



**Seniors Collaborative
Action Project**

Barossa.Gawler.Light.Mallala

**Minutes of the Gawler & Surrounds Healthy Ageing Network
held Wednesday March 25, 2015, 2:30 – 5:00pm at the Elderly Centre, 14th Street, Gawler**

PRESENT: Bogdan Wilczynski (Gawler Dom Care); Deb Anderson (Barossa Council/SCAP); Denise Maule (Gawler Home Assist); Fiona Brown (Hyde & Partners); Jacqueline Jones (Gawler Dom Care/INCHS); Lynne Hosking (ACH Group); Sandy Lehmann (Gawler HACC)

APOLOGIES: Beth Hudman (Gawler Care & Share); Deborah Bluntish (ARAS); Vonny Edwards (Country Home Services); Fay Millington (Barossa Village); Jenny Leadbeater (Meals on Wheels); Jo Parker (Barossa Home Assist); Lorrie Beattie (Alzheimers Australia); Rita Britton (Health); Sharyne Gottwald (SA Country Carers); Tania Cloak (Anglicare)

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** OK

2. **BUSINESS ARISING**

2.1 Dementia Resource Worker

Deb confirmed that our application for an ACSIHAG grant through NAML wasn't successful

2.2 Ageing in Style Expos

- Denise reported on the Gawler Expo held March 20.
- Over 75 stall holders. 370 through the door.
- Good feedback from consumers and stallholders
- Next Expo at Feeling April 16.

3. **SCAP UPDATE**

3.1 SCAP Dementia Task Force

Would like to hold another Forum. Kerrie-Ann was a key driver with contact with Dr Maddison.
Action: Jacqui to follow up with Sue Schmidt or Kerrie-Ann's replacement.

3.2 Regional Care That Matters

Next meeting Tuesday April 14, 1:00-3:00pm at Barossa Council Chambers. Lunch provided.

3.3 Independent Contractors Study

Group discussions with ICs were held in December. Telephone survey is underway. Stakeholders will decide what aspects of the Study findings will be made available to whom.

3.4 Ageing in Style Expos 2015

Dates for AIS Expos for 2015

LGA	Date	Time	Venue
Gawler	Friday March 20, 2015	10:00am-2:00pm	Gawler Sport & Community Centre
Light	Thursday April 16, 2015	10:00am-1:00pm	Freeling - TBC
Mallala	Thursday August 13, 2015	10:00am-1:00pm	Two Wells Community Centre
Barossa	Thursday October 22, 2015	10:00am-1:00pm	Nuri Sports & Function Centre

3.3 T & D Opportunities

- Advance Care Directives – The Collaborative projects have partnered with the Office for the Public Advocate and will be rolling out information sessions across the regions. SCAP's sessions are Thursday April 23, 10:00am-11:30am at Barossa; 1:30-3:00pm at Gawler. The ACD kits will be available for on-selling (\$5 each) at all libraries in the region.
- LGBTI – Uniting Communities received Federal funding to run the National LGBTI Ageing & Aged Care Strategy & Training Project (refer attachment 1) Desmond Ford is the trainer. The Collaborative Projects are rolling out training across the regions. SCAP will organise training in the region specifically targetting independent contractors as many staff attended the sessions run by Fiona last year through the Better Practice Project.
- Will be holding community info sessions on "Understanding Aged Care Costs" and "Transition to CHSP" in Gawler and Barossa in the near future in collaboration with SACNML and SIS.

4 AGED CARE REFORMS UPDATE

- Aged Care Briefing 26/3/15
- Programme Manual
- National Fees Policy
- Good Practice Guide for Restorative Care
 - Service providers will submit their feedback
 - SCAP will develop a regional response
- Restorative care approach will be a challenge for existing clients, not so for new clients.
- Concern that the new fees will push the most vulnerable clients into social isolation.
- Acute care sector will be inundated

4. INFORMATION SHARING

See attachment

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday May 27, 2015 at Gawler Elderly Centre, 14th Street, Gawler, **2:30 – 5:00pm**.

7. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 5:00pm

ATTACHMENT 1 - INFORMATION SHARING

Country Home Services

Program Information:

- 75% of HCP people have transitioned to CDC
- 10 vacant packages/ 7 on W/L
- Packages available in all areas with exception of Gawler town due to number of vacant packages in North Metro
- HACC clients are being assessed using reablement strategies with a view of ensuring that all weekly hours reduce to 2 hours max
- New Fee Policy in place closely aligned to the Commonwealths Draft Policy
- HACC Numbers 982 (static)
- VHC Numbers 158
- Under 65 – at capacity
- Intake = average. 18 referrals a week (all programs)
- Private Services slowing increasing

Organisational information:

- Program Manager attended 'Transitioning to CHSP Program' conference run in Sydney (March) lead agency = COTA
- 62% of staff are on Flexible Work Arrangements which includes working from home
- 2015 Marketing Plan has commenced based on 'getting back to grass roots'

INCHS

Gawler Dom Care. – lots of policy changes. Lots of meetings, video conferences, telec onferences. Workers inundated with paperwork. Staff feel like there is less time with clients as a result. Too much time on admin. No room for creativity.

Seeing an increase in clients with social issues, economic hardship and mental health problems.

Dom Care clients will be charged for transport from April 1. Invoices have been sent.

Gawler Dom Care

- Trying to recruit home help in Gawler.
- Have small waiting list for domestic assistance.
- Recruiting ACAT assessors.

Hyde & Partners

- Managing to find services for most clients
- It was suggested that in future, Fiona send out email requests for services to the Network.

Gawler Home Assist

- Green light on all short term services
- Window and gutter cleans
- Low level gardening, eg pruning.
- Home modifications

ACH

- Have ongoing funding available for respite in Gawler
- Shopping, gardening and maintenance
- Some social interaction, bus tours, movie outings, exercise class (Hillier Park)
- Exercise physiologist
- High staff turn over at the moment