

Fife Voluntary Sector Mental Health Meeting

Thomson House, Methil Docks

Monday 18th February 2008, 14.00.

Present:

Bryan Poole	CVS Fife	Lesley Forbes	SAMH
Lyndsay Macadam	CVS Fife	Gary Guichan	Fife Advocacy
Cindy Mills	CVS Fife	Sallie Anderson	FEAT
John Jones	Express Group Fife	Stuart Pryde	Fife Family Support
Caroline Ward	LINK	Jim Bett	FAS
Elaine Fox	ENERGI	Chrys Muirhead	Peer Support Fife
Jane Mclver	LINK	Rhian Honce	EFWA
David Finch	Charis Counselling	Naomi Anderson	Arden House
Dianne Foster	'Clued Up'	Tim Collins	Penumbra
Roberta Lee	CRUSE	Colin Orr	Fife Hearing Voices

Lyndsay Macadam (CVS Fife) opened the meeting by suggesting each person give a short introduction by way of name and organisation.

Lyndsay then drew the group's attention to the previous minute 11.07.08

A correction to the previous minute (Part 4 Funding) was requested 'Elaine Fox told the group that Caroline Ward from LINK had received a letter informing her' etc should read, 'had heard there were plans' and that there 'might' be plans to create a full-time post for a funding advisor.

Some discussion followed around current Mental Health structures and voluntary sector representation in Fife and how this could be better organised.

Various ideas were proposed and discussed about how this could best be achieved.

It was agreed that:

- George Cunningham has said that he is happy for the Voluntary Sector to decide how the sector will best be represented and take the proposals to the next Fife Mental Health SIG meeting.
- There are currently 2 voluntary sector representatives on each local MHP so representatives should be chosen from among the sector to occupy these positions.
- The MHPs are working groups so representatives need to commit to attending meetings and liaising with the Forum.
- Representatives should be supported by and report back to the Forum.
- Representatives should organise themselves to ensure attendance, information-sharing and preparation for meetings.

- A pool of 3 or 4 representatives should be identified for each area to ensure consistent attendance.
- The Forum will request to be included in the SIG mailing list and that the minute of this meeting be provided to CVS Fife and the representatives from local area groups.
- All relevant papers and information be posted on the CVS Fife website.
- Forum meetings should be organised a couple of weeks before the Mental Health Partnership meetings and that ideally these will tie in with the Fife Wide SIG Meeting to ensure appropriate feedback is provided. (This might prove difficult if the local area meetings are at different times but the group will deal with this as best it can).
- Stuart Pryce (FFSN), Christina Cooper (Today Group) and Chrys Muirhead (Peer Support Fife) should meet to discuss service user/carer representation.
- John Dow should be invited to attend the next meeting.
- The next Forum meeting will be divided into two parts:
 - Part 1: Information sharing, giving everyone an opportunity to talk briefly about their organisation in order to increase familiarity.
 - Part 2: To decide what agenda the Forum should carry forward and take to the MH SIG / Health Board (part 2 to be arranged by Sallie and Gary).
- Bryan Poole agreed to write to George Cunningham and John Alexander (or his replacement) regarding the Funding Support Post - Sallie to send Bryan a copy of the minute of the meeting held on the 18th October.
- Stuart informed the group that the Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth MHP have offered to pay backfill for representatives' time at MHP meetings (since GPs are paid for their time). The forum should pursue a similar commitment from all MHPs.
- Gary Guichan and Sallie Anderson will continue their roles as voluntary sector representatives on the Mental Health SIG
- The vol. sector reps on the local Mental Health Partnerships will be:

Dunfermline & West Fife

Gary Guichan (Fife Advocacy)
John Jones (Express Group)
Lesley Forbes (SAMH)

Kirkcaldy & Levenmouth

Billy Moyes (Contact Point Kirkcaldy)
Diane Foster (Clued Up)
Stuart Pryde (FFSN)

Glenrothes & North East Fife

Jane McGiver & Caroline Ward (LINK Adolescent & LINK – shared representation)
Elaine Fox (Energi)
Helen Glass (NSF The Cottage)

Date of Next Meeting: 17th March @ 2pm

(Room booked and confirmed with Alison @ Thomson House on 18.02.08)