



SOUTHERN SERVICES  
REFORM GROUP

**SSRG Workgroup Meeting**  
**Workgroup: Dementia**  
**Date: 6 August 2013**

Present: Rachel Fawcett, Terry Hales, Sharron Irwin, Coral Sharp, Krystyna Kahmann, Debra Belperio, Rowena Garcia, Kate Kenning, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Karen Peddle, Megan Andrews, Nikki Chadburn, Meredith McLeod

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• welcome and apologies</li><li>• introductions were made around the table – some new members have joined the group</li><li>• Kate Kenning will be filling in for Chris O'Brien for three months</li></ul>	
Previous minutes & business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• previous minutes accepted</li><li>• all actions complete</li><li>• a baby card was made and sent to Lisa Darby</li><li>• Sally has approached Alzheimer's about the possibility of running the Cert IV Dementia training again – they are happy to run again on 27 September and 11 October – a flyer will be issued soon</li><li>• World of Creativity training can take 20 participants – is scheduled for 29 August</li></ul>	

<p>Younger onset key workers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new younger onset dementia key worker for under 65s working with community, residential, aged care clients, carers, disability</li> <li>• work similar to dementia link worker – still deciding how the role will ‘pan out’</li> <li>• 40 key workers in Australia – three in South Australia</li> <li>• when a client reaches 65 years of age their support with the key worker will remain in place – they will not be referred on to the aged care sector</li> <li>• need to set up programs that are suitable for younger onset dementia clients – will be partnering with service providers to make this happen</li> <li>• three year pilot project</li> <li>• brochures and referral forms will be sent out when available</li> </ul>	
<p>Project Update</p>	<p>World of Creativity training –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 August – flyer to come – 20 places available</li> <li>• to start with limit places to two people per organisation (within the workgroup) – open up if not enough participants</li> <li>• Cameron Camp workshops – send out flyers to the group</li> </ul> <p>Cert IV Dementia training –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two days, 27 September and 11 October - send out to the region - limited places available</li> </ul> <p>Memory centre, ‘hub’ –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have met with Noarlunga library</li> <li>• obtain a grant for the project, ideally so a project manager can be employed to be responsible for the project and work collaboratively with Onkaparinga Libraries</li> <li>• the project does not quite meet the requirements in the HACC funding round</li> <li>• Seniors Information Service – is submitting a funding application and making the library project part of that application</li> <li>• It is an extension of their application....focusing on a flexible, innovative centre based day care model</li> <li>• Similar to a drop in centre with a resource hub – there is a program similar to this in the Netherlands – Christian Bakker</li> <li>• we could still approach Bunning’s....or other subsidy sources for funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally to send flyers out</li> </ul>

<p>Project Officer Report</p>	<p>Carer Issues -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relinquished carers is a gap the group would like to focus on – providing information and education - possibly by developing a linking page on the SSRG website</li> </ul> <p>Social Inclusion -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• postcard project – evaluations are almost finished - draft report on SSRG website</li> <li>• following on from the postcard project the group has decided to work on a digital photo display to show examples of older people engaged in activities in southern Adelaide</li> <li>• would like to partner with TAFE or a photography group</li> <li>• to complement this, reproduce the postcard with all councils information on it</li> </ul> <p>In Home -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louise has finished her contract with us</li> <li>• there is an article in the Onkaparinga Magazine July edition about the Health and Community Informed Choices Project – the app</li> </ul> <p>I Can program –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lui and Sally are working on a program which is based on self-management principles promoting independence</li> <li>• trialling the program in the north soon and hopefully following with a trial in the south</li> <li>• the program consists of 3 two hour sessions</li> <li>• Alzheimer’s and Resthaven have advisory groups that could possibly trial the program</li> <li>• Teresa Moran runs a family carer support group in the south - talk to her about promoting the I Can project to that group</li> </ul>	
<p>Dementia Link worker report</p>	<p>Team changes -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the dementia link workers team now includes an intake officer and a team coordinator role</li> <li>• Trudy Scott-Jackson is the intake officer, taking the initial referrals, making the initial contact with clients and their families. This has helped streamline services</li> </ul>	

	<p>and allows the other DLWs more time to see clients etc. It also assists with cover when one of the team is on leave, off sick etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renee Johnson has moved to be DLW in the north, Kathy Billinghamurst is now in the east, with Lacey Kis in the west. Hoping to increase the presence in the NW metro with another position soon to be advertised</li> <li>• Coral remains in the south whilst also taking on the Team Coordinator role</li> </ul> <p>Younger Onset Dementia Key Workers -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• now have two younger onset Dementia (YOD) key workers on board, Rowena and Carlos. They have yet to start providing direct service but this will not be too far away. They can work with anyone diagnosed with dementia under the age of 65 and can remain as their key worker all though their journey with dementia. The link workers will be working closely with this team to ensure a seamless service and high quality level of support.</li> <li>• Deb Belperio is the Team Coordinator for this team plus Connexus, the social program for people under the age of 65, and the Early Interventions Team, who provide the Living With Memory Loss Program, amongst other things.</li> <li>• referrals can be made to the service by emailing <a href="mailto:sa.linkworkers@alzheimers.org.au">sa.linkworkers@alzheimers.org.au</a> or you can contact the office on 8372 2100 and ask to be put through to Trudy, the DLW intake officer. Referrals can also be made by contacting Coral Sharp <a href="mailto:coral.sharp@alzheimers.org.au">coral.sharp@alzheimers.org.au</a> or phone 0409 677 889</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bev to send email address to all</li> </ul>
<p>Information Sharing</p>	<p>Terry – City of Onkaparinga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using iPad when visiting clients and trialling the Seniors Southern Services Directory app – all going well</li> <li>• respite has few hours available</li> <li>• snooker group going well – possibility to expand if there is a need</li> </ul> <p>Rachel – City of Holdfast Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new project - Dare to Dream Program just starting</li> <li>• coming across a lot of people over 80 using iPads –keeping a list of who they are for future reference</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• maintenance officers are now cashless, using eftpos</li> <li>• assessments are now 'paper less'</li> </ul> <p>Krystyna – City of Mitcham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• getting ready for audit in late October</li> <li>• Project Officer, Helen Hoare on board to do new project</li> <li>• lots of clients needing to get to appointments</li> </ul> <p>Gill - Resthaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ridgeway House now open seven days a week</li> <li>• started her degree – in Dementia Care</li> <li>• free dementia course on line – go to: <a href="http://www.utas.edu.au/wicking/wca/mooc">http://www.utas.edu.au/wicking/wca/mooc</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Krystyna to email Bev with details of project to include in minutes</li> <li>• Gill to email Bev with the name and details of course to send to all</li> </ul>
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**Next meeting date: 3 September 2013**

**Time: 1.00 – 3.00 pm**

**Venue: Meeting Room 2, City of Onkaparinga**