









Learning Disability Partnership Board

Minutes (notes) of the meeting

3 December 2009
Kings Court, Blackburn

People that came to the meeting

	<p>Mandy Crabtree Service User Stansfeld Centre</p>	<p>Rose Marsden Service user</p>
	<p>Rahil Sarwar Service user Stansfeld Centre</p>	 <p>Nigel Braithwaite Parent</p>
	<p>Dorothy Braithwaite Parent</p>	<p>Lori Homayon-Jones Parent/Carer</p>

	<p>Tom Noone</p> <p>Parent and BwD Supported Living Service</p>	<p>Carol Hartley</p> <p>Parent/Carer</p>	
<p>Marion Fisher</p> <p>Parent/Carer</p>			<p>Councillor David Foster (Chair)</p> <p>Executive Member, Adult Social Care</p>
		<p>Councillor Karimeh Foster</p> <p>Lead Member, Adult Social Care and Older People's Champion</p>	
	<p>Rosemary Molyneux</p> <p>Head of Service, Transformation and Partnerships</p>		<p>Gary Dodds</p> <p>Stansfeld Day Services</p>
<p>Yasmin Khalil</p> <p>Carers Advisor Carers Centre</p>	<p>Claire Ramwell</p> <p>Head of Healthy Living & Sport</p>		

<p>Chris Truckle</p> <p>Neighbourhood Learning Service</p>	 <p>Anne Marie Pickering</p> <p>Disability Links/ DFG Co-ordinator Children's Services</p>
 <p>Maggie Ecroyd</p> <p>Workforce Development, BwD</p>	 <p>Andy Clift</p> <p>East Lancs PCT</p>
 <p>Isobel Robinson</p> <p>East Lancs PCT</p>	 <p>Denise Gaffing</p> <p>Community Nurse, Adult Health, East Lancs PCT</p>
 <p>Paul Wilson</p> <p>Bootstrap Enterprises</p>	 <p>Bernie Horne</p> <p>Self Directed Support Co-ordinator</p>
<p>Ian McAvett</p> <p>East Lancs PCT</p>	<p>Cath Cook</p> <p>East Lancs PCT</p>
<p>Steve Foster</p> <p>CXL Connexions</p>	

People that couldn't come to the meeting

Jackie Clarkson
John Rowan
Gill Stevenson
Alison Westwood
Elizabeth Parkes
Peter Soothill
James Hughes
James Allerton

1. Things to talk about from the last meeting

	<p>Day service meals</p> <p>The price of meals at day services went up 40p a day.</p>
	<p>People weren't given any notice that prices were going up.</p> <p>This wasn't good.</p>



Councillor David Foster said this was a mistake.

The price of meals shouldn't have gone up.



People who have meals at day centres have been sent a letter to say sorry for the mistake.



They will get a refund of the extra money they paid.



Transition

James Allerton couldn't come to the meeting, so Rosemary Molyneux talked about transition.



There is a 'Strategic Group' for transition.

There are people in the group from adult and children's social services and health services, housing, transport, young people's services, Bootstrap, Blackburn College, the Learning and Skills Council and Connexions.



The group are writing a transitions agreement and a transitions plan for young disabled people.



They want to find out what young disabled people and their families think.



The group is getting support from the 'Transition Support Programme'.

The support lasts for 3 years.

It helps local areas to make their transition services better.

There are 2 people helping Blackburn with Darwen.



The group has filled out a questionnaire.

The questionnaire will help the Transition Support Programme work out what support we need.



The transition sub-group met on 25 November.

The 2 advisers from the Support Programme went to the meeting.

If you want a copy of the minutes from the meeting please ask.



The group are writing their 'terms of reference'.

The terms of reference will say what the group is trying to do.



Carers asked about expenses at the last Partnership Board meeting.

This hasn't been sorted out yet.



We need to think about carers' time and travelling expenses when they come to meetings and events like the Partnership Board.



Can the Partnership Board arrange for carers expenses to be paid?



Rosemary talked about her meeting with Peter Soothill and Gill Cousins.



Peter's job is to help the Council and NHS decide what services to buy.



Peter and Rosemary met Anne Harwood, Adult Supported Learning Manager/14-16 Strategic Engagement Manager, at Blackburn College and had a look around.

The funding process for college can be complicated.

Gill said that funding for colleges will change in 2010, and local authorities will be in charge of the funding.



Rosemary talked about personalisation.

Personalisation should give people in transition more choice and control over their lives.



The Partnership Board report on 'Transitions for Young People and Health and Social Care Needs' is being written.

Stephen will take the report to the Health Partnership Board.



Stephen said it can sometimes take a long time to change systems.

But we can try and make things better in the meantime.



Someone said that elected members (Councillors) could help young people going through transition.

Councillor David Foster said we will talk about this more at the next meeting.

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5 Neighbourhoods

Rosemary talked about the 5 neighbourhoods in Blackburn with Darwen.



Andy McHugh is the Neighbourhood Manager.

Andy will come to a Partnership Board meeting to tell us what he does.



Rosemary had a map of Blackburn with Darwen.

She asked people to write on the map to show which neighbourhood they live in.

2. Service users and the 'We speak, you listen' meeting



Gary Dodds talked about the last 'We speak, you listen' meeting.



They met on 24 November at Accrington Road Community Day Services.



They talked about a conference in Blackpool in 2010.





They want to get some money to pay for service users to go to the conference.



They talked about the Partnership Board.



They talked about the Partnership Board website launch.



Rahila's name was picked from a hat and she will switch on the website at the launch.



The next 'We speak, you listen' meeting is in January at Stansfeld Centre.

3. Carers

	<p>Regional Family Forum</p> <p>Yasmin talked about the Regional Family Forum on 16 November.</p> <p>It was a good meeting but not many people went.</p>
	<p>They talked about what things are important.</p> <p>Most people aren't involved in making decisions.</p>
	<p>The Autism Bill does not include people with a learning disability or complex needs.</p>



A steering group is being set up to tell the government what people think.



They also talked about:

- Public transport



- Health checks for people with a learning disability



- Young adults needing emergency replacement care as a direct payment



- The Red Cross Card scheme



They talked about the partnership board. They said:

- They don't like having the meeting at the Livesey All Age Centre. It isn't easy to park their cars. The room is too small. They would rather have the meeting somewhere in the town centre.



- They don't think the board is making progress with some of the things that have been talked about.



- They think the transitions group has got the most done but the other groups have not done as much.



- They don't think there are enough carers on the board.



- They don't think there are enough carers from minority ethnic groups.



- People from the North West Training and Development Team went to the meeting. They could come to a Partnership Board meeting to help us learn how to work better.



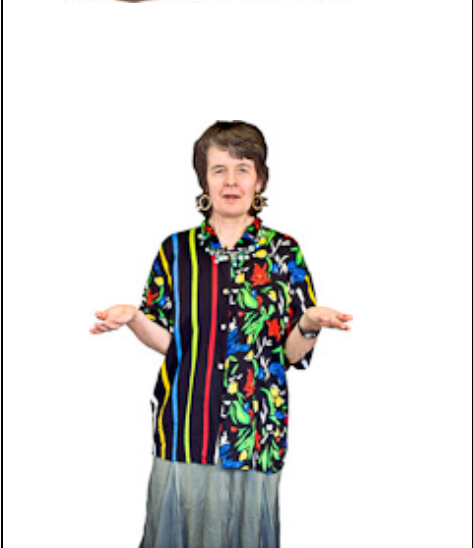
- Rosemary said that Lynn James-Jenkinson from the North West Training and Development Team is coming to a meeting in the New Year to help us find out what family members think.



- Nabila will help us find out what people want the Partnership Board to do.



- People need better information about claiming expenses.



Parents don't know if they can claim expenses for coming to meetings.



Anne Marie said that carers of children under 18 can claim expenses from 'Aiming High' money.



Councillor David Foster said we need better information about expenses.



We will ask Alison Westwood about this.

4. Valuing Employment Now regional launch



Paul Wilson talked about the Valuing Employment Now launch held in Wigan.




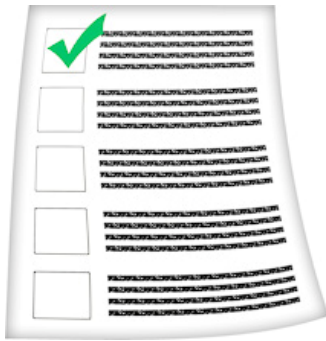
Valuing Employment Now is part of Valuing People Now.

Valuing People Now says what the Government wants to see happen to make sure people with learning disabilities have good lives.

The main things from Valuing People Now are:

- People having more choice and control
- What people do in the days and evenings, including work
- People being healthy and getting a good service from the NHS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People having more choice about where they live
	<p>Valuing Employment Now is the government's plan and advice about helping even more people with a learning disability get a job if they want one.</p> <p>At the launch they said:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less than 8 in every 100 people in England with a learning disability have a job• 65 in every 100 people with a learning disability say they want some sort of work every week• Valuing Employment Now wants more people with moderate and severe learning disability to have paid work. It is going to check every year how this is going.



There are 4 big goals:

- People need to aim higher in schools. People should have ambitions and everyone should get work experience in Year 10 at school.
- College should give people the skills for work and help people to move into work
- Personal budgets should be used more to help people move into work
- More people should have jobs in the public sector



There will be an information pack to help people.



To make these things happen we need lots of people to work better together, including Local Strategic Partnerships, Chief Executives, Social Services departments, CDL, schools and learning providers.



To meet the national target means finding 45,000 jobs.



Our plan for Blackburn with Darwen is:

- We will write a plan to say what we will do in Blackburn with Darwen
- We will ask public sector Chief Executives if they think this is important, and if they do, how they can help make things better
- People from Bootstrap will talk to everyone involved with the Partnership Board and bring people together so we can write the plan



The Council does not employ people with moderate learning disabilities.

Stephen has been asked to take on a leadership role with the Council and will talk about this.



Councillor David Foster said thank you to Bootstrap for the work they do.

5. Presentations



Directed Enhanced Services

Ian McAvett from Bridge House talked about Directed Enhanced Services training.

This training was done with a lead doctor, nurse and practice manager from each doctors surgery. The training was developed with PCTs and Adult Social Care teams in East Lancashire.



Health Check Indicator

Cath Cook talked about service user health action plans.

Service users from Accrington Road, Mill Hill and Stansfeld centre went to events at the Livesey Centre and Stansfeld Centre.

6. Workplan



Rosemary talked about the workplan.



The workplan is a list of things that we need to do.



If anyone wants to help with the things on the workplan please tell Rosemary.

7. 'Valuing People Now' in the North West - feedback from Mandy

	<p>Mandy and Rosemary went to a workshop at Harris Park in Preston.</p>
	<p>People from other Partnership Boards talked about their annual reports, what they have done, and what needs to be better.</p>
	<p>Our Board has to write an annual report by March 2010.</p>
	<p>Rosemary needs people to help her fill out a questionnaire.</p>

8. Housing



We will talk about housing at another meeting.

9. Anything else



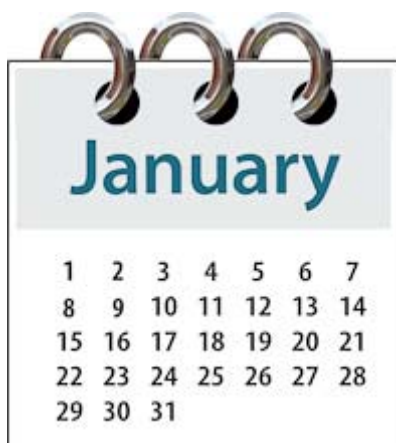
Lori talked about a transitions event on 21 January at Jan's Conference Centre.



Parents and carers can go to the event.

10. Date and time of next Meeting

The next Partnership Board meeting is on:



27 January 2010



at 9.45am

at the Livesey Children's and All Age Centre, Blackburn