



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: Dementia
Date: 4 September 2012

Present: Nikki Chadburn (Chair), Terry Hales, Coral Sharp, Deb Craggs, Sharron Irwin, Krystyna Kahmann, Chris O'Brien, Bridget Kempster, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (minutes)

Apologies: Jacqui Bowden, Lisa Darby, Gill Schulze, Sheryle Olney, Jacinta Robertson

Agenda Items	Discussion	Further Action Required
Welcome and apologies	Welcomes and apologies noted	
Previous minutes / Business arising	Minutes approved	
Training sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members read through the evaluation sheets• Results look positive• Could this data be used to obtain ongoing government funding for dementia training?• Coral and Sally are meeting with Marie Alford on 10 October to discuss train the trainer idea• The group was disappointed that there were no statements/comments with the evaluation sheets• All information gained is very static – would have liked some comments included to draw conclusions from• Can we ask to view the original evaluation forms?• Coral has sent an email to DTSC asking about original evaluation forms - waiting	

	<p>on a reply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where to from here? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat the training? • Do next topic in training – activity based? • More training with care workers in the community – but in what format? • Coral is concerned that activity based training might be targeted at care workers in residential facilities and not at community workers • Coral would like to view the training before we start anything • Could we support organisations and provide training using their 'activities' that are in their libraries? • Hands on / practical training for care workers to be able to use the available resources? • Do we go back to basics – teaching workers how to engage clients? • Use the Montessori Method to implement dementia training? • Chris spoke about 'enhancing independence'. 'Enhancing independence' works well with dementia clients because it is goal focussed – short and long term goals that are achievable. If there is a carer in the home they can also become involved with the process. Also works well in day programs. • ECH are rolling out some training based around this method specifically for home support workers • Could we adapt it / write our own similar version to train care workers in this methodology? • Perhaps ask Joyleen Thomas from the Better Practice Project to be involved and tailor some training for care workers based around 'enhancing independence' • The next meeting to be cancelled until after Coral and Sally have met with Marie (DTSC), and Sally has had time to arrange with Joyleen for her to attend a dementia meeting to discuss above idea with the group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to talk with Joyleen and arrange new meeting date and then advise group
<p>Dementia Link Worker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had 42 referrals in each July and August and 6 on the first day in September • Has been looking at funding changes and what it means for the role of Dementia Link Worker • The south is extremely busy • Previous clients from a few years ago are coming back for more help now their situations have changed • Looking at how the south might be managed more effectively, looking at more support, how to manage and develop the south 	

<p>Project Officer Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Inclusion Workgroup The final postcard was shown to the group. It will be distributed in the Messenger Press in the week of 24 September to the Christies Beach area. Posters and extra postcards will be displayed in doctor's surgeries and chemists in the area. There was much discussion amongst the group as to whether to use a conservative image or an 'out there' image. Decided to go with the innovative image and implement an action research methodology. • In Home Services Workgroup 'Health and Community Informed Choices' – a project aimed at creating a resource/system to promote a smooth transition for consumers from acute care to community care. The project officer has been recruited and will be commencing soon. • Gerontology Conference The 13th annual South Australian Gerontology Conference will be presented by the SA Division of the Australian Association of Gerontology at the National Wine Centre, Adelaide on Friday 14th September 2012, commencing at 8:45am. This conference will bring together a wide range of people with an interest in ageing, including national leaders in their research arenas. The main themes covered in this conference include: the technology journey; the journey to enablement; the journey from research to practice; the journey - travelling from A to B; and the journey to community participation and wellbeing. Enquiries can be made to Lui DiVenuto, PH: 0414 600 752, email: Lui.DiVenuto@dcsi.sa.gov.au • Southern Regional Alliance Conference The workgroup are presenting the Working Carers Resource at the conference on 21 September with Robyn Dwight from the Equal Opportunity Commission. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally to send gerontology flyer to all
<p>Information round</p>	<p>Bridget – ACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancies in Coffee Clubs on Mondays and Wednesdays • Looking for new people to join the Sing for Joy choir at Seaford on Wednesdays – contact Bridget • McLaren Friends has vacancies on Fridays • Coro Seniors has vacancies • Aberfoyle Seniors on a Wednesday has a waiting list • Men's Shed at McLaren Vale every second Saturday at capacity <p>Terry – City of Onkaparinga – Respite</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancies in snooker group on Wednesdays Nikki – City of Onkaparinga – Kookaburra Club • Kookaburra Club has vacancies on both Tuesdays and Thursdays Deb – Lifecare • Out n About Club on Wednesdays at Aldinga has vacancies Chris – ECH • Day Program at Happy Valley has vacancies 	
Gap Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Gaps in care worker training – skills around delivering activities and goal setting • Training for family carers – for family members to attend – partners or children of people with dementia 	

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 October 2012 **Meeting CANCELLED** - will advise of new date and venue once available

1 - 3pm Afternoon tea provided

Community Complex Care Team

The Community Complex Care Team is a Southern Adelaide Local Health Network program that supports people who are at risk of admission to hospital as a result of their chronic condition(s) or combined health and social needs.

The program provides specialist nursing and social work support to help you manage your health outside of hospital by providing you with a team in the community.

The Community Complex Care Team will work alongside the key people who are helping you to manage your health; this may include your GP or specialist staff in the hospital of the community. They can also help to access any other services that you may need.

The team will visit you at home, in hospital or at a location that is more convenient. They will support you to monitor your health and how this impacts on your daily life, your family and support networks. The aim of the program is to help you to stay well at home, and to enjoy

activities that are important to you. The Community Complex Care team has good links with community and hospital services. This will help you to connect with these services and communicate more easily.

Your participation is voluntary. We may seek your feedback from time to time to assist us in making sure that we are providing services that meet the needs of people with chronic or complex conditions.

This service is a SA Health funded program and is free of charge.

For more information/referral please contact:

Community Complex Care Team
Southern Adelaide Local Health Network

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