

**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN OUTCOMES GROUP MEETING HELD  
ON 14 AUGUST 2013 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM CO.HALL  
BALLYMENA**

**PRESENT:** Marie Roulston                      NHSCT (Chair)  
Anne Hardy                                      CYPSP  
Deirdre Coyle                                  HSCB  
Maria Herron                                  Parenting NI  
Billy McMillan                                Barnardos  
Collette Slevin                                Mencap  
Angela Devlin                                 Extern  
Susan Gault                                    NHSCT  
Jayne Miller                                    NEELB  
Clare-Anne Magee                          Parenting NI  
Brenda McAteer                              Moyle Locality Group  
Una Casey                                      CYPSP

**APOLOGIES:** Una Magee                      Barnardos  
Valerie Maxwell                              CYPSP  
Hilary Johnson                                PHA  
Sandra Anderson                              CYPSP Participation Officer  
Selena Ramsey                                CYPSP Development Officer  
Ciara McKillop                                NHSCT  
Nicola McCall                                 Ballymena Borough Council  
Simon Ball                                      PSNI  
Paul Carr                                        DSD  
Frank OConnor                                NIHE  
Jenny Adair                                     Northern Childcare Partnership  
David Gilliland                                Carrickfergus YMCA

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Karin Eyben      Community Foundation NI

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 June 2013 were agreed and signed off.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

### **Review of membership**

The review of the Outcomes Group membership will begin after the next CYPSP meeting to be held in September. There will be a new application process and existing voluntary and community representatives can re-apply. The application process will be managed by CiNI, NICVA and NICEM.

### **Funding**

There is 100K of recurrent funding from the HSCB and an allocation letter has now been received for the OFMDFM signature projects Delivering Social Change funding. There was a discussion about the funding that PHA has received for the Parenting Programmes signature project. Anne explained that Maurice Meehan from the PHA has presented a paper to the Outcomes Group and Regional Subgroup Chairs meeting at the beginning of the month and that she would circulate this paper to the Outcomes Group. There were some issues raised about when and where this funding would be available and if the funding was available from now or from April 2013. It was suggested that Maurice Meehan could attend the next Northern Outcomes Group to discuss this funding.

**Action: Anne Hardy to circulate parenting programme paper**

**Action: Maurice Meehan to be invited to the next Northern Outcomes Group meeting**

### **Family Support Hubs**

There has been £125 per annum allocated to the 5 hubs in the Northern Outcomes Area which have been developed by Helen Dunn (Action for Children) it has been suggested to extend their work until procurement for the hubs is fully online. There is also £244, 000 over 2 years

allocated to services - this is alongside the recurrent £100,000. The recommendation for this funding was the key priorities of disability and the short term funding for ADHD which will have research elements. (see funding priorities paper)

## **Procurement Process**

A discussion took place about the potential Early Intervention fund at regional level but there was unclear information about this at present. Billy pointed out the importance of funding having a good run-in time in terms of services for staffing etc. Anne highlighted that there would be long term contracts for the re-current funding for 3-5 years, while the DSC funding was available for 2 years.

Deirdre highlighted that the HSCB have 3 funding strands that will be made available soon in relation to disability and it was agreed that this should be aligned with the Northern Outcomes Group funding priorities. The strands are: 1) Complex needs, 2) children with disability and challenging behaviours and 3) Family support packages/short breaks. It was agreed that gaps in services needs to be examined and a focus on integrating children and young people with disabilities into schools, involvement in groups, afterschools and so on – there are gaps in the Mid-Ulster area.

**Action: Deirdre/Anne to get clarity from the HSCB**

A discussion about training and up skilling play group workers and staff in early years setting to enable them to work with children with a disability.

**Action: Priorities Subgroup proposal to be circulated to NOG**

## **Planning Cycle**

Anne circulated a paper on the CYPSP Planning cycle (see attached) It is planned that the new planning cycle will influence other plans etc such as Programme for Government. Anne pointed out that the Locality Planning Groups and Regional Subgroups need to feed into the Outcomes Groups action plans. The groups need to carry out Outcomes Based Planning by looking at statistics, qualitative information from LPGs, parents, and to look at services in the area which is available from the Early Intervention Group mapping work and also the Family Support Database. The review of the Outcomes Groups Action Plans will come under the planning cycle (see attached paper).

## **Stakeholder Events**

A discussion took place about the best way to take the planning of stakeholder events forward. It was agreed to have a subgroup to do this. This subgroup will include; Marie, Selena, Una, Anne, Colette and LPG chairs

**Action: Subgroup to meet to put together a proposal**

## **Hidden Harm**

Anne gave an update from the Northern and Regional Hidden Harm Groups. Following a workshop last year it was decided that the local groups needed to retain strong connections to both the Outcomes Groups and the Northern Drug and Alcohol Co-ordinating Team. The suggested way forward was for the local Hidden Harm Group to have two co-chairs one from Outcomes Group and one from NDACT. Breige Bradley from NHSCT has been nominated from NDACT. Following discussion about the issues Billy McMillan agreed to be co-chair from the Outcomes Group.

Anne then outlined the work of the Hidden Harm group. Currently a scoping exercise is being carried out with regard to the availability of local services. There will be a commissioning framework put in place from 2014 but an amount of funding is available in year. In the past two years this has been issued through a small grants scheme but this year this process will not be taking place. The group discussed possible areas for funding which would further the Hidden Harm action plan.

A discussion took place about the New Star Babies programme which is a programme for first time parents which will be piloted from September. It was suggested that this programme could incorporate a focus on hidden harm aspect which would be embedded into the pilot and would have longer term impact. There will be parents sitting on the implementation group and will be evaluated by NCB. Star babies involves a universal approach including age and stage development, physical activities, diet, breastfeeding, a focus on parent and baby bonds, boundaries and routines post-natal depression and will provide targeted interventions for additional needs. It was recommended that this area be proposed for short term funding

## **LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE - BUSHMILLS EDUCATION OUTCOMES CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH.**

Karin Eben explained her role within Community Foundation NI and how she has been supporting community development but capacity building, getting community groups building relationships and getting them excited about RPA. In Bushmills she has been working in Partnership with BREF and the Bushmills Locality Planning Group around concerns about statistics of underachieving, what they can do about and what does the statistics mean to them. A major piece of research work has taken place including a wide range of views from parents, children and young people and professionals. A short report (attached) showing the story so far has been produced. This work is based around the ethos that it takes a community to educate a child and includes the costs of poor achievement on the wider community. This work was supported by

Selena and Sandra. There was door to door surveys and focus groups carried out. Karin also highlighted that the work was to look at what people can do and what has been learned from this work without assigning blame.

A short section of the DVD from the CmeB+ was shown to the group - they expressed how impressed they were with the event.

### **PARENTS REFERENCE GROUP**

Marie tabled a paper giving feedback from last Parents Reference Group meeting - see attached.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT HUBS**

Helen Dunn was unable to attend but forwarded a short update. The Ballymena Hub has now opened the referral process up to EWO and Health visiting. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Anne highlighted that a young person Luke Hutchinson from the Northern Outcomes Group area had gave a presentation about the Mencap HYPE Project at the 11<sup>th</sup> EUSE conference - building an inclusive Europe through Supported Employment on 11<sup>th</sup> June in Croke Park in Dublin.

### **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Board Room at the Cottage Ballymena