



Parental Mental Health and Child Welfare Steering Group Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2008.

Present: Richard Anderson, Judy Foster (Chair), David Goodban, Briony Hallam (for Rose de Paeztron) Lauren Herlitz, Oliver Kianchehr, Susan Macknight, Nicola Wallis Ginn, Jeni Webster Terry Bamford, Jean Healy (notes)

Apologies: Deborah Jamieson, Drew Lindon, Clare Mahoney, Rose de Paeztron, Nicky Stanley, Louise Wardale

Judy agreed to Chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

Introductions were made and new members welcomed to the group.

Matters Arising

Not clear if letter had gone to the DCSF on the mental health act implementation. Terry and Jean to check if this has been sent with copy to Peter Wright in GSCC as suggested by Judy at the last meeting.

To check Vicky's mail to see if letter sent to Shirley Trundle

MHF Research on Young Carers

September meeting dates that Vicky had arranged with Malcolm King did not materialise as no one could attend, Jean had informed Malcolm King and obtained 3 more dates which were sent to the group (6th, 15th and 20th October) Only three replies so **Jean to push to set date.**

Mental Health Act Implementation

Terry said that Drew, Vicky and Rose had attended the meeting with Jim Symington and had a general exchange of views. Jim had suggested the meeting with Malcolm King. The meeting with Kathryn Pugh was very positive and the outcome was DH involvement in the Study Day on 10th November.

Network Links

Terry spoke of the potential problem of 3 networks seeking funding from DoH. SPN had been asked to caretake the Safeguarding Leads Network until January and had met with Philip Jones in late August for clarification of the role and funding. No resolution had been reached. Terry said that there was a danger of multiple

networks cutting each others' throats in the funding rounds and suggested following up on David Goodban's idea of a "meta" network. Janet Cobb was supporting Safeguarding Leads and Perinatal Infant Mental Health network and Terry suggested David, Clare and he discussing synergies between the networks. David spoke of the huge interest (750 – 800 members) of the PIMH network which was far and above the expected membership. In principle he would be pleased to talk to Janet and Terry tomorrow as there was lots to tease out including relationship to sponsoring departments. He agreed that we shouldn't be competing, and need to work out a way to address this rationally. David happy to talk at this stage but can't commit to anything. PMHCWN is in the first year of three years of modest funding from DCSF, while the other two networks are uncertain re 09/10

Revolving Doors

Lauren spoke of the research project she was involved in aiming to explore the Government's proposal that all services should "Think Family" when working with adult clients who are part of families with multiple and complex problems.

Four case studies have been prepared for discussion and focus groups. Anyone from the steering group would be welcome to attend the focus groups. Four online focus groups and two face to face groups had been arranged.

These case studies were on attitudes of practitioners working with:-

1. A female in prison whose young children are cared for by their grandparents
2. A male in prison whose young children are cared for by ex-partner
3. a female in temporary accommodation with her children
4. Male in temporary accommodation whose children live with his ex partner

Scenarios 1 and 3 were pretty much covered and due to time issues, 2 and 4 were not as advanced.

Five main reasons found in difficulty with engaging with services

1. Feelings of practitioners towards clients who were sometimes unpleasant and not willing to help themselves, feeling that clients can't be helped
2. Practitioners personal feelings of job role eg comfort, time incentives
3. Organisation's management – lack of resources, time limited.
4. Interagency work always challenging
5. Clients' feelings towards services ie non-engagement with services, lack of trust

The main points of the discussion that followed were need for better training and better ways of supervising teams.

Terry asked to clarify if the focus groups would be asking what *should* or what *would* happen

Lauren replied that the first part would be what is happening and then what needs to happen to create the change.

Lauren to send electronic copy of the information to Jean to circulate with the minutes of this meeting

Lauren finished by inviting members of the group to assist in identifying practitioners to participate in the focus groups, to comment on the draft case studies and to review the findings from the research.

Study Day Update

No one able to feedback from the Safeguarding Leads study day so Judy asked Jean to ask for someone who had attended to feedback to the following meeting.

10th November Study Day

Terry updated on arrangements for this day.

So far Rose or Briony had agreed to speak re evaluation of Building Bridges – should have an update analysis ready at this stage.

Marie Diggins had still to confirm re CPA.

Jean had received telephone call from Louise saying that Merseycare were happy to be involved, and that it had been agreed with Vicky to send a letter formally inviting them. **To write letter of invitation to Merseycare .**

Richard was happy to present on the CAPE project evaluation.

Shula Ramon and Marin Webber not able to present on ASW research as not yet started project.

To follow through those who had not replied and get publicity out on website and through a newsletter this week (12th) To separate out workshops and plenary sessions

- Kate Billingham re Family Intervention Projects
- Caroline Pritchard (forwarded on to appropriate person) Family Pathfinders. If no response, another approach may be to contact a Family Pathfinder Project (Islington received money re young carers which could link in) David suggested multi systemic pilots of which there were 6 around the country and which would provide an interesting perception – contact Cathy James
- Amynta Cardwell – Central NW London Trust family service
- Claire Barcham – AMHPs
- Jerry Tew and Stewart Hendry -

SCIE/NICE Guidelines Progress Report

Consultation draft due at end of September to go first to the advisory group. There will be a national consultation event followed by external consultation after SCIE event..
The network seen to have a key role in dissemination of guidelines and in working in the 5 pilot areas.

Training Group

Group scheduled to meet next Monday..

Darryl Mayberry

Meeting at SCIE due to take place on 29th September from 10.30am. Judy, Drew and Nicola only confirmed to attend. **Jean to circulate details of Darryl's work and anyone from steering group welcome to attend.**

Regional Development Plans

Terry keen to build on "network entrepreneurs". To bring firm proposals back to next meeting. Susan had list of people in East Midlands but needs support in setting up a group. **Terry said he will draw up guidelines, suggestions and how to fund meetings for the next meeting.**

Any Other Business

Oliver in partnership with CAMHS is running concurrent groups for parent service users with children and looking to recruit a drama therapist to work with the children. David suggested the Myrtle Theatre Company.

Susan had details of Nottingham Mental Health Awareness week taking place in October for anyone interested. She was hoping to push awareness of the PMHCWN steering group at next year's event.

Next Meeting to take place on Tuesday 25th November (2.30 – 4.30) at [SCIE, Meeting Room 1](#)

To check Vicky's mail to see if letter sent to Shirley Trundle

Jean to finalise meeting with Martin King

Terry, Janet and David to speak about network synergies (then may be Terry, David and Clare?)

Jean to send Revolving Doors information on focus groups round with the minutes

Jean to ask for feedback from Safeguarding leads study day

Terry? Write to Merseycare formally inviting them to present at study day

To follow through study day speakers and finalise provisional programme to send out via newsletter and website.

Jean to circulate details of Darryl's work and anyone from steering group welcome to attend.
Terry To draw up guidelines for Regional Development