



Seniors Collaborative
Action Project

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Minutes of the Gawler Region Aged Care Network Meeting held Wednesday 19th July, 2017, at the Gawler Elderly Centre

- 1. PRESENT:** Brenton Chappell (Country SA Primary Health Network); Corinne Bruer (Uniting Communities – RAS); Deb Anderson (SCAP); Fiona Brown (Hyde & Partners); Jo Parker (Barossa & Light Home Assist); Karen Hammond (Resthaven Northern Community Service); Kerrie Draper-Rose and Sandy Lehmann (Gawler Home Assist); Leonie Grant (Uniting Communities); Peter Smith (Gawler Community Retirement Homes); Sharon Hoffmann (Northern Carers Network); Jenny DeLucia (ACA – RAS); Leanne Mullan (SA Country Carers)

APOLOGIES: Beth Hudman (Gawler Care & Share); Caron Geracitano (Barossa Village); Craig Gogoll (ACNA – RAS); David Dann (ECH); Felicity Hage; Gail Harding (Wheatfields); Karen Hammond (Resthaven); Leanne DeVries (ACH); Lena Lesnikov (APM -RAS) Leonie Zupanic (Helping Hand); Melissa Burgemeister (Uniting Communities); Morna Coats (Alzheimers Aust); Rachel Koehne (Uniting Communities – RAS); Vonny Edwards (Country Home Services)

- 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 17/5/2017**
Accepted

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 “Aged Care at Home Information Service”

Slow take up. Have reviewed and will be making a few changes.

4. MY AGED CARE UPDATE/ISSUES

- Deb received the following email from Stefan Nowak, ACAT Team Leader:
“The RAH ramp down period commences on the 7th and should finish on the 25th August to reduce 600 patient beds to 300 beds in the RAH. During this period ACAT have been directed to prioritise hospital referrals as there will be 70 clients transferred from the RAH to hospitals in the Barossa, Hills, Fleurieu region. This will mean that community clients won’t be seen unless there are vacant appointments in assessors calendars and they will be seen outside of the RAH ramp down period. This will depend on the priority of the community assessment and availability of assessor to see the client.”
- Introduction of ‘approval for representative form’.
Form available on MAC website –“Representative Form”. Detail included in DoH update to service providers, issue 2017/12: <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/programs/my-aged-care/information-for-service-providers/service-providers-overview-of-my-aged-care-representation-changes>
Has section specifically for hospitals. As part of discharge process, with patient/client consent, ward staff can be rep and contact RAS and ACAT post assessment. Service providers can also be representative with client consent.
- Can now add information to client record after making a referral.

- Systems upgrade scheduled for next weekend.
- Domestic referrals – will be greater focus on short term service delivery. If apparent at assessment there could be a need for longer term, will be looking at reablement approach and /or utilising family/other support or referred for an ACAT.
- Referrals for carer respite from MAC non existent. MAC will not register a carer if aged under 65 despite CHSP carer respite being available. Very confusing and frustrating. Still waiting for the Integrated Carer Support Model.
- Deb attending My Aged Care Capability Focus group tomorrow, national DoH consultation. Will raise issues discussed by the region

5. FUTURE REFORM – AN INTEGRATED CARE AT HOME PROGRAM TO SUPPORT OLDER AUSTRALIANS DISCUSSION PAPER JULY 2017

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing some of the questions in the Discussion Paper. Deb will draft a regional response based on discussion today and feedback obtained at the SCAP RAS/MAC Troubleshooting meeting next week, and will distribute for comment before submitting to DoH by 21st August.

Will be proposing that the Collaborative Projects submit survey results re Stage 1.

All service providers are encouraged to submit feedback.

6. NEXT MEETING

3:00-4:30pm at the Gawler Elderly Centre, 37 Fourteenth St, Gawler

- Wednesday 20th September 2017
- Wednesday 15th November 2017

