

SAAP Family Reconciliation Workers Meeting

Monday 12th November 2007

Melbourne Citymission
19 King Street Melbourne

Attendance: Ranee Cornell (Harrisons Uniting Care)
Ray Naughton (Harrisons Uniting Care)
Kim Watts (Brophy Family and Youth Service)
Krystal Day (Brophy Family and Youth Service)
Frances Cucuzzella (Anchor Community Care)
Robert Coller (YFC)
Katrina Warner (Lisa Lodge)
Merilyn Lanigan (Hope St)
Yasmin Thomas (FRMP)
Amy Carson (FRMP)
Steve Phillis (St Lukes)
Tanya Campbell (St Lukes)
Hollie Alford (St Lukes - Student)

Apologies: Wimmera Uniting Care, REFS & The Bridge

1. Professional Development Workshop

"Choice theory, working with cards and revisiting strengths based practice"

- ⇒ Steve Phillis and Tanya Campbell, St Lukes provided an introduction to choice theory and demonstration of new St Lukes cards, Cars 'R' Us (based on choice theory)
- ⇒ An overview of strength- based practice was also provided - including philosophy, exceptions, exploring what works, strengths, card activities ie. reflections, strength cards, deep speak
- ⇒ Attendees spent time practicing skills at using various cards in small groups

2. Information Share

Yasmin & Amy - FRMP

- ⇒ Yasmin (FRMP) advised that YEETI will no longer be managed by Melbourne Citymission (will cease on 31/12/2007)
- ⇒ Yasmin advised that FRMP refunded for another eighteen months; Ranee (FRMP Brokerage Liaison Worker) has left FRMP and has taken new position at Harrisons
- ⇒ FRMP will be planning in new year and will be focussing on sector capacity building to ensure family inclusive practice is integral part of case planning; FRMP also working with Indigenous State-wide Networker to ensure FRMP is more accessible to Indigenous young people; FRMP to work on another

DVD examining the process of change in workers to becoming more family inclusive in their practice and also want to include FRMP Private Practitioners in DVD

- ⇒ FRMP also continues to work on Groupwork Project; what has worked, what we can do more of
- ⇒ FRMP has another Professional Development Forum on 29/11 with guest speaker, Peter Langdon (FRMP Private Practitioner); an invite will be circulated by the end of the week
- ⇒ FRMP is currently planning for next State-wide Forum in May 2008 - Rob (YFC) recommended a greater variety of panel speakers at next forum ie. counsellors, art therapists rather than focus on psychologists

Meryllyn - Hope St

- ⇒ Meryllyn advised Bronwyn has left Hope St and she has taken on role at WISHIN
- ⇒ Meryllyn spoke of the disconnection that many young people she sees are experiencing and at times, family is not the most important thing at the time.

Rob - YFC

- ⇒ Rob advised that YFC looking at getting a female counsellor to join team
- ⇒ Also looking into development training for community groups

Katrina - Lisa Lodge

- ⇒ Katrina advised that they are running workshops in secondary schools which includes a family component
- ⇒ Lisa Lodge is lead Agency for 'Creating Connections'
- ⇒ Discussion about ICMI and how it can be used to complement existing services

Frances - Anchor

- ⇒ Frances advised that Anchor have a new CEO - John Devine
- ⇒ Advised of emphasis on linking young people to family reconciliation worker where all young people moving into Anchor THM are required to attend a minimum of two counselling sessions
- ⇒ Anchor is front door service and many referral come through Youth and Family Team within own service
- ⇒ Discussion around local secondary school removing welfare co-ordinators and outsourcing to private psychologists next year

Kim & Crystal - Brophy Family and Youth Service

- ⇒ Kim and Crystal advised that role of SAAP family reconciliation worker at Brophy has changed; both are doing combined role with SAAP housing support
- ⇒ Advised that Brophy is also lead Agency for 'Creating Connections' in Barwon South West Region

3. Statement of Purpose

- ⇒ All present participated in brainstorming a 'statement of purpose' on the whiteboard; this will be written up and distributed for further discussion at the next meeting

ACTION:

- ⇒ Email updated list of SAAP Family Reconciliation Worker contact details with minutes
- ⇒ Email draft 'statement of purpose' to all members
- ⇒ Contact Kim Burns @ ICMI - Hanover to present at next meeting

4. Next Meeting

9:30am - 3:30pm

Monday 17th March 2008

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