

Minutes

Meeting of the SWMPF Working Group on Vulnerable and At Risk Children and Young People

9.00am – 10.30am, Thursday 8th September, 2016
City of Melville Civic Centre, Booragoon

Chair: Dee Skuza (Community Development Officer, Youth - City of Melville)

Participants: Dee Skuza (Community Development Officer, Youth - City of Melville); Stacey Robson (Project Officer – Children and Young People City of Fremantle); Simone Ryan (Palmerston); Joan de Castro (Children’s Development Officer City of Cockburn), Meske Ashagrie (City of Cockburn), Rebecca O’Keeffe (Youth Liaison Officer, WA Police), Emma Castle (Kinship Empowerment Program), Denise Henden (Department of Education); Judy Walls (SWMPF Executive Director), Pamela Sturgeon (Acting Team Leader Responsible Parenting DCP)

Apologies: Rieki Rolle (Team Leader Y-Shac Anglicare)

Minute taker: Dee Skuza

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Welcomed back everyone and a big welcome to Judy Walls who is the new Executive Director for the SWMPF, to Emma from Koya Aboriginal Corporation and to Meske from City of Cockburn.

2. Update from SWMPF Planning Day

Judy Walls summarised the day. Attached is the Summary Report (Attachment 1). The At Risk and Vulnerable Working Group summary is on page 2.

3. City of Melville Grant

Dee informed the working group of the Grant the City of Melville received from the Dept. of Attorney General – Criminal Property Confiscation Grant (Attachment 2). Emma asked about the ‘skills audit’ component which opened up a discussion on possible leadership training for young people, examples included Subi Kids Crew and City of Cockburn.

Action: Joan de Castro to follow up on possible partnership to deliver leadership training. Emma from Koya is very interested in being a part of this too.

4. Working Group Priorities

As a result of the SWMPF Planning Day where we broke off into our groups to work on our priorities for the next 12 months, these are the four priorities that we identified.

- Develop strategies to ensure more parents and grandparents become engaged in the project. (e.g.: Work with Koya Aboriginal Corporation);
- **Focus on supporting students in transition from primary to secondary school (include a Senior High School as the third school in Fremantle);**
- Facilitate the engagement of children in community activities to increase their sense of safety and support within the community;
- Work with the Davis Park Working Group to cross-promote an innovation group for 8-13 year olds in that area.

It was agreed to focus on supporting students in transition from primary to secondary school and to include young people transitioning from Hamilton SHS to South Fremantle SHS (Fremantle College) in Term 4, 2016.

We discussed:-

- A concern about families from Hamilton Hill High School not wanting to go to the new College – why was this? Distance, transport? Any other issues? How can we talk to the families to discuss their concerns and encourage attendance? It was suggested we could:
 - Involve Davis Park working group in discussions
 - Talk to Monique Kickett at Cockburn Youth Centre who knows a lot of the kids – she might be able to ask the young people what their concerns are – survey? One on one etc...
 - Involve Darryl Belotti (AEO) from South Fremantle High School
 - Involve Donna McDonald from Hamilton Hill High School
 - Arrange a meeting with Myles Draper the new Principal of Fremantle College

Sub group for Fremantle College Transition: Denise Henden and Simone Ryan.

Action: Denise to ring Myles Draper first, ask him to contact Dee to coordinate a meeting with the sub group as soon as possible.

- Caralee Community School transition into Melville SHS for Term 4, 2016. Meet with Melville SHS and Caralee Community School representative and Chaplains to discuss support from the group.

Sub group for Caralee Community School – Dee Skuza, Simone Ryan, Bec O’Keefe and Denise Henden.

Action: Dee to contact both Caralee and MSHS and arrange a meeting with the sub group as soon as possible.

- South Lakes SHS transition to Lakelands High School. Meet with both school representative and Chaplains to discuss support from the group.

Sub group for South Lakes/Lakelands – Simone Ryan, Pamela Sturgeon.

Action: Simone to contact both South Lakes and Lakelands and arrange a meeting with the sub group as soon as possible.

4. Office Works Donation

Joan has a \$350 donation from Office Works O'Connor, raised through their BBQ fundraiser, available for our working group program/s. Judy mentioned that Caralee Idea Hunterz were looking for donations for paint for a mural they are painting around their 'club house' demountable and Emma mentioned a Homework Support program they are running in Coolbellup.

Action: Judy and Emma to touch base with Joan re distribution of funds.

5. Working Lunch Term 4

It was suggested the theme of the working lunches for Term 4 was to see who in the groups were going into Year 7 next year and to create an Idea Hunterz and South Lake Rocketeers in high school next year and who would lead the group and how? And to also welcome any new members to the groups. Sue Rayner from South Lakes is keen for the working group to hold the next Working Group meeting at the school and to then meet the Rocketeers.

Other Business:

- Bike Rescue referrals for Willagee school holiday program
- School Holiday program by Port Care FYI
- Mick Sedara School Program – Simone would like to invite Mick to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: New chair to arrange.