

EMR ABI NETWORK MEETING

Date: 19th February 2014

Time: 10:00 am

Chaired by:

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Minutes Recorded by:

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1 WELCOME

2 PRESENT & APOLOGIES

PRESENT

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Rebecca Wootton	Yooralla (RIDE)	rebecca.wootton@yooralla.com.au

APOLOGIES

Natalie Dustakis Maurice Blackburn Solicitors

3 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Accepted by

Karen Jorgensen

Second:

Seconded on voices

4 PRESENTATION: Manningham Council – Presented by: Krista Polvere

MetroAccess

MetroAccess is a key initiative of the Victorian State Disability Plan, in partnership with the Department of Human Services and Manningham City Council. MetroAccess aims to build the capacity of local communities across Metropolitan Victoria to be more welcoming and inclusive of people with disabilities.

- Most suburbs should have a Metro Access Officer or a Rural Access Officer
- The Metro Access initiative has two primary focusses: advocacy and increased access and inclusion
- Average age of clients range between 18-60 years of age but it is open to all ages and all disabilities.
- Disability Action Plan – creating policies, employment opportunities and good access

- Metro Access Officers work with the council with planning, permits and building etc, increasing awareness for inclusion of people with disabilities as well as educating the community about council services
- Although Manningham Metro Access Officers deal with all disabilities, Autism is a primary focus as it is prevalent within the Manningham community due to the Autism schools in the area
- Autism Support group with CareConnect – Systemic advocacy
- Tree of Life – May 2014
- If you need information from a Metro Access Officer, it is best to call local council for contact details
- Australian Brain Conference in March

Disability Services for Manningham books (updated every 2 years) were distributed.

5 AGENCY UPDATES

a) RIDE – Rebecca Wootton

Provides respite information in the Eastern region

- Free Carer's event 21/03/2014 at the Hungarian Community Centre 7pm- 10.30 – Respite Resource Guide Launch
- EMR Respite Network Meeting is 5th March at the Whitehorse Centre, Willis Room 9:30am – agenda available upon request, please provide email address for this to be sent out.
- RIDE Expo 03/09/14 at the Hungarian Community Centre 10am – 2pm

Carer's event pamphlets distributed as well

b) Brain Disorders Program Victoria (BDPV) – Edmund Tsang

- BDPV is composed of two services: CBDATS – State wide mobile consultative service providing support to those with a dual diagnosis of ABI and mental illness. Deals with both compensable and non-compensable clients. ABI Behaviour Consultancy – State wide mobile consultation for people with ABI presenting with Behaviours of Concern (e.g. aggression, inappropriate behaviours, apathy/motivation). Deals with non-compensable clients only.
- BDPV happy to take referrals for both services. Ask for the intake worker (Mon-Friday, 12:30-4:30 on 9490 7366).
- BDPV also offering education sessions. For more information fill in provided education request forms or contact 9490 7366.

ABI Behaviour Consultancy and CBDATS pamphlets distributed as well as a Brain Disorders Program Community Services Education Enquiry Form

c) TAC – Catherine COLE

- The TAC pays benefits to people injured in transport accidents (compensable clients).
- Although not as directly involved with clients, TAC deals with many cases of clients with an ABI as a result of a transport accident
- TAC also actively campaigns to reduce the incidence of road trauma through accident prevention programs.

d) Care Connect – Tori Tilly & Maria Wiehen

- Public Advocates Office invited Tori Tilley to be involved in a research document – focusing on clients with a cognitive disability. Public Advocates office publish research projects worth a visit to the website <http://www.publicadvocate.vic.gov.au/research/>
- Care Connect intake invite referrals and the approach is flexible, collaborative and designed to meet each person’s changing needs - My Life, My Choice, My Way™. Short Term packages are provided which are reviewed at the 3 month mark to establish if an ongoing need for support is required. Care Connect can be contacted on 1800 116 166.
- Care Connect are using video conferencing technology to complement current case management. The iCareConnect® model complements traditional home visits by offering clients the opportunity to speak with case managers face-to-face more frequently via video conferencing and build their engagement with family, friends and the broader community, providing another option for contact and communication. This has been notably beneficial to clients with a cognitive disability.

e) Guide Dogs Victoria – Johann Misso

- Live Safe, Travel Smart – three day program focusing on: personal safety; safety and mobility skills when accessing public transport; planning skills and self-advocacy in the wider community.
- ABI program days running on the 6th March, 19th June and 16th October
- Bendigo – Around the world in 80 days

f) The Bouverie Centre – Karen Story

- The Bouverie Centre’s ABI team provides a state-wide specialist services to families and professionals dealing with Acquired Brain Injury resulting from situations such as accidents or illness. Core functions include direct counselling services to families, consultation and training services to professionals and research on family adjustment to ABI.
- Paediatric ABI and Family Work: Focus on Adolescence.
- "The integration of Narrative family therapy and group work for families living with acquired brain injury" which will be published in the ANZ Journal of Family Therapy as well as the Narrative Therapy Journal - article relates the story of a family worked with for over 2 years including family and sibling sessions and the Tree of Life with the sibling group.
- Presenting at the Bendigo Conference in March.
- 2 day workshop in June also which can include 4 skills workshops.

g) BrainLink Services

- Client Services programs have started – refer to BrainLink website for month to month calendars
- LifeMoves Peer Support Programme started 19/02/2014 as well as a focus group for a LifeMoves for carers focus groups
- Suzanne Shaw liaison for the Royal Melbourne Hospital with plans to have a liaison at Monash Hospital and Monash Children’s hospital
- STR managed also by Suzanne Shaw

6 VCASP Update

- UPCOMING VCASP GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13th March. 11.00am – 2.00pm

Venue: MCM Conference Centre. Tope St. South Melbourne

This meeting is open to all VCASP member organisations, and to relevant network coordinators. For enquiries re the meeting, or to be RSVP for an event, please contact

marc.paradin@vcasp.org.au

The VCASP Annual General Meeting was held on November 25th 2013. Where amongst other things, Board representation was voted upon. New Board terms were approved for the following organisations: Monash Health, Diverge Consulting, Melbourne City Mission, ARC Support/Karingal.

- VCASP General Meetings provide an opportunity for regional key issues and needs to be raised, for which VCASP can potentially advocate. If you wish to have an issue raised at any of our upcoming meetings, we welcome you to discuss these issues either at your ABI Network meetings, or via the network Coordinator for the Eastern Region, Karen Jorgensen.

- UPCOMING ABI SECTOR EVENTS/MEETINGS

The VCASP website offers a regularly updated listing of regional ABI meeting dates, across all metro and rural networks. To view upcoming ABI meeting dates, go to:

www.vcaspp.org.au/whatson

7 DHS Update - Unavailable

8 OTHER BUSINESS

a) Next EMR ABI Network Meeting:

16th April 2014, 10am – 12pm Betty Cuthbert Room, The Nerve Centre, Blackburn

Presentation by: Stephanie Worsteling, NDS, Projects Manager, Victoria

MEETING ADJOURNED

Date: 19th February 2014

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