



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

22 APRIL 2014 at 8.30AM

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Cllr Adele Heasman	Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Judy Rice	Manly Club for Seniors
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit
Jeanette Bywater	Community Representative
Hania Norman	Community Representative - Precincts

Council Staff

Eric Poulos	Community Services Manager – Minutes
Anna Nikolov	Community Development Officer

Observer

Angela Pink	NSW Department of Family & Community Services
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Sydney North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local
Manly Youth Council

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services Planning and Policy Advisory Committee** met on 22 April 2014 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.35am. Cllr Griffin chaired the meeting.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor, Cllr Jean Hay (ex-officio), Jason Kioko, Jacqueline Smith, Susan Watson, Richard Hewitt, Kris Hume, Christine Del Gallo, Sam Wilkins, Katie Acheson and Sandra Faase made apologies.

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The HS&SP Committee Meeting Minutes of 25 February 2014 are confirmed. These minutes were adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting on 10 March 2014.

Secretariat

MATTERS ARISING

Committee Membership

The Chairperson welcomed Angela Pink from the NSW Department of Family & Community Services to the meeting as an observer replacing Virginia Wilson.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that Ms Angela Pink be confirmed as appointed on the HS&SP Committee representing the NSW Department of Family & Community Services.

CSM

Update on Manly Youth Strategy

Eric Poulos gave an update. Youth researchers who were trained by consultant were very successful. The idea was that young people would go out to survey other young people after they had been trained. Over 1600 youth surveys have been completed. This far exceeded expectations. Around 1,000 are in hard copy. Timeframe has been set back due to large number of written survey to be inputted and limited access to casuallists to help. The Strategy is on budget, but likely to go to Council in July 2014. The data analysis will be complete by the end of April. Internal consultations with key managers and teams need to commence in May following the data analysis. Manly Youth Council (MYC) very involved and two young people from MYC addressed Councillors prior to a Council meeting on 7 April 2014 during Youth Week which was well received.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Council write to the MYC to thank the two representatives for presenting to the Council during Youth Week.

CSM

Update on Kangaroo St

Cllr Cathy Griffin noted that the Kangaroo St Centre was being discussed in the context of facilities and services for children and youth and that a longer term plan for child and youth facilities would come out of further research. Eric Poulos gave an update and noted that deployment of Council staff at Kangaroo St was an operational issue. Council had moved away from the drop-in centre model and was still providing programs at Kangaroo St. Concentrating on the Youth Strategy will give Council a plan for further development. In the meantime, young people could make appointments to see the Youth Development Officer as needed. It was suggested that this information be formally conveyed to the MYC.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be conveyed to the MYC.

CSM

Topics for Discussion for 2014

The Committee discussed the need for a guest speaker for the next Committee Meeting on 24 June, to discuss the Future of Health Services on the Northern Beaches and in particular the new hospital. Melissa Palermo advised that she would liaise with Eric Poulos and provide contacts to follow up.

CSM

- ITEM 4 PRESENTATION BY PAUL KLARENAAR, DIRECTOR, HEALTH PROMOTION, NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT. TOPIC: STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS IN HEALTH PROMOTION**
Mr Paul Klarenaar, Director, Health Promotion, from Northern Sydney

Local Health District made a presentation about the Strategic Directions in Health Promotion.

Points of interest include:

- Priorities to tackle are in three areas of Tobacco, Obesity and Alcohol.
- Northern Beaches area has lowest level of smoking. Still can be improved to bring down the level of preventable deaths.
- Also working with hospitality industry and restaurants, particularly Asian restaurants where smoking levels are high.
- Working in the area of obesity is more complex. There is a three pronged approach to work in schools, workplaces and the community.
- In schools programs like Live Life Live Well, Ready Set Grow and Go Active to School are promoted.
- At workplaces Go Active to Work and Workplace Travel Plans are examples to be promoted.
- In the Community, are promoting improvements in the built environment which add to healthy lifestyles.
- Health promotions are said to save the community \$5 in health system costs for every \$1 invested.
- Get Healthy Telephone Coaching – 1300 806 258.
- Falls Prevention particularly relevant for older people.
- Alcohol issues are wide-ranging from underage drinking to rates of hospitalisation and tackling the supply of alcohol.
- The Manly Hospital had implemented two initiatives which were transferable to other organisations including producing a Transport Access Guide and a Workplace Travel Plan.
- A Transport Access Guide is a concise presentation of how to reach a site or venue using low-energy forms of transport - public transport, walking or cycling.
- A Workplace Travel Plan is an organisation's plan to make getting to and from the workplace easier for employees, and to reduce dependence on private vehicles and parking spaces. A travel plan supports promotion of walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing reinforced with promotion and incentives.
- Discussion occurred on follow-up to these issues. Judy Rice will look at how Falls Prevention can help at the Senior's Centre. The Health Promotion Unit offered to give talk to the MYC. It was suggested that the Council's Traffic & Transport Department look into developing a Transport Access Guide and a Workplace Travel Plan for Council.
- The Committee thanked Mr Paul Klarenaar for his thought-provoking presentation. A PDF of the presentation will be included with these minutes.

Recommendations

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. Council write to the Premier and Local Member, the Honourable Mr Mike Baird and the Minister for Health, Ms Jillian Skinner commending the good work of the Health Promotions and the need for the Government to maintain its commitment to Health Promotions.
2. Council consider the initiative for developing a Transport Access Guide and a Workplace Travel Plan.

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ITEM 5 SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

Ms Angela Pink, NSW Department of Family & Community Services (FACS) advised that FACS was restructuring, its Officers would cover specific local areas and that the Department had aligned its regional

districts with Area Health Districts. Funds to the Northern Beaches were to be maintained at current levels. In the homelessness area there are currently contracts to be determined for Tenancy Support, Youth Homelessness One Stop Shops for East and West Regional Districts and Generalist Homelessness Services for East and West Regional Districts. The emphasis is on early intervention. Current organisations receiving funding will need to submit or become part of a consortium and contracts will be determined in May with a transition period for services until September.

Ms Melissa Palermo, Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit advised that it would be her last meeting as she would be on maternity leave. The committee wished Melissa all the best and thanked her for all her valuable input.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Tuesday 24 June 2014

Time: 8.30-10.30am

Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.30 am