

Fife Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum Meeting

Cottage Family Centre, Kirkcaldy

Monday, 24 May 2010

Present:	Billy Moyes	Barony Housing Association Contact Point
	Christina Cooper	Circles Network
	Rachael Riddle	Cruse Bereavement Care Fife
	John Jones	Express Group (Fife) Limited
	Colin Orr	Fife Families Support Project
	Elaine Fox	ENeRGi
	Daksha Patel	Frae Fife
	Caroline Ward	LINK Adolescent Befriending Project
	Duncan Mitchell	FEAT
	Lyndsay Macadam	CVS Fife
	Carole Patrick	CVS Fife
	Carolyne Cerchiari	CVS Fife (Minutes)

1. Welcome and Introduction

John Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and after quick introductions from those attending John Jones commenced the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

Minutes of the 21st April were noted as correct.

2.1 Mental Health Collaborative Voluntary Sector Representation.

Lyndsay informed those present that Beth Sparling has retired as Lead and is being replaced by Mike Kelly. Lyndsay had informed the coordinator of the Collaborative that Chrys Muirhead would be representing the voluntary sector and this would be passed on to Mike Kelly. A general discussion took place on the function of the Collaborative.

- ❖ John asked Lyndsay to invite Mike Kelly to attend a future forum meeting.
- ❖ John also asked Lyndsay if she could look into the possibility of having the minutes from the Mental Health Collaborative posted on CVS website.

2.2 Befriending Project.

There is no update on this issue at present.

3. REPORT FROM MHP REPRESENTATIVES

3.1 Glenrothes & NEF MHP

All groups received another award for 6 months funding from February 2010. The Proposal to award £5,000 to Mental Health Week was approved which leaves £19,000 in the 10/11 budget. It was noted that the presence of the voluntary sector representatives played an important role in these decision-making processes. Elaine Fox raised the issue of expenses for representatives and the entitlement of everyone attending the meetings to be treated equally in relation to claiming expenses. Lyndsay stated that a proposal paper for backfill payment of representatives was drafted by CVS Fife last year and the proposal has been tabled previously on more than one occasion and circulated for comment but unfortunately no comments were received.

- ❖ Lyndsay and Carole to update previous proposal and re-circulate for discussion at a future meeting.
- ❖ Representatives were asked to raise this issue with the chairs at the LMHPs.

3.2 Kirkcaldy & Levenmouth MHP

The meeting held on Wednesday, 19 May. Discussions entailed previous year's money, expenditure and budget. They have £19,500 to allocate and are looking at drawing up criteria for bids based on their action plan. It has been said that bids will not be accepted for salaries/posts. They are also looking at a rolling action plan; a draft is to be submitted at the next meeting for approval. There will be some revisions to keep in line with strategic priorities but much will be carried forward from the previous plan as issues and projects are ongoing. Daksha had been invited to attend as a representative from the minority ethnic communities but couldn't make the last meeting but hopes to make the next meeting scheduled for 21st July 2010 at Whytemans Brae.

3.3 Dunfermline & West Fife MHP

Lyndsay contacted Shirley Sim - due to funding cuts Shirley can no longer attend these meeting as a representative; therefore there is no longer a representative at this partnership. Concerns were raised that no information can be found in relation to the Dunfermline & West Fife MHP unlike the other partnerships. It would be interesting to see copies of their minutes and look at how their money is spent.

- ❖ John Jones would like to meet Alan McGovern and asked Lyndsay to write to him and request a meeting.
- ❖ John also asked Lyndsay to find out the date of the next meeting of the Dunfermline & West Fife MHP and to write stating our intent to attend.

3.4 SIG

The next SIG meeting is scheduled for 12th August 2010; however there may be an additional one in July. The remit for 2 representatives was circulated this morning, inviting candidates.

- ❖ John requested that we pursue meeting with George Cunningham to clarify the role of potential representatives on the SIG.
- ❖ Lyndsay has circulated invitations for representatives and requested responses to be received within a 2 week period. Everyone was happy with this.

4. FORUM DATES - 2010

The next meeting will be held on either 20th/21st/22nd July. Venue to be arranged once date confirmed. Lyndsay thanked Christina Cooper from Circles for allowing us to hold this meeting on Circles premises.

- ❖ Lyndsay to email forum members to find out the most appropriate date for everyone.

5. AOCB

5.1 SeeMe Grant Scheme

Closing date for applications is 28th May, bids are for up to £5,000 aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination, and applications are available on line. It was stated that closing dates for Fife may be July and that the sum available sum for the whole of Fife is £5,000. It was encouraged at the meeting that everyone looks at signing up to SeeMe.

With no other items on the agenda or any other business John Jones closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending.