

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Notes of a meeting held on Tuesday, 11 February 2014 at 9.30 am in the Boardroom, Trust Headquarters, Craigavon Area Hospital.

Present:

Colm McCafferty, SHSCT (Chair)
Gerard Houlahan, Armagh & City District Council
Anne Hardy, HSCNI
Una Magee, Barnardos
Colin Moffit, Newry & Mourne Council
Una Cushenan (on behalf of Gerry Bleakney)
Julie Bolton, HSCNI
Drew Neill, Voypic
Deirdre Wiggins, NIHE
Merissa McGearry, HSCNI
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Marie Kavanagh, Gingerbread NI
Nuala Haugey, Admin to Julie Bolton

Apologies:

Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT
Gerry Bleakney, PHA
Valerie Maxwell, HSCNI
Nicola Topping, SELB
Nicola Lane, Craigavon Borough Council
Una Geelan, HSCNI
Eddy Curtis, Newry & Mourne Borough Council
Maurice Leeson, HSCNI
Mairead Abraham, HSCNI
Stephen Smith, CIP
Shirley Gillespie, Toybox
Jacinta Linden, South Down Family Health
Claire Linney, Dungannon Council
Catriona Regan, Banbridge Council

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Colm welcomed members to the meeting and stated that he will be chairing today's meeting in Paul Morgan's absence. A round of introductions followed.

2.0 Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

3.0 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2013 were approved as an accurate record.

4.0 Matters arising

4.1 Tasks for Parent Reference Group

Anne reported that a new approach of empowering parents to sit on local planning groups and become more involved with the outcomes process is being brought forward.

4.2 Funding Update

Colm confirmed that a list of Organisations who have received funding has been circulated. Discussion followed regarding other funding streams and Colm explained that there is £75 K ring fenced for the Southern Trust Family Support Hubs for 2014-15. This funding is to assist host agencies to administer and co-ordinate Hub activity. This will be advertised in March of this year and will roll on for a period of 12 months.

4.3 Membership

Anne confirmed that membership was discussed at the Chairs meeting. It was noted that membership from the Voluntary and Community Sectors was for a three year period and this has now ended. Anne stated that there are some concerns regarding time

needed for new members to settle in and also consistency issues with a completely new set of members coming on board. Anne continued to explain that applications forms will be issued shortly and it is hoped that existing members will re-apply so some continuity can be retained. Colm highlighted the importance of continuity and advised that change is not always the best option. Anne reported that induction and training will be provided to new members.

Discussion followed regarding Assembly Questions which have been received regarding funding which was issued to Voluntary/Community Groups. It was noted that 88% of funding went out to groups who do not sit on partnership groups.

Michael raised the issue of holding a workshop to allow members the opportunity to provide an overview of their respective agency roles.

5.0 Planning Cycle Tasks and Activities

Anne informed the meeting that the next CYP plan is due in October 2014. Anne agreed to discuss the current action plan with Paul Morgan and then recirculate to members. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the meeting of the Outcomes Group on 8 April 2014 should take the form of a workshop where further discussion can take place regarding the action plan. It was also agreed that Valerie Maxwell can provide statistical information and Julie can provide information on the local planning groups. Colm stated that members can also bring information on any pressures from their respective areas together with providing an overview of the role of their respective Agency as suggested earlier by Michael.

Una stated that it is essential that the Regional position is also considered. Discussion followed regarding Delivering Social Change for Children and Young People – A Consultation and Anne confirmed that Maurice Leeson is collating a response. Anne suggested inviting Maurice to the workshop to provide an update regarding the Strategic Partnership and advise on linkages with OFMDFM and DSE. In conclusion, it was agreed that Anne would circulate a template for completion in advance of the workshop.

Michael informed the meeting that he sits on a number of Regional Sub-Groups and there should be improved connections and it was agreed that each member should consider two or three areas of work which can be delivered more successfully in collaboration rather than individually. Una stated that there needs to be a structure around priorities and these should be grouped around strategic priorities. Anne stated that the stakeholder's events will assist with increasing communication between Outcomes Groups and Locality Planning Groups.

6.0 Stakeholder Event

Anne reported that following the last meeting, the sub-group met and have agreed that five smaller events would be preferable, one in each of the District Council areas. Discussion followed and it was noted that the timing of these events is important. It was agreed that the events should coincide with the consultation process and should, therefore, take place in July/August 2014. It was also agreed that planning for the events needs to commence in April 2014 and agreement needs to be reached on the target audience together with a programme/themes. Colm suggested that, if possible, the sub-group should meet prior to the workshop on 8 April 2014 to prepare a draft programme.

Michael suggested that the presentation which is used at the stakeholder events could also be used to present to staff within each of Organisations to provide an overview of the role and function of the Outcomes Group.

7.0 Feedback from Chairs meeting

Anne provided feedback from the Outcomes Chair's meeting as follows:

- Representation at Partnership Meetings
Each of the five Chairs to rotate in attending Partnership meetings and bring issues from all five areas. It was noted that the main focus at the next Partnership meeting will be what the Outcomes Groups are doing and what they have achieved.

- Delivering Social Change for Children and Young People – A Consultation

It was noted that public consultation events have been arranged and any comments are to be sent to Maurice Leeson who is collating responses.

- Early Intervention Transformation funding

Anne informed the meeting that Jason White has been seconded to the Department to take this work forward. Anne continued to advise that as yet there is no confirmation as to who will be commissioning this funding and timeframes involved. Colm stated that it would be useful to have additional information available for the Stakeholder events and he also highlighted that co-ordination of this funding is crucial and should be carried out in a planned and collaborative manner. Discussion followed and it was agreed that some time should be set aside at the workshop on 8 April 2014 to discuss priority areas if funding did become available.

8.0 Update from Locality Planning Groups

Julie presented a report for January to February 2014 and outlined emerging and concerning needs. Julie also gave an update regarding events/updates which have been organised by the Locality Planning Groups and Locality Sub Groups in the Southern area.

Michael asked if there has been any thought given to commencing a Locality Planning Group in the Craigavon area and Julie stated that this is something which needs to be considered in the future. Anne informed the meeting that the Play Partnership is in place and maybe this is something which can be built on. Una suggested linking with Neighbourhood Renewal. It was also suggested making links with Mr George Thompson from the Southern Trust's Promoting Wellbeing Service..

9.0 Any other Business

9.1 Anne referred to the e-sign newsletter and advised that every month she has to include a story from the Outcomes Group. Anne explained that it is quite difficult to include new and

interesting stories every month. Colm stated that this is a communications issue and thought needs to be given if this is effective. Anne agreed to include a section regarding the end of the commissioning process and a list of Organisations who have received funding.

10.0 **Date of Next Meeting**

As discussed earlier, the next meeting should take the form of a workshop on Tuesday, 8 April 2014 at 9.30 am in the Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon.