



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 28 APRIL 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 & Counselling Centre
Kris Hume	Sydney North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local
Judy Rice	Manly Club for Seniors
Richard Hewitt	Community Representative
Mischa Rado	Manly Youth Council – alternate representative

Council Staff

Sandra Faase	Senior Community Development Officer – Minutes
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Visitors /Guest Speakers	Clare Gardiner – Northside Community Forum
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services and Social Planning Advisory Committee** met on 28 April 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced 8.40am. Cllr Heasman chaired the meeting.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Apologies: Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Jacqueline Smith, Elaine Macnish. Manly Youth Council representative, Mischa Rado, welcomed.

ITEM 2 There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The Committee Minutes of 24 February 2015, were confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING

Committee membership:

- Kevin Kingsbeer from Mission Australia's Fairlight Centre has accepted the invitation to join the Committee.

ACTION

Secretariat

- FaCS representative Angela Pink has retired and has been replaced with Elaine Macnish, who gave her apologies.
- As requested, a letter was sent to the Secondary Principals' Council to recruit another local Principal to the Committee.

Ability Links:

- The Committee suggested other ways Ability Links could publicise their program eg. Council eNews.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. Kevin Kingsbeer be provided with Committee meetings dates etc.
2. Include an item about the Ability Links in Council's eNews.
3. Advise Council's Youth Development Officer of Ability Links with the view of having them address Manly Youth Council.

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ITEM 4 PRESENTATION ON AGED CARE REFORMS

Clare Gardiner, Home Support & Integrated Care Officer, Northside Community Forum, presented on current reforms to Aged Care services and the introduction of the My Aged Care portal.

- From 1 July, Home & Community Care (HACC) services will be consolidated with 3 other programs to form the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)
 - Submissions closed to the CHSP draft national fees policy on 15 April. Many submissions were received, including from Council given Council auspices Manly Meals on Wheels which falls under this program (submission tabled).
 - Fees for all CHSP service types will be introduced from 1 November 2015, increasing costs for services. There are no caps or limits on these fees, although there are pensioner and part-pensioner minimum fees, and hardship provisions.
 - The two main philosophies underpinning the program are: a wellness /restorative approach; and consumer directed care. With many currently receiving more hours service under HACC than those in lower level packaged care, the introduction of fees are intended to move clients with greater needs to packaged care.
 - From 1 July all referrals to aged care, including the CHSP, will be via the My Aged Care (MAC) portal/phone line.
 - MAC will screen clients, provide information, direct referrals to services, and refer for face to face assessment to a Regional Assessment Team for CHSP services, and to an Aged Care Assessment Team, for packaged care.
 - A 4 month contract period is offered to all HACC services to 31 October 2015 to enable transfer to the new CHSP arrangements.
- The Committee thanked the Claire for her presentation and suggested that once the CHSP is underway, a follow up presentation be made.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. The presentation be distributed to Committee members.
2. Another presentation on CHSP be held in the future.

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ITEM 5 SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre

- Funding from State Govt. has been extended for 12 months.
- The main drug issue they deal with is cannabis.

Manly Club for Seniors

- Seniors week was a success with 70-80 at their BBQ lunch event.

- The club has about 400 members.

Sydney North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local (SNS&BML)

- The SNS&BML joint tender for the new larger area Primary Health Care Network with the Northern Sydney Medicare Local has been successful (letter tabled and attached).
- The new Northern Sydney PHCN will cover a much larger area with substantially fewer resources eg. 100+ staff reduced to 21.
- Advised there is more funding for a falls prevention program but it has to be used and acquitted before 30 June.

Pioneer Club House

- Are partners in the Partners in Recovery program and will be involved in a forum on program outcomes.
- Have clients who are affected by long-term ice use.
- Are partnering to develop mental health training via Community Colleges.

Youth Representative

- Advised recent Youth Week was a success with a Half Pipe skate facility installed in the Corso and various bands to entertain.

Manly Community Centre

- Have recruited a new Community Development Worker.
- Are developing their Strategic Plan.

Council Community Development team

- 35 attended Seniors Week event, an Aboriginal Heritage Talk at the Manly Art Gallery followed by a bush tucker BBQ.
- Will undergo a Quality Audit in late May to ensure Council's Disability funded services meet the Disability Service Standards.
- CD team ensure they input into aged and disability policy by drafting submissions for management consideration.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. Council facilitate taking up funds available from SNS&BML for a Falls Prevention program as a matter of priority given the tight timeline and interest from the Club for Seniors to run it.
2. The SNS&BML be congratulated on their successful joint tender for the Northern Sydney Primary Health Care Network.
3. The Manly Community Centre be congratulated on the development of their Strategic Plan which the Committee looks forward to tabling when finalised.
4. All service providers be congratulated for their resilience during this time of major reforms, including those run by Council.

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ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Proposed change in Census

There is currently a proposal to have the Census conducted every 10 years. A pro-forma letter was tabled arguing for the retention of the five year census, with all present agreeing with the arguments put.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. A letter be sent to the Federal Government advocating for the retention of the 5 yearly census.

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

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ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 23 June 2015

Time: 8.30-10.30am

Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.30am.