

SAAP Family Reconciliation Worker Network

17th March 2008

Melbourne Citymission
19 King Street, Melbourne

Present: Amy Carson (FRMP)
Steve Maillet (FRMP)
Frances Cucuzzella (Anchor Community Care)
Robert Coller (YFC)
Katrina Warner (Lisa Lodge)
Cherie Ladlow (Wimmera Uniting Care)
Kim Burns (Hanover)
Jane Lazzari (CHP)

Apologies: Harrison Community Services, Hope St, Brophy

1. Professional Development Workshop

Kim Burns (Hanover) "Intensive Case Management Initiative"

- ⇒ Kim provided an overview of the ICMI; two support and brokerage packages available for people aged 18+;
 - Support package of \$5000 to provide increased support hours to support case work of person with complex needs
 - Brokerage package \$1500 to provide access to specialist services i.e. neuropsych assessments, occupational therapist assessment
- ⇒ All funds are to be used directly for the "client" not agency directed
- ⇒ Further information is on the Hanover website www.hanover.org.au or contact Kim directly at kburns@hanover.org.au

<p>ACTION: Kim will email Amy/Steve a copy of the presentation to be attached to the minutes</p>

Jane Lazzari, Youth Policy Officer (CHP)

- ⇒ Jane provided brief information about role and is primarily supporting the role out of YHAP 2
- ⇒ Jane is working on a range of areas and will producing papers examining what does early intervention mean? What is the role of a youth homelessness worker?
- ⇒ Jane will also be involved in a mapping exercise of the SAAP Family Reconciliation Workers which will be an information gathering procedure
- ⇒ Jane is also working with DHS Child Protection to develop a policy framework about what a SAAP worker does when a child presents seeking accommodation.

ACTION: Jane, CHP agreed to present on the mapping exercise at the next SAAP Family Reconciliation Worker Network Meeting in June 2008

2. Information Share

Steve & Amy - FRMP

- ⇒ Staff changes in FRMP Team; Steve has started as FRMP Team Leader change and Yin Zhang will be starting in team as Brokerage Liaison Worker on 25th March 2008.
- ⇒ Amy has been working on project to examine resources to make them more Indigenous appropriate and engaging; ongoing process which seeks input from the Indigenous Homelessness Network.
- ⇒ FRMP's annual State-wide Forum is on Friday 9th May 2008; range of speakers on the day including Rob Coller, Youth For Christ who will be facilitating a workshop in the afternoon - more details will be provided shortly.

Katrina - Lisa Lodge

- ⇒ Currently are feeding into a project to create a directory resource for the Grampians region through a practice grant linked to the Youth Hub
- ⇒ Completed mediation training through Family Mediation Centre Levels 1 & 2
- ⇒ Attending a family therapy group with six practitioners in the area and provides peer support through case review

Cherie - Wimmera Uniting Care

- ⇒ Agency has a new CEO, Wendy Middleton who started last week
- ⇒ Currently running parenting groups across the Wimmera Region
- ⇒ Raised that young people presenting at service appear to be getting younger and parents are feeling powerless - has found the "Parenting the Y-Not Generation" has been useful for parents

ACTION: Cherie to present on parenting programs at future SAAP Family Reconciliation Network Meeting

Frances - Anchor

- ⇒ Anchor is running the Creating Connections Private Rental Brokerage Scheme and currently has a vacancy in the position
- ⇒ Young people wanting to move into THM's continue to access Frances for two visits prior to entering housing

Rob - YFC

- ⇒ YFC has a new Executive Director, Peter Dawson
- ⇒ Has been receiving heaps of new referrals for counselling
- ⇒ Recently applied to "Street Smart" for funding to hold a sailing day with young people - one day a term - currently waiting for outcome of application

3. Statement of Purpose

- ⇒ Discussed statement of purpose and some suggestions made

<p>ACTION: FRMP to update changes suggested at meeting and email to workers for more feedback prior to posting link on FRMP website</p>
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4. Future Forum Topics

- ⇒ Suggestions around future topics included 'Single Session Therapy' training and having service presentations around how individual workers work with young people

5. Next Meeting

9:30am - 3:30pm

Monday 30th June 2008

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Speakers include: Jane Lazzari (CHP) - update on mapping exercise & Cherie Ladlow - parenting group