task Force – gathered data as evidence of need. NAML agreed to auspice the project and apply for ACSIHAG funding. Deb prepared funding application and NAML submitted I on July 23.

The Task Force will now look at developing a Community Information Forum. Alzheimers Australia has agreed to participate.

ACSIHAG Application for extension funding – SA Country Carers submitted an application for ACSIHAG funding for an additional 0.2FTE in each of the two Collaborative Project regions. If successful this will enable the projects to expand activities to include residential care and home care packages service providers.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Waiting for final end of year figures.
- Will most likely be able to carry forward approximately \$12,000 of unspent funds from income other than DCSI and DoHA/DSS grants.

6. AGED CARE REFORMS / DSS UPDATE

- CHSP Discussion Paper – waiting for outcomes of feedback.
- Carer Support- Still no news about what this will look like.
- Residential Care – A number of changes commenced July 1. Taking people in for respite while they sort out the paperwork. Most providers would be doing this. Financial Assessment can take 6 weeks (after waiting as long for an ACAT assessment).
- ACSIHAG – closed July 23. Likely to be over-subscribed.
- Regional Assessment Organisations – waiting for tender process to open.
- Sector Support & Development Officers – waiting for tender process to open. The network of Collaborative Projects is considering a single submission and are looking for an appropriate auspice. Seniors Information Service is interested. Other possibilities include LGA and ACS.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

- TLH has a “Sensory Stimulation Room” for residents with dementia. Provides mental stimulation through light, sound and touch. Good for carers as it gives them ways to connect when they visit their loved ones.
- Carers’ Link will have a Social Work student on placement for 3 days per week for 4 months. Will be looking at Dementia Friendly Communities.
Deb is very interested in working with her and tapping into the resources available through AA. Would also like to explore establishment of a community reference group of people with dementia.
- Country Home Carers have offered voluntary redundancy packages to their staff as they need to down size. So far 3 have accepted.

8 NEXT MEETING

Thursday September 25, 2014, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Interview Room, Barossa Council.

9 CLOSE

Meeting closed at 11:45am