



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Dementia
Date: 3 July 2012

Present: Gill Schulze, Jacqui Bowden, Lisa Darby, Coral Sharp, Krystyna Kahmann, Chris O'Brien, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (minutes)

Apologies: Nikki Chadburn (Chair), Sharron Irwin, Bridget Kempster, Sheryle Olney, Terry Hales, Jacinta Robertson

Agenda Items	Discussion	Further Action Required
Welcome and apologies	Sally chaired the meeting in the absence of Nikki Welcomes and apologies noted	
Previous minutes	Minutes approved	
Business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificates of attendance given out at the session 20 June had expiry date for the same day. Is this a typo? Should the date have been 20 June 2013? With the current expiry date attendees cannot use the certificate to gain the points towards their accreditation.• One care worker placed his certificate down for a moment after the session and it is believed the trainer packed it up with her papers, can enquiries be made and the certificate returned to the worker please?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coral to talk with DTSC re certificates of attendance
Project Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The two remaining sessions are both full with a waiting list of about 12 people• All sessions have gone well with good attendance• Helpers at sessions do not need to take anything, both Bev and Sally will be there to bring required items and set up	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from sessions is good – the DVD is great – good interaction within the groups • At one session the concept of depression was raised and this became a cause for concern as there were very differing views around the room. Jacqui spoke on the issue of depression stating it can be caused by a variety of reasons - chemical imbalance - you cannot just 'get over it'. Ways to manage depression and what the care worker can do to help was discussed • One session had some residential care workers in attendance who were looking for more information on dementia including sexual behaviours and management strategies • The group then held a discussion around sexuality, ageing and dementia. This was decided to be a topic of discussion for a later date • Attendees were in need of pens at the sessions • Care workers have already asked when the next topic is going to be run. They are very keen • Sally would like to organise a consumer to do the training and give feedback / critique the session. However, if she attended she would have to be a passive observer and not participate in any way. The group were also concerned that there may be care workers she knows attending which may be uncomfortable. It was decided that it would be better to attend a session in one of the other collaborative regions. The group would value her input. • Do we want to run the next topic? - Activities and Therapies – this appears to be the logical follow on • Would DTSC do the training again for free? If not how much do they charge? • If we have to pay for training it might mean we run less sessions • Session would be a basic overview of three different types of therapy - music, art and sensory therapy • Part of training would be activities for people in their own homes – what a care worker can do – what resources they can take with them into the home – how to use the resources • Could we apply for funding for SSRG to keep the training ongoing somehow? • Ring attendees for follow-up in a few months' time and ask them three questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did you find it? • What difference did it make to your practice now? • What do you see as being the benefits for you and your clients in the future? • Only need to do 10% of attendees • Do before next round of training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to purchase pens for the remaining sessions • Coral to ask DTSC about costs
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborative Project colleague in the north is doing similar training and Sally has shared all our resources with her, she commented that we were very thorough 	
Dementia Link Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showed new brochures to members with rebranding • Alzheimer's has gone 'National' with a National marketing strategy • Lots of coverage with Ita Buttrose as the National ambassador of Alzheimer's Australia • Running a two day Dementia conference – day 1 - for family carers and day 2 for care workers and coordinators – 18 and 19 September – Intercontinental Hotel. 	
Project Officer Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Regional Alliance Conference – save the date flyer given out – 20 and 21 September 2012. SSRG will be presenting the Working Carers Resource at the conference. Equal Opportunity Commission will also be presenting case scenarios and there will be a workshop component. Will be sending out more information about the conference soon. • MRU Information session: Hospital avoidance and discharge support services – session run by Eastern Collaborative Project and MRU – Thursday 19 July, 2.30pm – Unley Civic Centre – flyers handed out • Working Carers Resource – trial is underway at ECH and will be starting at City of Onkaparinga in a couple of weeks. Resource to raise awareness of working carers in the workplace. • In Home Services workgroup – was successful in non-recurrent funding application to employ a project officer to develop a resource to better inform the health sector about community care. Next steps are to write a position description and employ a project officer 24 hrs/week for one year. The position will be based at the City of Onkaparinga with Sally and Bev. • National Aged Care Conference – 6 and 7 August – must register by 6 July • The above conference is on the same day as the next dementia workgroup meeting. Decision to delay meeting to 14 August. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev to find and book a venue for meeting
Gap Identification	No gaps identified	

Information round	Lisa – Handed out flyer - AAMI Stadium Invitation tour and Lunch "A Day Out for Men" As part of Men's Health Week men are invited to join Sadie for a tour around AAMI Stadium followed by lunch at Checkside Tavern. Wednesday 18 July, 9am – 3pm. \$24 includes transport, tour and lunch.	
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Next meeting: Tuesday 14 August 2012
Civic Area, City of Onkaparinga

1 - 3pm Afternoon tea provided