



SOUTHERN SERVICES
REFORM GROUP

SSRG Workgroup Meeting
Workgroup: In Home Services
Date: 22 October 2014

Present: Jacqui Bowden - ACH (Chair), Theresa Howard-Jones - Resthaven, Frances Rennell - City of Mitcham, Margaret Potts - Carer Support, Keith Bettany - City of Holdfast Bay, Russell Humphrey - ACH, Sally Warnes (Project Officer), Bev Bannister (Minutes)

Apologies: Karen Peddle - City of Marion, Franca Antonello – Ethnic Link, Christine Taylor - RSB, Prue Oake - Lifecare, Fiona Patterson – MRU, Janet Kelly – A2HC

Agenda Items	Discussion	Actions
Welcome and apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">welcome and apologies	
Previous minutes & business arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">previous minutes accepteddiscussion about the Commonwealth Home Support Program discussion paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sally to follow up re whether this is the final paper

<p>Next steps - reflect on planning document, SASMA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • members were given the Steering Committee's planning day report from January 2014 • the steering committee will have another planning day early 2015 • aim to focus on activities/projects that fit within the planning document • reflecting on the RBA training and collective impact approach – working towards a particular outcome – collective impact means working towards the same goal/outcome and using the same measurements • could each workgroup work towards the same goal/outcome but do it through different projects? • discussion on how this could work, is there enough time? • would need to obtain population health statistics so we have a baseline measurement • possibly work with the health sector, however their goals may be quite different to ours • idea - plan for your old age, be well informed and know what is available and where to go if and when you need assistance - self management strategies - how to keep out of 'service land' 	
<p>Project Officer Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no report 	
<p>New information in aged care - discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • home modifications and maintenance – there is a 60 page Commonwealth Review of changes • Sally read the article 'Fears for respite funding under home program' - October volume of Australian Ageing Agenda magazine - discussion about the future of respite and the necessity for high care respite to be available • There was a discussion regarding the change in the Government's approach to fees – more of a user pays- where a person with 	

	<p>capacity (as per C/Link) contributes more towards their home care package subsidy **as well as the basic fee.</p> <p>Scenario: (Jacqui) Mrs Black eligible for Home Care Level 2 - daily Government subsidy is \$38.99/ day Plus basic care fee of \$9.70/ day paid by Mrs Black Total is \$48.69 to be used for Aged Care needs / day (including any provider charges)</p> <p>But Centrelink has determined Mrs Black can pay \$13.74/ day towards subsidy as she completed the Income Tested Care Fee form So it will look like this: Mrs Black pays \$13.74/ day ITCF (towards subsidy) Plus \$ 9.70/day basic care fee Total Mrs Black pays \$23.44 Total Govt pays \$25.25 Total is \$48.69 to be used for Aged Care needs / day (including any provider charges)</p> <p>The money Mrs Black contributes in the form of Income Tested Care (ITCF) goes towards 1. An annual cap of \$5,000(part pension) or \$10,000 (self funded retiree) which also is counted towards 2. Lifetime limit of \$60,000</p> <p>The biggest risk for an older person is not knowing the amount that they may need to contribute. Attached are the PDF's from the Government re care fees plus the Income Tested Care Fee Form and booklet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attachments
<p>Information Sharing</p>	<p>Theresa - Resthaven</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers Week – had a girls night out - respite was provided • Every Generation – doing a project where older members of the 	

	<p>community are writing letters to school children, the children will be given the letters and a chance to respond to the letters then a morning tea will be held to unite the letter writers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SALA is finished - nominated for an award <p>Jacqui - ACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HACC services on green • trailing over the phone assessment with people - not going too bad • social groups going well – Aldinga to Coromandel Valley • singing group have been on TV – is dementia specific • Metropolitan Equipment Scheme – if you have contact with them, to aid your communication keep your information clear and concise • Home Care packages available <p>Frances - City of Mitcham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • during quieter periods are implementing other services for regular clients - eg spring cleans • few gaps in DA with fixed term - not getting much short term through A2HC • home maintenance full tilt • social programs going well • have worked their way through the Community Connections waiting list <p>Margaret - Carer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers Week – in conjunction with City of Onkaparinga Respite had a joint ‘Carers Day Out’ - 16 October – was a good day • Mental Health Week - Walking on Egg Shells - this play tells the mental health carer’s story as it really is, interspersed with music and song – was held in early October <p>Russell - ACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the demand for services has picked up • getting referrals through A2HC and customers self referring 	
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	<p>Keith - City of Holdfast Bay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• has been on leave• vacancies in all programs except ongoing domestic cleaning	
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Next meeting date: 26 November 2014

Time: 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Venue: Civic Area, City of Onkaparinga