

## Minutes

### Meeting of the SWMPF Social Planning Working Group 9.00am - 10.30am, 23 June 2014 City of Cockburn

**Chair:** Sally Kirk (Senior Senior Practice Development Officer, Department for Child Protection and Family Support)

**Participants:** Jane Brinsden (Librarian, Fre-info community information service, City of Fremantle); Chloe Lawrence (Community Development Officer, City of Cockburn); Jackie Davis (Executive Officer, Business Development & Strategy, Fremantle MedicareLocal); Jennifer Snell (Manager, Supported Accommodation Services, UnitingCare West); Robert Shaw (Skills for Education and Employment Administrator, SMYL Community Services); Angela Zeck (local resident)

**Apologies:** Nadine Hicks (Manager, Corporate Services, St Patrick's Community Support Service); Mel Croke (Regional Manager, Department of Housing); Kellie Bennett (Community Development Coordinator, City of Melville); Megan Milligan (Senior Health Promotion Coordinator, South Metropolitan Public Health Unit); Karin Mac Arthur (SWMPF Community Partnership Broker)

**Minute-taker:** Jane Brinsden

#### **1. Approval of the minutes of meeting 26 May 2014**

Minutes were approved without change

#### **2. Business arising from the minutes**

See items 3, 4 and 5.

#### **3. Reports from LGA members re existing data**

- Chloe Lawrence presented the social and demographic data from Cockburn LGA and Youth Services Strategic Plan
- Jane Brinsden presented the data from Fremantle LGA, including Youth services and contacts in the area.
- Kellie Bennett sent data for Melville LGA.

Contrary to the concerns raised at the SWMPF Planning Day regarding the incompatibility of data across the 3 LGAs, the data provided from the LGA

representatives was comparable and this suggests that providing information for the region will be more straightforward than originally anticipated. That said, the working group now needs to consider how best to collate this information so that it adds value, notably by being easily accessible for residents and, also, supporting the work of the SWMPF projects.

The group identified some gaps in the data provided, notably around health and school attendance in the SWMPF 'hotspot' areas.

Jackie outlined what data Medicare Local has collected by way of surveys and focus groups. Robert gave a brief outline of data SMYL has collected, in particular training data, school leavers surveys undertaken each March/April and career development data over the last 5 years (the last two projects ended in 2013). Jennifer advised that Uniting Care West collects data for DCP funded services (SHIP data collection which is transferred to SHOR - Specialist Homelessness Online Reporting).

The group discussed how best to access mental health data and which organisations to approach (Medicare Local Partners in Recovery, Ruah, St Patrick's or Fremantle Hospital, for example).

### **Actions**

- Jackie to provide data on health needs usage of services and outcomes in the 3 LGAs plus East Fremantle
- Sally to contact the Education Department re school attendance data
- Robert to check what data we can access in regard to school leavers, career development data and training data for our LGAs
- Sally to check with DCP about access to the SHOR data.

### **4. Data re young people in the 3 LGAs**

Sally notified the group that the SWMPF working group with responsibility for implementing the Vulnerable and At Risk Young People project has scoped this to focus on 8 – 13 years. This is the age group the working group believes:

- Would most benefit from a targeted project of this nature and have the greatest chance of breaking the cycle of risk.
- Encompasses both primary and secondary school students, together with the transition years.
- Would be less difficult to engage.
- Could be tracked as they move into the older age groups.

As a result of the focus on 8-13 year olds, that working group has been renamed Vulnerable and At Risk Children and Young People.

The Social Planning group will explore how best to support that project.

## **5. Other information required**

The meeting discussed the working group's goals. It was agreed that a priority was to collect data for the 3 LGAs and provide this data in a readily accessible format to other SWMPF groups and the community.

A follow-up task will be to identify gaps in services in the area, in particular to focus on the identified community "hotspots" and vulnerable children and youth.

The meeting also discussed how best to access local community groups. How to measure their access to and knowledge about local services

Only Fremantle has formal residents' precincts that the working group could engage with. In the other LGAs, residents' meetings are convened as required and around specific issues.

## **6. Next meeting:**

The next meeting of the working group will be held at 3.00 pm on Thursday 31 July at Willagee Community Centre (convened by City of Melville).

## **7. Any other business**

Many thanks to Chloe and the City of Cockburn for hosting our meeting.

- Many thanks to Jane for taking the minutes.
- The SWMPF 'Our Davis Park' working group will be holding a community event at Davis Park on Saturday 26 July, with the Dockers' Michael Walters and Wildcats' Brad Robbins attending and a number of different activities being held. All services represented on that working group will be attending.