

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 27 September 2017 at 10.00 am,
Training & Craft Room, Brownlow Community Hub, Craigavon.

Present:

Paul Morgan, (SHSCT, Chair)
Margaret Gibney, (Administrator for Group)
Valerie Maxwell (CYPSP)
Darren Curtis (Locality Development Officer)
Colette Ross, (Chair of Banbridge LPG, EA Youth Service)
Gerard Rocks (Acting AD PWB)
Alison Beattie (ABC)
Martina McCooey (SHSCT)
Pat McGeough (Barnardos)
Michael Heaney (YJA)
Jacqueline Connolly (SHSCT, Dungannon Locality Chair)
Rachel Long (NIACRO)
Martina McCooey (PWB)
Lesley Waugh (For Geraldine Maguire)
Stephen Smith (CIP)
Allison Slater (SPACE)

Apologies:

Geraldine Maguire (AD SCHED)
Jacinta Linden (SPACE)
Donna Murphy (SHSCT)
David Patterson (NMDC)
Kieran Shields (EA)
Ciara Burke (Mid Ulster & ABC Councils, Armagh Locality Chair)
Pauline Leeson (CINI)
Martina Totten (Mid-Ulster Council)

Action 1	Members to give consideration to nominating a deputy to attend meetings and share with Margaret	Members to send to Margaret for collation
Action 2	Stephen to share information with Paul re PEACE IV initiative	Stephen Smith
Action 3	Paul to keep members updated on MACE Project	Paul Morgan

1 Introductions and Apologies

Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions followed. Apologies were noted.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (13 June 2017)

Minutes agreed as an accurate reflection of discussion.

3 Matters Arising

- Action 1: Jacqueline advised that query had been raised in relation to length of time school was used on a Saturday
- Action 2: completed, Valerie to review
- Action 3 & 4: completed
- Action 5: on agenda

4 Membership

Paul advised that during a Regional meeting with Outcomes Chairs the issue of membership of Outcomes Groups was raised. Maurice Lesson produced documentation in relation to membership expectations and attendance. Paul noted that at present members do not have deputies therefore he asked members to give consideration to this and send to Margaret. Paul acknowledged that this may be a challenge for some members but asked that consideration is given, reiterating the importance of the right mix of people/agencies being around the table to facilitate discussion. Paul then referenced the Task & Finish Groups adding that membership of these groups will be discussed later in the meeting.

Action 1:
Members to give consideration to nominating a deputy to attend meetings and share with Margaret

5 Audit of outcomes tools being used by partners

Paul stated that this was also raised at Regional meeting; Chairs were asked to take away and feedback what tools are used to measure outcomes within organisations, this information will then be shared on a regional level.

Valerie commented that CYPSP use some standardised tools adding that completion of the audit will be useful to see what other organisations are using.

6 Task & Finish Groups Action Plans for discussion & approval

Paul then asked for an update from each Group referencing template provided:

Sub Group 1: Children and Young People will have the best start in life and enjoy the best possible health and wellbeing.

Kevin provided a brief update; advising that the group have met and discussed raising awareness of disabilities using community based activities and dismissing the stigma surrounding disabilities. Kevin acknowledged that there will be some practical issues in terms of inclusion, however group are keen to work and develop support services.

Group will make contact with Aileen O'Callaghan regarding forum for young people with disabilities. Valerie added that group should also utilise Locality Chair events.

Paul suggested that a baseline indicator is required to show any improvements made.

Sub Group 2: All Children are safe, confident and enjoy improved emotional wellbeing

Michael advised that group have not met to date. Membership of this group was discussed and Michael has agreed to become Interim Chair (in Peadar's absence). It was also agreed that Paul would link in with Geraldine Maguire to ascertain who would be best placed to sit on group from CAMHS.

Michael noted that the focus of the group will be raising awareness of the emotional health and wellbeing of young people involved in justice system

Sub Group 3: Children and Young People will experience and benefit from good relations, equality and diversity

Valerie advised that Kieran had agreed to Chair this group in the interim; they have met once, no further update available. Valerie agreed to ascertain who is best placed to Chair.

Sub Group 4: Parents/Carers, Children and Young people are supported to understand the importance of, and to attend/participate learn and achieve in education and training

Valerie provided a brief overview as per update; group has met twice and have identified a number of gaps;

St Catherine's Armagh currently piloting homework support club - group discussed how after schools supports in the area can be brought together.

Gerard referenced speed networking events suggesting that these could be linked to training days for teachers.

Sub Group 5: Parents/carers receive the help and support they need to positively empower them to parent. Children and young people live in supportive families.

Martina provided a brief overview as detailed in update; highlighting that whilst 5-12yr olds are the target area it is not exclusive to that age range. Martina agreed to forward information to be shared via CYPSP website. Martina added that the objective is early intervention deterring families from becoming involved with statutory agencies.

The importance of complimenting services that are currently available was discussed; i.e. help with applying for benefits. Rachel confirmed that should a query in relation to benefit applications become apparent during assessment the family will be advised who they should contact; signposted to specialist services.

The issue of funding was also raised with Valerie noting that funding is due to run out Jan/Feb 2018. Paul commented that Peace IV may be able to help as this would link well with Community Planning.

Martina commended Valerie for her work in relation to the sub-groups all members agreed that Valerie's input is invaluable.

Paul then advised that CAWT group are currently trying to develop a service for vulnerable families. €5million has been secured for this cross border service which will operate along Armagh, Monaghan, Cavan, Newry & Dundalk.

Proposal includes Project Manager Band 8A and five Practitioners at Band 7.

Pat commented that Conference is due to be held in November and agreed to link in with his counter parts across the border to share contact details of Family Support Hubs.

Stephen advised that under PEACE IV initiative they have been asked to be involved in a piece of work looking at labour exploitation in border countries; this may link in with project Paul referenced.

Stephen agreed to share information with Paul who in turn will share with CAWT

Paul agreed to keep members updated on MACE project

Action 2&3

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7 Update from Locality Planning Groups

Darren gave an update on each of the LPG as detailed in report provided, highlighting some of the activities carried out.

Paul commented that there are some very good examples of multi-agency resourcing commending Darren and LPGs for work carried out.

Darren referenced scorecards provided highlighting that successful events can be arranged/held without requiring huge amounts of money. Darren advised that £850 is the cost for Milkshake & Maths Programme. £1400 was the cost of LADS & DADS programme which was an extremely positive experience for those dads involved.

Valerie suggested using scorecards as appendices within Action Plan to showcase what has been achieved.

8 Update Family Support Hubs

Rachel advised that Hubs continue to be extremely busy with higher number of referrals being received (37 last month). This increase in referrals in turn increases the demands on organisations. Rachel added that she will be attending steering group meeting to discuss how to manage this additionality.

Rachel referenced funding for Hubs advising that Southern Trust have agreed to fund for another year.

Pat commented that membership of FSH will again be reviewed and Hubs will continue to lobby for recurrent funding.

9 Peace IV Update/ Community Planning

Alison reported that PSCP remain focused on building positive relations, Community Planning remains closely linked to Peace IV – Alison asked members to contact her directly if they have any ideas/suggestions.

10 Agency Updates

Michael reported that YJA are working with Mildred Hollywood (HoS Residential Services) in relation to Young People resident in Children's Home who have been referred to justice system. Michael agreed to keep members updated on this.

Pat advised that Youth providers in the Armagh area are drawing up an application via PEACE IV re youth provision in the area; Pat agreed to keep members updated

Stephen advised that they have been involved in short film regarding BME families and potential barriers faced in relation to education, Stephen agreed to share with Task & Finish Group following launch by ABC

Allison referenced information sharing session re self-directed care being held on 24th Oct from 10am-12pm; all members are welcome to attend.

Rachel referenced EISS invitation; it was agreed that invite will be shared with Outcomes members for wider circulation within their respective organisations.

11 Date of Next Meeting

**Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 10am in SPACE Offices, 21 Monaghan Street
Newry**