

**Minutes  
SWMPF Working Group on  
Vulnerable and At Risk Children and Young People  
9.30am – 11.30am, Friday 19 May, 2017  
St Patricks. Fremantle**

**Temporary Chair:** Judy Walls

**Participants:** Sophie Doy (City of Fremantle), Simone Ryan (Palmerston), Kerry Wadsworth (FFSN), Joan de Castro (CoC), Eleanor Jones (DSR), Ben Velebir (DSR), Russ Eldean (WA Police), Daniel Mooney (WA Police), Judy Walls (SWMPF), Jenni Gordon (SWMPF)

**Apologies:** Denise Henden, Peta Wootton, Danielle Radford, Ian Gorman

It was advised that Matthew Pasquill (City of Melville) was no longer working at the council and that the Judy & Simone would meet with Kellie Bennet (Coordinator Community Development-Melville) to brief her on the working group progress on May 25, and determine who would represent Melville on the working group going forward.

**1. Update from the SWMPF Innovative Funding Workshops**

An update was provided as to the process which SWMPF members had undertaken in regards to the Innovative Funding opportunity. Briefly, the SWMPF had organised 2 x workshops to identify a priority issue for the Innovative Funding which was available from its DLGC grant. The workshops had identified 3 potential priority areas (complex homeless cases, trauma in Indigenous and CaLD populations, and disenfranchisement from education for at risk youth). There was agreement amongst the leads of the groups looking into these 3 areas that the youth focused initiative had strong potential as a collective response to a complex social issue. A working meeting of interested stakeholders was then held on April 19 to further develop the initiative. It was agreed that Palmerston would lead any collective initiative, and that the funding from DLGC would remain with the Forum as a brokerage fund, to help respond to needs which existing resources couldn't meet. The mechanism for this is yet to be determined.

A diagram was presented to the group representing the collective impact initiative as defined to date (work in progress). The diagram provides data related to issues faced by vulnerable young people potentially disenfranchised from education, and potential responses and responders, for the suburbs of South Lake and Willagee. Discussion was undertaken as to which area in Fremantle the initiative should target, and Hilton Primary School was considered the best option, feeding into the new Fremantle College (ex SFSHS). The intention is to pilot work in South Lake in the first instance, and expand from there.

Discussion was undertaken regarding the data presented on the diagram, and what additional / different data could be sourced by the group.

**Action:** The following information will be provided:

- Ellie : Report from Kimberley Region re holiday period youth crime stats
- Russ: will seek available data according to the indicators we identify
- Ellie: stats regarding kids accessing sports in LGAs, and at suburb level if possible
- Kerry: presenting issues at FFSN at suburb level

Data should correspond to the calendar year 2016 (Jan – Dec).

Simone presented the Transition to Secondary School program, and informed the group that Palmerston had submitted a funding proposal to the Allan Foundation for \$13,000. The program is set to begin in Term 3, 2017, at Lakeland SHS, and Term 4 2017 at South Lake Primary School, independent of a response from the Allan Foundation prior to that time or not. The Innovative Fund could potential cover the funding if required, or Palmerston could cover costs until a decision from AF was rec'd.

Progress on the Resilience Building Program was also discussed, with Simone reporting that there are currently 27 students engaged at SLPS, and 22 students at Caralee.

Joan suggested that the Cockburn Youth Centre staff should become involved in the initiative and other members were encouraged to consider which other agencies might contribute positively to the outcomes of this collective response.

**Agreed:** The working group members endorsed the initiative, and have recommended that it be proposed to the SWMPF Steering Committee & Leadership Group as a strong proposal for the Innovative Funding initiative.

Judy recommended that working group members view the Four Corners documentary on Bourke (NSW) where a collective impact initiative is underway in response to high juvenile crime rates:

[Backing Bourke](#)

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

## 2. Nominations for the Chair of the Working Group

Palmerston Association (Simone Ryan) has nominated to chair the working group going forward.

**Agreed:** This was agreed by members, and will be proposed to the Steering Committee for endorsement.

## 3. Other business

**Agreed:** It was agreed that the outstanding \$250 from Officeworks should be used to purchase 5 x \$50 sports vouchers to be used in the resilience program as prizes.

**Action:** Joan de Castro to organise vouchers to give to Simone.

## 4. Next meeting – June 23, 9.30-11.30am at Coolbellup Hub, 90 Cordelia Ave, Coolbellup.

**Agreed:** Friday morning meetings would be convened going forward.