



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Consumer
Date: 8 July 2013

Present: Bev, Sally, Louise, Jean, Geraldine, Bill, David, Michael, Jo Maiden

Apologies: Donna

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• welcome and apologies• information was given to the group on Medicare eHealth Record System	
Previous minutes & business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• previous minutes accepted	

<p>Dementia Workgroup project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a copy of the Dementia Workgroup project plan was given to the group • memory loss 'hub' based at Noarlunga Library – providing information and activities • The resources will include sensory activities, games, activity 'packs' with themes, DVD's, material in other languages, large print, maps, music • Collaboration between SSRG Dementia Workgroup, City of Onkaparinga Libraries & possibly Alzheimer's Australia SA • Would like to find a grant, ideally so a project officer can be employed to run the project • Library staff will require education and training re dementia care • Possibly engage volunteers to assist • Workgroup members will commit to being at the Hub for periods of time to meet consumers and give information, referrals and advocacy • Suggestion: have information for carers of dementia clients up on a notice board when you enter the hub 	
<p>Transport discussion – Jo Maiden</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo is researching transport issues and writing a report • thank you for the previous information supplied it has been very useful • community transport in City of Onkaparinga has the Community Bus, Noarlunga Volunteer Transport, Community Bus at Willunga and Red Cross – all community options should be viewed as a last resort....first option should be seeking help from family members, using taxi vouchers etc • Questions raised: should the system be means tested? Should it be driven by volunteers? • Has the system relied too long on the goodness and cheapness of volunteers? • the lack of bus shelters was highlighted...needed to protect consumers from the elements 	

Louise Fuller – personal study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louise is doing a Masters in Public Health at Flinders University• Louise needs some volunteer participants to interview• Any carer who supports a person with a mental illness who is a 'smoker'• looking at the connections between smoking and mental illness, the impact, the cost and the health issues experienced	
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Next meeting date: 14 October 2013
Time: 1.30 - 3.30 pm
Venue: Civic Area, City of Onkaparinga