



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 26 FEBRUARY 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman Manly Council

Other Representatives

Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Jason Kioko	Pioneer Clubhouse
Susan Gomola	Manly Drug and Alcohol Education Centre
Virginia Wilson	NSW Department of Family & Community Services, Community Services
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit
Janette Bywater	Community Member

Council Staff

Kathryn Fayle	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities
Eric Poulos	Community Services Manager
Sandra Faase	Community Development Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services Planning and Policy Advisory Committee** met on 26 February 2013 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 8.35am. Cllr Adele Heasman took the chair in the absence of other Councillors.	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE The Mayor (Manly Council was ex-officio), Cllr Candy Bingham, Cllr Cathy Griffin, Richard Hewitt	Noted
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest	
ITEM 3	MEETING SCHEDULE Recommendation: That the Committee Meeting Schedule for 2013 be adopted. It being: 23 April, 25 June, – Sydney North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local – invite guest speaker	Secretariat

27 August – TBA
22 October

ITEM 4 TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION - 2013

The following topics were recommended for inclusion on the agenda for discussion at future 2013 Committee meetings:

- 23 April – Update on Manly 2015 – invite internal speaker
- 25 June – Sydney North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local – invite guest speaker
- 27 August – TBA
- 22 October – Northern Beaches Headspace Youth Mental Health Service – Invite guest speaker

Recommendation:

That the proposed topics be noted for the 2013 year.

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ITEM 5 SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

All service providers present were invited to provide an update:

Pioneer Clubhouse:

- Have recently completed renovations and are looking for referrals
- Running healthy lifestyles programs linking physical and mental health issues with goal to rebuild and for people to socialise
- Are part of the Partners in Recovery (PIR) initiative About \$4 million has been funded into the Manly, Warringah, Pittwater, Mosman and North Sydney Area – funds used to employ support facilitators who co-ordinate service providers to assist people who have complex mental health issues. Looking to engage with about 470 people. The lead agency of the consortia is Community Care Northern Beaches and involves agencies such as Medicare Local, Area Health, Schizophrenia Fellowship and UntingCare Health.

Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit:

- Have projects currently concentrating on tackling obesity in young children, partnering with MDECC in a secondary supply project, primary school gardening projects, etc.
- Focus is on healthy eating and lifestyles.

Manly Community Centre (MCC):

- Have FaCS Community Builders funding and ran successful Community Builders Forum on Tuesday 19 February with good attendance of service providers to promote capacity building..
- Hold regular NBs Community Hubs one-stop shops for services, next one on Tuesday 19 March.
- Are involved in organising a Multicultural Women's Domestic Violence Forum to be held 26 March at Dee Why RSL with guest speakers.
- Run a homelessness outreach service which will be offered 3 days a week. Have 12 week funding to develop a database for crisis accommodation.
- Run a legal advice service once a month with 11 solicitors and advise on family & civil matters, but don't do criminal advice –

leading to more referrals to other services.

- MCC also involved with Manly Women's Shelter – Issues are complex with 75% of women clients having mental health issues.

Family and Community Services (FaCS):

- FaCS representative chaired successful Community Builders Forum held at MCC on 19 February reaching new services.
- FaCS formed when Departments of Ageing Disability Home Care (ADHC), Housing, Businesslink and Community Services came under one single Department. Currently aligning their boundaries which will see offices relocated.
- Change in children's services with responsibility moving to the Department of Education and Communities. Community Services still looking after funding (pre-schools, long day care, etc.) until new systems are set up.
- Funding for Lone Parents service went to tender. Statistics showed this early intervention service was needed on Northern Beaches and Centacare (Naremburn) will run the service.
- Advised they have a specialist homelessness services team, but that the actual housing stock is located in central and inner Sydney area, not on Northern Beaches.

Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities:

- Advised update on Aboriginal Youth project being progressed via Council's Youth Services with the \$15,000 that used to be allocated for the Northern Sydney Aboriginal Social Plan.
- 10 Indigenous children from Manly's Sister City Gunnedah to be accommodated at Royal Far West – to connect with local youth and Indigenous cultural organisations as well as experience city activities – Tribal Warrior harbour cruise, Taronga Zoo, etc in April school holidays.

MDECC:

- Have programs for young people aged 12-28 and their parents – using a harm minimisation model in which parents and young people are counselled separately.
- Recent fundraiser raised \$60,000. Funding predominantly from Commonwealth & the State government.
- Currently have a grant to undertake a research project for their program which assists parents to promote the independence of their older children living at home, who have substance issues.
- Partner with Health Promotion for their secondary supply of alcohol project to educate parents.
- Have a 'drinks check' program that runs in licensed premises, to educate young people. Also looking to revisit supply project whereby parents and siblings are providing alcohol at home to young people.
- Have a cannabis harm minimisation program.
- Are on the Headspace consortium.
- Are building to bridge the gap with Mental Health & have now employed a clinical psychologist, who can make referrals to

appropriate services.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Vote for Chairperson

Recommendation:

That Cllr Heasman and Cllr Cathy Griffin serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee.

Secretariat

Additional Community Representation on Committee

Those present wished to see more community representation on the Committee. It was suggested that an expression of interest go out to Council's Precinct Community Forums and assess the responses. If new Community Representatives were successfully recruited this way, the Committee's Terms of Reference would have to be changed to reflect new numbers.

Recommendation

That Manly's Precincts be contacted in order to recruit other Committee Community Representatives.

Secretariat

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 23 April 2013

Time: 8.30-10.30am

Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.45am.