



**Seniors Collaborative  
Action Project**

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**Minutes of the Home Support & Home Care Packages Working Group  
held Wednesday October 22, 2014, 2:00 – 4:30pm at the Elderly Centre, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Gawler**

**PRESENT:)** Deb Anderson (Barossa Council/SCAP); Jackie Hall (BHFRR-INCHS Dom Care); Sandy Lehmann (Gawler HACCC); Sharon Hoffmann (Northern Carers Network).

**APOLOGIES:** Denise Maule (Gawler Home Assist); Jenny Leadbeater (Meals on Wheels); Lucy McFadyen (Country Home Services); Mary-Ann Spicer (Gawler Health Service); Matthew Kowald (Barossa Village); Sharyne Gottwald (SA Country Carers).

1. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Jackie/Deb OK

**2. BUSINESS ARISING**

2.1 Dementia Resource Worker

Still no news about ACSIHAG grant. May hear in November.

2.2 Creative Ways to Care

- Two Wells program has been cancelled due to lack of registrations.
- Gawler program starts next week Oct 29. Places still available.

**3. SCAP UPDATE**

3.1 SCAP Dementia Task Force

Dementia Community Information Forum Thursday November 6, 9:15am – 12:30pm, Gawler Sport and Community Centre. Speakers include Geriatrician, GP, Alzheimers Australia, two carers and a person with YOD. Also a 'mini expo' of service providers. Gawler CWA catering for morning tea

3.2 September SCAP Forum

- Elly Nitschke from the Office of the Public Advocate spoke about Advance Care Directives.
- We are looking at some Consumer Education forums for 2015. Barossa Council will also sell the ACD kits in the library and its branches.

3.3 Regional Care That Matters

Waiting to hear if there will be another cert 3 in aged care offered in the region in 2015.

3.4 Barossa Ageing in Style Expo

- Held Oct 8 in the Nuri Senior Citizens Centre. Included the official country launch of the COTA Every Generation Festival.
- Will evaluate consumer and stall holders feedback to see if the new venue was considered better than previous Expos that were held in the Nuri mall.

3.3 T & D Opportunities

- Re-ablement, Wellness and Recovery Workshop  
Held Sept 3. Feedback from some indicated that content was a bit basic.
- Creative Ways to Care - refer 2.2.

- Dementia Forum – great staff T& D opportunity as well as information for the general public.
- Advance Care Directives - refer 3.3.

#### **4 AGED CARE REFORMS UPDATE**

- Not much to report.
- No news on Regional Assessment tenders however DSS indicated it would likely go out to tender in November
- No news on Sector Support & Development tenders
- Frustration at the lack of information and support available re transition to CDC. Service providers need client home care agreements and a budget tool.

#### **4. HS&HCPWG REVIEW**

- Deb would like to review the role of this group. Is it meeting people's needs?
- There was agreement amongst those present that it is operating more as a network than a working group. This is valuable. Also acknowledged that the SCAP Dementia Task Force was formed as a result of the need identified by this group.
- Maybe change the name of the group to *Gawler and Surrounds Healthy Ageing Network*.
- For discussion at the next meeting.

#### **5. INFORMATION SHARING**

See attached

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

#### **7. NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday January 28, 2015 at Gawler Elderly Centre, 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Gawler, **2:00 -4:30pm**.

#### **8. CLOSE**

Meeting closed at 4:10pm

## **ATTACHMENT - INFORMATION SHARING**

### Northern Carers Network

- Survived Carers Week! Had 130 at the NCN BBQ last Friday.
- Have employed 5 x casuals to provide respite rather than brokering this service
- Carees are going out as a group. This provides respite for cars at a reduced cost.
- Are now a preferred provider for disability. Aiming for Service Excellence.
- Are funded to provide services in Gawler. Have attempted on two occasions to have an office in Gawler but it was not cost-effective.

### Gawler HACC

- Quality Reviews y DSS in December. (Advice is to identify areas that need improving)
- Green light for anything including long term domestic. Have had a few clients leave the service for various reasons

### INCHS

- Vacancies for ongoing personal care and domestic assistance.
- Currently have 48 clients for personal care and 260 for long term domestic.
- Have recently had 1x Physio and 2 x OT's resign so are struggling to provide Allied Health services
- Still have 3 of 5 level 2 packages vacant
- Good attendance at Memory Loss Club
- Falls and Balance program very successful. At this stage only available to Dom Care clients.
- GEM team down to 7 clients as a result of funding cuts
- Country Health has employed a CDC Coordinator
- May need to recruit casual domestic assistance staff
- Recently applied for additional; 30 level 1 and 2 packages in the cluster.
- Are assisting with the promotion of the Dementia Community Information Forum. Have done poster drop across the region including Two Wells, Virginia etc.