



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 27 OCTOBER 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Candy Bingham Manly Council

Other Representatives

Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Susan Watson	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre
Jonathan Noyes	Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit
Judy Rice	Manly Club for Seniors
Jeanette Bywater	Community Representative
Mischa Rado	Manly Youth Council representative
Kevin Kingsbeer	Mission Australia, Fairlight Centre
Lynelle Hales	Sydney North Health Network

Council Staff

Sandra Faase	Senior Community Development Officer – Minutes
Leann Martin	Community Safety Coordinator, Manly Council

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services and Social Planning Advisory Committee** met on 27 October 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced 8.30am. Cllr Bingham agreed to chair the meeting.	
ITEM 1	WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies: Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Cathy Griffin, Cllr Adele Heasman, Melaney Mitchell, Jason Kioko, and Richard Hewitt. New Committee member Lynelle Hales, Sydney North Health Network CEO, was introduced and welcomed.	ACTION
ITEM 2	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES The Committee Minutes of 25 August 2015 were confirmed. These minutes were adopted by Council on 7 September 2015.	Secretariat
	MATTERS ARISING	

Priority Issues for the Committee and Manly

Following on from the August meeting, the need for transitional housing for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness was discussed in the context of the imminent closure of Fairlight House (mid-2017) and Elsie Hill at Royal Far West.

The planning for the hospital site and zoning has been handed over to the Planning Minister after a community advisory Committee was consulted. Despite this, the Committee felt it should still advocate for this as a possible site for transitional housing.

With impending Council amalgamations, concerns were raised that the legacy of the Committee may be lost and that the issues it has been championing may 'fall off' the agenda". The Committee felt that it was important that a similar Committee operates in the future.

It was proposed a workshop meeting of the Committee be held in mid to late November (possibly Tuesday 17 November) at the Manly Community Centre, to compile a brief statement documenting the five key priority areas in human services/social planning for the Manly area, which could be communicated in future planning processes. This document to include a snapshot of services currently available, and threats and opportunities. A template to be made available to assist in compiling this document.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. The Committee convenes a workshop in mid-to late November to enable members to draft a brief document identifying what it sees as the five key priority areas in human services / social planning issues in Manly and the surrounding area.

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ITEM 4 GUEST SPEAKER:

Guest Speaker, Cathy Hockey, Northside Enterprise Inc.

The scheduled guest speaker from the Affordable Housing Taskforce was unable to attend and the Taskforce advised they would like to present to a future meeting.

Cathy Hockey who runs the Northside Enterprise Inc. Bushlink Supported Open Employment Program expressed an interest in presenting thus was invited to be guest speaker.

Bushlink provides people with an intellectual and /or multiple disabilities who need daily on-going support to retain a job, the opportunity to work in open socially inclusive employment under the relevant industry award.

The program has been initially funded by Roche and aims to be self-sustaining. Programs such as these fill the gap between those who require supported employment and open employment.

The Bushlink team has 6 workers, who are currently employed at various sites including local schools. Bushlink is looking to expand its employment opportunities in the community. More information can be found on the Northside Enterprise web site and this video:

<https://youtu.be/P2u2kIgZmAs>

The Committee thanked Ms Hockey for presenting on this very worthwhile program at such short notice.

ITEM 5 SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES

MDECC

- Is running the Smart Recovery program for young people which assists with overcoming problematic behaviours, including addiction to drugs and alcohol.

Mission Australia

- Advised their programs also assist families as part of the Going Home, Staying Home programs.
- Advised that most homelessness at present is most prevalent among men aged 40 to 45, and is increasing for single women aged 40 to 45.

Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit

- Are running the Stop the Supply campaign and the Hungover Your Over campaign.

Youth Council representative

- Reported on the successful Next Wave youth band event on the Ocean Beach stage the Friday before the Jazz Festival.
- It was suggested that a Youth event could also be held with the Food & Wine Festival or other mainstream events.

Sydney North Health Network

- The SNHN has amalgamated 2 former Medicare Locals into one larger entity, including the North Shore & Beaches Medicare Local.
- They are consulting for their strategic plan and will consult the Committee.
- They are recruiting members for their community consultative committee and Clinical Council – details can be found on their website.

Manly Club for Seniors

- The Club's AGM is on 5 November.

Manly Community Centre

- Reported on the varied programs at the Centre.

ITEM 6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 23 February 2016

Time: 8.30-10.30am

Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.00 am