

Minutes
SWMPF Working Group on
Vulnerable and At Risk Children and Young People
9.30am – 11.30am, Friday 23rd June, 2017
City of Cockburn, Spearwood

Chair: Simone Ryan

Participants: Sophie Doy (City of Fremantle), Simone Ryan (Palmerston), Joan de Castro (CoC), Eleanor Jones (DSR), Judy Walls (SWMPF), Jenni Gordon (SWMPF), Peta Wootton (FMC), Glen Swannell (Murdoch Police), Gavine Radice (Palmyra Police), Michelle Champion (Cockburn Youth Services), Alison Teakle (Lakelands SHS), Reiki Rolle (Y-Shack), Yvette Little (FFSN)

Apologies: Denise Henden (Dep of Education), Danielle Radford (CPFS), Kerry Wadsworth (FFSN), Cynthia Becher (DSS), Russ Eldean (Community Policing), Daniel Mooney (Community Policing), Alison Patterson (Access Housing)

It was advised that City of Melville is currently recruiting for the role of Youth Program Coordinator. Kellie Bennett (Coordinator Community Development Melville) informed Judy and Simone at their meeting on June 22nd that the new Youth Program Coordinator will fulfil Melville Council's contribution to SWMPF and attend future meetings.

1. Updates from the SWMPF Steering Committee and Leadership Group

The SWMPF ED informed the group that both the SWMPF Steering Committee and Leadership Group had overwhelmingly supported the *Imagined Futures* Initiative as the collective project which the Innovative Funding Grant (\$75,000) would support. This working group would therefore become the effective working group for the project.

The diagram outlining the project (for South Lake) was distributed with suggestions for the key aims, outcomes and strategies on the back.

Action: Members of the working group were requested to review these sections and bring feedback to the next meeting.

2. Bourke video

Backing Bourke

<http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/stories/2016/09/19/4539321.htm>

The Four Corners story on Backing Bourke was shown, to demonstrate the potential outcomes and benefits of a collective impact model. A discussion then followed regarding the need to have strong community engagement on the IF project and provide opportunities for family/parent engagement. FFSN is keen to be

part of this. Police are keen to discuss opportunities for them to become more involved with the project.

Judy and Simone will organise to meet with Gavin and Glen (WA police) along with Russ (JJT) to further explore ways they can be part of the new project, and discuss access to data which would help to demonstrate outcomes of the intervention.

3. Governance and Management of SWMPF Vulnerable and At Risk Young People Working Group.

The issue of governance & management of the new initiative was raised. Some discussion was had about the current SWMPF Vulnerable & at risk Youth Working Group Terms of Reference document that exists on the website. Judy suggested that the current Terms of Reference are in need of updating given the new direction of the working group. Decisions need to be made concerning issues such as decision making (consensus, majority), and the operating model for the brokerage fund. The recommendation for the Brokerage Fund will require approval by the SWMPF Steering Committee. Reiki suggested reviewing policy with regards to governance of money for the NDIS scheme.

Action: Judy and Jenni will go through the Terms of Reference and bring an updated version of the document to the next meeting for feedback and endorsement.

There was also discussion about the idea of a Youth Advisory Group (YAG), which was supported. It was suggested that participants in the existing resilience building program and new transition program should be invited to participate in the YAG.

Community engagement and communications was raised as an issue to be discussed. How to respond to questions regarding the program coming from parents and the community, and how to get them involved. The school was suggested as an entry point in addressing issues related to community. This requires further discussion.

4. Transition to High School Program

Simone provided an update on the high school transition program, to be called 'Change Champions'. The pilot of this program is ready to start in week two of term 3. Approval for the program was provided by the Lakelands SHS board in June and parent permission letters were sent home in week eight of term two. Simone provided a copy of the overview of the program Sexual Health Quarters have provided for Lakelands SHS (a slightly modified version of the Mooditj Program) and a copy of the parent permission letter. Simone and her Palmerston Colleague, Adam Laurendi, to assist with the delivery of the program.

Other members of the group invited to assist with delivery of the sessions and consider how their organisation might be able to be involved in the further development and delivery of this program over the next 12 months, particularly with regards to expanding the program to take in Caralee Community School and Melville SHS.

5. School program update

Simone provided an update on the primary school resilience programs. She is currently delivering this to 28 children at South Lake PS and 22 at Caralee Community School. She reports there are plans to involve local sporting clubs in the program this term with the assistance of Department of Sport and Rec. Children from the South Lake Rocketeers will make up the year six cohort who participate in the transition program during term four 2017.

Action: Simone to work with Sue Kirkham (South Lake Primary School) to write program for next term and finalise logistics for the second half of the transition program in term four 2017

6. Next meeting – Friday July 28th, 9.30-11.30am at Fremantle PCYC, 34 Paget St, Hilton.

Agreed: Friday morning meetings to continue as suit most members.