

**EMR Family Reconciliation Best Practice Group**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008**  
**Venue: Harrison Community Services**

Topic	Discussion
1. Introductions	Amy Carson, FRMP; Janelle O'Brien, YSAS Reconnect; Bernadette O'Flaherty, Harrison Community Services; Frances Cucuzzella, Anchor Community Care; Nick Meumann, Monash Youth & Family Services, Jane Healey, Wesley - Creating Connections; Melanie Fearn, ChildFIRST Anglicare
2. Apologies	Rhianna Perkin, WEAC; Kelly Hunter, ChildFIRST Anglicare
3. Previous Minutes	Previous minutes received by all and passed
4. Worker Reflection/Case Study	<p>Bernadette, Harrison Community Services spoke of case study;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young person is fourteen years old, parents are separated and there is ongoing conflict between the young person and her mother (custodial parent), additional issues of missing school, depression and self-harm, sense that young person may be overwhelmed with the number of appointments. Referral has been made to CAMHS.</li> <li>• Suggestion to explore what exactly the young person wants, speak to the school about giving young person some 'space' and following up on referral to CAMHS</li> <li>• If CAMHS do not take on the referral, speak to FRMP about a referral for brokered counselling.</li> </ul> <p>Frances, Anchor Community Care advised of school in the outer Eastern area where welfare co-ordinators have been removed and the school is outsourcing to Private Psychologists; discussion around potential difficulties for students.</p>
5. Presentation	<p>Melanie Fearn; ChildFIRST - Anglicare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ChildFIRST has now been in operation for over ten months, the program is an intake and referral service in the Outer East (currently no program in the Inner East), service can work short-term with a family but is not a 'holding' service or crisis response; if child/young person is at significant risk workers still need to contact Child Protection.</li> <li>• Within the program there is a child protection worker who can provide secondary consult to the team; service relates to the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005.</li> <li>• The service is voluntary; to engage a family the program will try and contact via phone, letters and home visits.</li> <li>• The service is also the intake for family support workers for Anglicare and Connections</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workers can also use service as a secondary consult when working with families.</li> <li>ChildFIRST cannot provide a service until the family is housed due to transience and movement between regional catchments, family can be living in THM.</li> </ul>
6. Resources, Training, Events & Sector Updates	<p>Amy - FRMP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FRMP recently finished the Groupwork Project report and will be distributing to the sector in the next few weeks, the second stage of the project is an insert for the <i>FRMP Info Kit</i> on groupwork</li> <li>FRMP's Quarterly newsletter has been released, access via website <a href="http://www.frmp.org.au">www.frmp.org.au</a></li> <li>Upcoming training on SAAP Calendar, "Youth Centred Family Focussed Interventions; what does it take?" 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 - contact Mandy Baxter, FRMP for more information on 8625 4476 or check out FRMP website</li> </ul> <p>Janelle - YSAS Reconnect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Breaking Through' DVD may be of interest to workers - contact Janelle for more information on 9890 7855</li> <li>The Bouverie Centre also has training in single session counselling and other interesting training check out further information on their website <a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/bouverie">www.latrobe.edu.au/bouverie</a></li> </ul>
7. Next Meeting	<p>Discussion around a topic for the next meeting; Jane suggested examining dual diagnosis with young people in the Eastern Region - Jane will contact David Chong, Psychologist and discuss further.</p> <p>9:30am - 11am  Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008  Harrison Community Services  1012 Little Burwood Hwy  Wantirna South (Knox Shopping Centre)</p>