



Seniors Collaborative
Action Project

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**Minutes of the
SCAP Dementia Task Force meeting held
Wednesday August 6, 2014 @ 3:00pm
at the Gawler Elderly Centre**

PRESENT: Debra Anderson (SCAP), Denise Maule (Gawler HACC); Kathryn Soar (student-on-placement, Carer's Link); Kerrie-Anne Vladcoff (Gawler Health Service GEM team).

APOLOGIES: Krystle Meyers (NAML); Tracy Maynard (CNSAML)

1. OPEN

Meeting opened 3:10pm.

2. GOVERNANCE

- Chair – Denise agreed to chair meetings, Deb will take minutes
- Name – It was agreed to call the group 'SCAP Dementia Task Force' and it will cover the SCAP region of Barossa, Gawler, Light and Mallala Council areas.
- Terms of Reference – Deb tabled NDAG's ToR and it was agreed that the objectives are the same with the addition of communicating with NDAG to avoid duplication and keep both groups informed about the activities of each.
- Meeting Frequency – monthly on the 1st Wednesday at 3:00pm at the Gawler Elderly Centre
- Membership – Invite other service providers to join

Action: Deb to send email to those on SCAP's mailing lists inviting them to join.

3. DEMENTIA COMMUNITY INFORMATION FORUM

Kerrie-Anne attended the NCP's Forum on July 31. Good attendance (approx. 80) by service providers and consumers.

- Ran out of time for speakers.
- Morning tea was great.
- Stalls for people to gather information from during morning tea.
- Very moving to hear from carer.

What?- The purpose will be to provide information about the early signs, diagnosis and treatment of dementia, and to hear from people who are actually living with dementia

Where?- Gawler – Youth Shak would be a good venue

Action: Denise to check availability and to book once speaker has been confirmed.

When? – After much discussion it was decided we would aim for early November, subject to guest speaker availability.

Who? – Kerrie-Anne has a commitment from geriatrician, Dr John Madison, to speak about the early signs, diagnosis and treatment.

Action: Kerrie-Anne to contact Dr Madison re: availability to speak in November.

- Person with dementia to speak
- Carer of person with dementia to speak
- Stalls – carer support agencies (Carers' Link; Northern carers Network, SA Country Carers, Alzhiemers Australia, Gawler HACC, other service providers)
- Other – explore possibility of utilising the webinar IT facilities available in the region to run concurrent sessions.
- Marketing – develop flyer and poster. Promote to existing HACC clients.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Dementia Friendly Communities – Alzheimers has a lot of resources about this and also a national program

Action: Deb to contact Phil Saunders to arrange a meeting between Phil, Deb and Kathryn to discuss opportunities for the region.

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday September 3, 2014 at 3:00pm at Gawler Elderly Centre
(Kerrie-Anne will be an apology)

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.