

Quality Care - for you, with you

Southern Area Outcomes Group

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015 at 9.30am,
in
CIP Centre, 7 Foundry Street
Portadown, BT63 5AB

Present:

Colm McCafferty, Chair, SHSCT
Margaret Gibney, Administrator
Anne Hardy, CYPSP
Jacinta Linton, South Down Family Health
Stephen Smith, Craigavon Intercultural Programme
Ciara Burke, Health Improvement Armagh & Dungannon
Mairead McMullen, Clogher Valley Surestart Manager
Catriona Regan, Banbridge Council
Shirley Gillespie, Early Years
Colin Moffet, Newry & Mourne DC
Alison Foster,
Kieran Shields, SELB
Mairead Abraham, Southern Childcare Partnership
Maurice Leeson, HSCB
Nuala Haughey, CYPSP
Annie Clarke,
Pauline Leeson

Apologies:

Paul Morgan, Chair, SHSCT
Geraldine Maguire, SHSCT
Michael Hoy, SHSCT
Gerard Houlahan, Armagh & City District Council
Una Magee, Barnardos
Rachel Long, NIACRO
Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency
Gerry Bleakney, PHA
Helen Dunn, Regional Family Support Hub Co-ordinator
Joanne McCourt, BCM Project Manager
Michaela Cullen, BELONG
Diane Clarke, Craigavon DC
Deirdre Wiggins, NIHE

Welcome & Introductions:

Colm welcomed members to the meeting advising that he would be Chairing today's meeting in Paul's absence.

A round of introductions was completed and apologies were duly noted.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from 03 February were agreed with the following amendment:

Page 2; **Agency Updates** paragraph 2 should read:

'the draft budget indicates Surestart Budget is facing a potential £2million cut.'

Matter Arising:

Pg 7 High Level Report; Anne advised that to date no feedback has been received, it was agreed that the Report will be re-circulated to members, any comments to be returned to Anne by end of April.

Action:
High Level Report to be re-circulated to members any feedback/comments to be shared with Anne by end of April at latest.

Agency Updates:

Colm stated that there are no updates to report from a Trust perspective and asked members if they had any updates.

Mairead advised that the Draft Budget indicates a £1million cut to Surestart which equates to a 4% cut across the region this will have a significant impact on the Southern Area.

Pauline commented that this cut has the potential to have a knock of effect to other existing services such as Family Support Hubs suggesting it may be appropriate to circulate this information to those organisations.

Action:
Early Years Petition to be forwarded to Margaret for onward circulation to Outcomes Members

Jacinta provided an update on Big Lottery Funding application advising that application was successful; however written confirmation has not been received.

Stephen reported that unfortunately they were not successful and are also awaiting written confirmation of decision. Stephen advised that whilst feedback has been positive it was noted that the Big Lottery felt the application focused on Community Development too much.

Some discussion then ensued regarding the process regarding applications for funding and the tight timescales imposed. Members agreed that the tight timescale can hinder applications.

Colm suggested that the Outcomes Forum should/could be used to 'pool' member's resources and expertise in relation to the completion of Funding Applications agreeing to include it as standing agenda item.

Action:
To be added as standing item on agenda

Colm advised that the presentation from Local Implementation Team in relation to CAHMS "Stepped Care" Model will be deferred until next Outcomes Meeting.

Action
Geraldine Maguire to arrange for representative to attend next Outcomes Meeting to discuss LIT re CAHMS

EITP Update

Colm referenced detailed discussion held at previous meeting and subsequent feedback provided to Maurice Meehan outlining reservations from Outcomes Group in relation to the proposal.

Colm advised that PHA have decided to move forward with their original proposal, pilot area will be Craigavon & Banbridge locality; timeframe is unclear at present however it is envisaged that this will progress quite quickly.

Pauline conveyed her appreciation to Paul for presenting the views of the Group in an articulate response, noting that whilst there is some disappointment in relation to the outlined specification; as a whole the programme is welcomed. Jacinta echoed Pauline's sentiment. Maurice added that the development of the Programme will be closely monitored to ensure duplication of existing services is avoided.

Outcomes Funding

Colm asked members to consider potential projects which could be funded by Outcomes; further discussion will be held at next Outcomes meeting in June.

Action:

Members to consider potential funding of projects; for further discussion at next meeting.

Action Planning:

Anne referenced papers provided for today's meeting highlighting that members should revise indicators and provide feedback ASAP in order that Anne can collate and analyse information.

Action:

Members to provide feedback regarding indicators to Anne ASAP

Update from Locality Planning Groups

Pauline provided a brief update advising that Paul has met with LPG Chairs and this meeting was successful.

Pauline added that Nuala has continued in Julie's absence advising that Annie has now taken up post.

Feedback BME Task Group

Anne provided a brief synopsis of the Task Group referencing Summary Update provided for today's meeting. Anne advised that Stephen is due to attend Regional Sub-Group today and will provide feedback.

Maurice emphasised the importance of agencies taking a collective approach to deliver good/positive outcomes for BME families.

Mairead pointed out that Early Years and Surestart have provided excellent services to BME families highlighting the importance of including this information and evidence.

Action:

Anne to liaise with relevant agencies to capture information

Update Family Support Hubs

Colm provided a brief update on Family Support Hubs highlighting good referral rates, good infrastructure; encouraging figures dealing with 40-50 families each month.

Ongoing work still required regarding promotion.

Positive feedback and excellent relationships with schools noted.

Any Other Business

Stephen noted that BME families are being affected by Right to Reside highlighting that 10 clients per month are being referred to food bank and this figure is increasing.

Colm stated that Social Services have a responsibility to help families in need pointing out that these families should be referred into Gateway Service however this should not be viewed as a substitute for benefits.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 9.30am, Spaces Offices, 24 Monaghan Street, Newry