



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 24 FEBRUARY 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

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

Other Representatives

Jason Kioko	Pioneer Clubhouse
Susan Watson	Manly Drug Education Centre
Nitin Chitre	Sydney North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local
Judy Rice	Manly Club for Seniors
Jeanette Bywater	Community Representative (U3A)

Council Staff

Sandra Faase	Senior Community Development Officer – Minutes
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Visitors /Guest Speakers

Barbara Bice, Area Coordinator, Ability Links NSW
Anne Springfield and Tania Johnson, Linkers, Metro North.
Ability Links NSW

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services and Social Planning Advisory Committee** met on 24 February 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced 8.35am. Cllr Heasman chaired the meeting.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Apologies from: Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Jacqueline Smith
Ability Links guest speakers were introduced and welcomed.

ITEM 2 There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The Committee Minutes of 28 October 2014 were confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

Committee Membership

As recommended at the October 2014 meeting:

ACTION

Secretariat

- Kevin Kingsbeer from Mission Australia's Fairlight Centre was invited in writing to join the Committee due to a current vacancy. As there is no response as yet, to be followed.

In response to other correspondence:

- Christine Del Gallo advised she was no longer able to participate – and suggested the Principal of Balgowlah Boys Campus might like to join the Committee.
- Richard Hewitt advised he would like to stay on the Committee.
- Hania Norman, the Precinct Community Representative, was confirmed as having moved from the area.

Thus there are currently two vacancies on the Committee.

The Dept. of Family & Community Services representative Angela Pink has retired. Her replacement has been contacted and will advise soon about participation.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. The letter to Kevin Kingsbeer be followed up.
2. A letter be written to the NSW Secondary Principals Association to find a replacement on the Committee.

**SCDO/
Secretariat**

ITEM 4 PRESENTATION BY ABILITY LINKS NSW

Barbara Bice, Ability Links NSW Northern Sydney Area Coordinator, presented along with local 'Linkers' Anne Springfield & Tania Johnson.

- Ability Links Linkers work with people with disability who are aged 9 to 64 years, their families and carers to help them plan for their future, build on their strengths and skills, and develop networks in their own communities so they can do what they want with their lives - outside of the traditional disability service system.
- Linkers also work with local communities to help them become more welcoming and inclusive of people with disability employing community development and universal access principles.
- UnitingCare NSW/ACT in partnership with Settlement Services International have been successful in gaining funding to coordinate the program in Northern Sydney, Western Sydney, Nepean Blue Mountains, Illawarra Shoalhaven and Southern NSW Districts.
- Examples were provided demonstrating how the program is assisting people with disabilities.
- As the program is still relatively new the number of people being assisted is still building. People can come in and out of the program for assistance as is required. SSI have bi-lingual staff if there are any CALD clients that require assistance.

The Committee thanked the guest speakers for their presentation.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. Ability Links be asked to provide professional development training for Council staff on inclusion.
2. A meeting be organised between local Linkers and Council's Volunteer Coordinator to explore volunteer opportunities to promote inclusion for their clients.
3. Ability Links present at the Access & Mobility Committee in April.
4. A list of Council contacts in the various service areas be provided to Ability Links who can be of assistance in providing and enhancing inclusion in their service areas.

HR Mgr

Vol Coord

A&M Cttee

SCDO

ITEM 5 SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

Sydney North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local

- Nitin Chitre attended on behalf of the SNS&BML and tabled a letter dated 2 February 2015 (attached) advising that they have put in a joint tender for the new larger area Primary Health Care Network with the Northern Sydney Medicare Local. Their funding is to 30 June 2015.

Manly Club for Seniors

- Ran a very successful 6 week falls prevention program with Medicare Local funding in October and November.
- Club activities feature in Council's Seniors Week program with all Club activities for free during Seniors Week and also a free luncheon on 18 March.

Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre

- Funding from Dept of Health has been extended for 12 months.
- Are presenting a paper at the National Addiction Conference.

Pioneer Club House

- 750 attended Wellness Walk in November and raised \$90,000.
- Are partners in the Partners in Recovery program and will be involved in a forum about program outcomes.
- Are looking at developing a similar clubhouse in Chatswood.

Council Community Development team

- Tabled the 2015 Seniors Week program and Seniors Week Event Flyer – a Aboriginal Heritage Talk at Manly Art Gallery & Museum followed by a Bush Tucker BBQ on 17 March,
- Attended the National Disability Services Conference on 17 February. Another team member attended 16 February. Progress towards the National Disability Insurance Scheme was outlined and lack of housing and employment for people with a disability were also topics of note.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

A suitable guest speaker to be found for the April meeting.

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ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 28 April 2015

Time: 8.30-10.30am

Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.15am.