

SWMPF Leadership Group Meeting

Minutes

1.00-3.00pm, Tues July 25, 2017
City of Fremantle, Reception Room

Attendees:

Organisation	Representative
St Patrick's Community Support Centre	Michael Piu
SWMPF	Judy Walls
SWMPF	Jenni Gordon
Maureen Colgan	Maureen Colgan
Gary Ryan	Gary Ryan
WAPHA	Jane Harwood
WA Police	Brad Warburton
DCPFS	Vania Dapaz
Department of Social Services	Deb Edwards
Department of Social Services	Cynthia Becher
SMYL	Julie Mitchell
Uniting Care West	Kim Brooklyn
CAMHS	Catherine Hollingworth
Cockburn Integrated Health	Clory Corello
City of Fremantle	Beverley Bone
Housing Authority	Steve Altham
Access Housing	Allison Paterson

1. Welcome and apologies (Chairman)

The Chair made the acknowledgment of country, and thanked the City of Fremantle for hosting the meeting. The following apologies were noted:

Gary Anderson (Dept of Education)

Melanie Pearse (Anglicare WA)

Peta Wootton (FMC)

Gail Bowman (City of Cockburn)

Lesley Moreschi (Meerilinga)

Peter Kemp (Business Foundations)

Claire Hefferman (Dept of Corrective Services)

Jennie Gray (WACOSS)

Leanne Hartill (City of Melville)

Dylan Smith (Fremantle Foundation)

Antoni Grover – Dept of Sport & Rec (replacing Eleanor Jones)

Ann Cleary (for Colin Alston Disability Services Commission)

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting (2 June 2017)

Minutes were approved.

3. Actions arising from the minutes of last meeting (2 June 2017)

The following actions were noted in the minutes of the last meeting:

Action: SWMPF to distribute a copy of the SWMPF 2020 document to LG members.

- This was actioned in June. No comments received by members.

Action: SWMPF to develop & circulate an invoice for members with various contribution options before the EOFY.

- An invoice was circulate to members on 6th June.

4. SWMPF Financial Sustainability Issues

a) Update on Dept of Communities funding

Initial notification received by the Dept of Communities was negative, and this was appealed through the Minister's office. This was followed by a more positive response, however the funding received was still only 1/3 of our funding request (\$200,000 over 2 years). A new workplan and budget is required by 30 August 2017.

b) Member contributions

To date 5 agencies have contributed to SWMPF – (DCPFS, Black Swan, FMC, Anglicare, City of Fremantle) for which we are very grateful. We would encourage other members to consider their capacity to contribute as well.

c) Other potential funding sources

We have had conversations with City of Fremantle, City of Cockburn, which have demonstrated a willingness to consider our funding request, and will take the issue to their August council meetings. We also intend to approach City of Melville.

We have also approached Lotterywest, as part of our acquittal process for their funding of the EY modelling, to consider further funding based on the *SWMPF 2020* document.

The Dept of Communities Stronger Communities programme is also attractive due to its 5 year duration, however the funds are being drawn from the old Neighbourhood Centre funding. We need to consider the impact of competing with other actors in our region.

Dept of Social Services has also announced a 3 year funding pot, however there is some restriction around funding existing programmes, which we need to explore.

St Pats is currently subsidising the SWMPF whilst we look for additional funding.

5. Implications for SWMPF

Michael outlined discussions held at the Steering Committee meeting, their recommendations and implications of significantly reduced funding:

- *Impact on staff (FTE) and overheads*
The SC recommended a reduced FTE (1.2) instead of 1.5 FTE.
Significant amount of overhead will be absorbed by St Pats.
- *Scope of SWMPF - Focus*
With reduced FTE, it is necessary for us to consider focusing down the scope of SWMPF interventions. The SC have recommended the following priorities:
 - the Imagined Futures Initiative – getting this off the ground
 - marketing & communications
 - fundraising
 - Davis Park project to continue.
- *Number of working groups*
It was suggested that to assist in meeting the reduced scope of SWMPF, a reduction in the number of working groups be considered.
Social Planning Working Group – has contributed strongly to the Vital Signs project, and continued to promote the Service Directory, however much of its mandate has been achieved.
Coordination of Wrap-around Services Working Group – has completed its shared forms and now the Service Passport, and hence has achieved what it set out to achieve.
Members of both groups spoke to their agreement with the above and supported the proposal.
Agreed: It was agreed that these 2 working groups be folded and members be invited to join the Davis Park & Imagined Futures working groups.
- *MoUs*
Members were reminded that the existing MoUs expire on 31 July 2017. There was discussion about revising the MoUs or alternatively extending the existing MoUs for another 2 years, in line with current funding.
Agreed: It was agreed to extend the existing MoUs for another 2 years in the same manner that the previous extension was conducted. The current governance arrangements were also discussed and it was agreed that it was not prudent to make any changes to current arrangements at this time.
- *Rebranding of SWMPF*
It has been suggested that we consider rebranding the SWMPF to “Imagined Futures” to freshen up the image. We could differentiate the projects (eg, Imagined Futures Youth Project). But there is a certain amount of good will and brand recognition that we have built up under SWMPF. So we might consider maintaining SWMPF name, but use the Imagined Futures title as the brand name.

Agreed: The change was strongly supported subject to successfully testing the proposed new brand with key stakeholders including the youth and Davis Park groups, and also with the broader SWMPF membership.

6. Annual Event of SWMPF Membership

The option of holding an annual event of all members, to celebrate the successes of the last year, and look to the future was discussed. This was considered an appropriate opportunity to relaunch a new brand, Imagined Futures, and to acknowledge the achievements of the 2 working groups which will fold. A date in **mid October** should be explored, and look to ensure that an appropriate date which would accommodate the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services, Simone McQuirk.

7. Update on Imagined Futures Initiative

The first meeting of the working group, post approval from the Leadership Group for the initiative to go ahead, was held in late June. It was very well attended with lots of renewed vigor in the group. We are working on the Terms of Reference and the mechanism for disbursing the brokerage funds, as well as pushing ahead with the resilience and transition to high school components.

8. Any other business

Bev Bone (City of Fremantle) provided an update on the Collaboration for Impact Conference in Sydney in July. She will share her notes with the group.

The Davis Park project will be presented at the Social Impact Festival on July 26, by the SWMPF ED and the Chair of the Davis Park Working Group.

Michael Piu outlined some changes to St Pats services:

- Weekend closure of meal service
- Repositioning of the Sister's Place overnight accommodation services from 1 August, to transitional housing for single women with case management support. Remodeling of the current accommodation will be undertaken as quickly as possible, and money will be made available for overnight accommodation on a needs basis out of St Pats in the interim.

Uniting Care West, St Pats, RUAH and St Vincent de Paul are collectively looking at how to provide better services to homeless people.

Housing Authority is also looking at transitional housing for women, and is interested in collaborating with UCW and St Pats.

9. Next meeting date – to be confirmed.