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LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 25th March 2015 – 10.00am
(coffee 9.30am - lunch 12 noon included)

Livesey Children's Centre, Andrew Close, Blackburn BB2 4NU

Name	From
Sally McIvor (SMc)	BwD - Executive Director
Rosemary Molyneux (RM)	BwD - Community Engagement & Wellbeing Manager
Paula Spence (PS)	BwD - Head of Strategic Commissioning and Procurement
Stuart Sheridan (SS)	BwD - Service Transformation Manager – LD & Complex Needs
Graham Jones (GJ)	Bootstrap
Mandy Crabtree (MC)	Service User
Sarah Ward (SW)	Community LD Nurse LCFT
Lizzie Hemblade (LH)	Student Nurse LCFT
David Cotton (DC)	Service User
Carol Du Randal (CDR)	Carer
Steven Power (SP)	Service User
Andrew ? (A?)	
Tom Baron (TB)	ELSI
Cheryl Sandford (CS)	BwD Connect
Michael Turner (MT)	Service User
Sam Walsh (SW)	BwD LD Social Worker
Stephen Gallagher (SG)	YSYC Volunteer
Valerie Yovel (VY)	Creative Support
Phyllis Brady (PB)	Creative Support
Collette Eastham (CE)	Thera North
Yasmin Khalil (YK)	BwD Carers Service
Lori Homayan-Jones (LH)	Parents in Partnership (PIP)
Norman Harris (NH)	Service User
Kerry Place (KP)	Service User
Angie Allen (AA)	Service User
Jennifer Halsall (JH)	Service User
Alexandra Halsall (AH)	Carer

APOLOGIES:

Name	From
Pam Lally	BwD SDS
Anne-Marie Pickering	BwD – Children Support Officer
Marion Fisher	Carer
Lois Fitzpatrick	Parents in Partnership (PIP)
Maggie Ecroyd	Volunteer
Geraldine Condon	Creative Support
Gemma McMullen	BwD

Item No.	Item	Lead
1	<p>Welcome, apologies, introductions and traffic lights.</p> <p>Sally welcomes everyone for attended and apologies noted.</p> <p>Sally opened the meeting. and explained the traffic light system.</p> <p>Sally went through the agenda of the meeting.</p>	SMc
2	<p>News Items and Events:</p> <p>Sally spoke about the importance of easy read and the reason they haven't been produced this month. However, she has asked that this be picked up and ensure this is done from today's meeting.</p>	RM/PS/SS
3	<p>Things to Talk about:</p> <p>Regional Conference Feedback</p> <p>Norman, Kerry, Angie spoke about their experiences from the 3 day Regional Conference. They all expressed how much they enjoyed the events and the smaller group discussions. Loved the hotel and the staff were all very helpful. Angie felt it would be helpful for her if she had someone there to do the reading and writing for her so she could have participated more.</p> <p>Kerry and Norman felt a bit apprehensive at the beginning but found it very enjoyable and very informative and very pleased they went. They all made new friends. Angie met with people that she had met last year. Kerry said that attending the event made her more confident.</p> <p>Angie loved her room, staff were very helpful and nothing was too much trouble which made her feel at ease.</p> <p>Norman, Kerry and Angie attended some smaller Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care and Support Group • Importance of Belonging Group • Friendship and Sexual Health Group <p><u>Care and Support Group</u> – Norman and Kerry. It was people with disability and most of them had carers with them and Norman was listening and it was informative. Was interesting on what support is and isn't out there, depending where you live.</p> <p><u>Importance of belonging group</u> – Angie explained by she wanted to go to this group as she felt very strongly about being accepted and wanted</p>	

and belonging in the community and this was something she was very passionate about. She felt really comfortable with the group and she enjoyed listening to other people's experiences and she felt she wasn't alone.

Friendship and sexual health – Kerry said they talked about gay relations and how people should expect to be accepted whatever your feelings or your views are.

Large main conference group discussed about financial cut backs. Was this important to the group? Yes it was very informative and people spoke out about their concerns. The people who presented said they will feed back to the Government what people are thinking and saying. They spoke about budgeting for shopping etc and giving advice.

Transport – discussed about transport and how it is difficult some people when using public transport. Transport is a big issue and the conference will be feeding back

Employment – discussions were held but not a lot of information was available and this was disappointing. Norman expressed his concerns about the pressure from the Job Centre about the importance of getting a job but doesn't feel support is there. Norman explained that he currently does voluntary work this may help him get a paid job.

Laughing Boy Group - This was about a boy who was left in a bath and he had a seizure and he died and his father, Connor Sparrowhawk, came and spoke about this. It was a very emotional story.

Overall Angie, Kerry and Norman really enjoyed attending the event and they took a lot away from the whole experience

Sally suggested that we plan early for the Conference next year. Sally has asked if it can be put as an agenda item later on in the year to discuss further and start making arrangements.

It was also suggested maybe looking at holding funding events and charity events to raise money for the group. The Inclusion and Personalisation Group to have a look at fund raising ideas and raising money for more people to attend next year.

The board thanked the group for representing them at the conference for the first planned meeting.

Carers – Discussion at the Board about the carers service group for parents/carers of people with a learning disability. . Paula attended the Carers Centre on Monday with Yasmin it was a very disappointing turnout, even though mails and letters were sent out to 100 people. The board discussed ways of promoting the group and getting people to

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attend.

- Parents in Partnership (PIP) – PIP are a group for parents/carers for children with any disabilities from 0-25. They provide help and support to parents/carers. First forum to be held on Saturday morning at the Livsey Children’s Centre. It’s for parents and child care is available. They have Engage coming and other people from different organisation attending.
- Another event will be on the 8th April at the Kaleidoscope from 10am to 2pm. They will have representatives from Health, fire brigade, massages etc

Sally thanked the PIP group.

Budget –

It was suggested that at the Review Day on 1st of June there will be a stand where discussions can be had on what and where we can spend the money on.

Paula asked if the board members would prefer a mini group and that they decide how the money could be spent.

Action – Board to decide if they want a group about money/budget.

Stuart spoke about asking CCG and is looking to approach them and ask if they would contribute to the budget as they have done in other areas. Thus helping the group develop and better ways to build the self-advocacy service.

Voting

Some group members felt there is not enough support to help people with learning disabilities to vote. Sally explained that everyone has the right to vote however it needs to be organised to ensure it is done correctly. Discussions had about having assistance with voting.

It was suggested if the Members who are up for election to attend the LD meeting.

It was also suggested that maybe the people who volunteer and help with the elections have support and training on how they can help people with learning disabilities to vote.

People who are supporting people and are housebound is there any help available support for them? Can Alternative Futures help group? Members of the board talked about the offer to help people know how to vote in the elections from Accrington Mencap.

Action : Sally will take this away and speak to elections staff and to

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Your support Your choice. Review Day – 1st June 2015

Dene will be attending the next Review meeting.

Identified a lot of subjects to discuss and ideas. Discussion had about venue and it was agreed that Northcote at Ewood Park would be the best place.

Rosemary has suggested that numbers of who will be attending are collected. We are looking at more people to join and help to organise the Review Day. Members of the Inclusion Group are involved in making arrangements. Rosemary looking for more volunteers to help plan that day. Anyone wishing to help, names to Kala.

Suggestions so far:

Have stalls and stands.

Pop up booths.

Each sub group do a presentation or act or even sing.

Action : Kala to book and confirm the room.

Action : Kala to add the following volunteers - Stuart Sheridan, Mandy Crabtree, Mohamed Patel, Kerry, Steven Gallagher, Michael, Tom Bury, Michael Turner, Angie Allen.

Action : Kala to liaise with Sharon Dillon to invite the volunteers above to the Inclusion Group on the 14th April.

- **Transport**



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Update on the Sub Groups

- **Health – Sarah Ward**

Cathy Ganner (Community Nurse Specialist) has now retired. Sarah Ward has now taking over the Health Sub Group meetings. Sarah apologies for having to cancel the last meeting however below are details of the next meeting. All invited. Flyers with all information were given out to all.

Health Sub Group
Wednesday 8th April 2015 at 2pm
Bridge House, Whalley Banks, King Street, BB2 1NT
01254 283300

Sarah said that the whole Sub Group is being revamped. This includes mental health too. Discuss about GP, dentist, options etc.

Sarah to provide an update at the next LD Board meeting.

- **Inclusion – Rosemary Molyneux**

Updated on progress and went through action plan:

ELSI Group – Cheryl and Sonya will be attending that evening with a questionnaire. Tom explained it is a social event for people with disability, costs £1 to attend. People will be attending tonight will discuss about transport, what do you do, how do we get there and where can we go in evening and make friends. Steven Gallagher said there are problems with getting there.

Cheryl is looking at transport and how people will be able to get there. Cheryl will be gathering all the information on transport. Further information from Tom Bury.

Inclusion Group - Next meeting is 14th April at 10.00am Auderley Lane Community Centre, Kinross Walk, and Blackburn.

Rosemary opened the invitation to others to join the Inclusion Group.

Every Thursday night Sliding Doors at Ewood Park Blues Bar, £2.00 to get in and they play bingo and great to socialise.

Learning disability web site – people said they struggle to get on and information is not updated.

Looking to Refresh website to include social activities/group activities and information on transport

Communication – need to look into this further.

Upcoming Inclusion Group Meetings :

14th April 2015 – 10am to 12 noon at Audley Community Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

19th May 2015 – 10am to 12noon at Audley Community Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

30th June 2015 – 10am to 12noon at Audley Community Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

11th August 2015 – 10am to 12noon at Audley Community

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Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

22nd September 2015 – 10am to 12noon at Audley Community Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

3rd November 2015 – 10am to 12noon at Audley Community Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

15th December 2015 – 10am to 12noon at Audley Community Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

- **Personalisation – Paula Spence**

Paula updated the group on what was discussed and that a meeting was arranged with Sally to discuss any concerns and wider issues raised from the Personalisation Group and see how they can be resolved.

Communication was a subject that was discussed. What information tools are out there to keep people informed ie Website, YSYC, looking at list of providers and all services and the importance of having all activities and events in one place.

They also looked at what support is there for people with Learning Disabilities attending.

Next meeting 1st April at 10am to 11.30am at Audley Community Centre, Kinross Walk, BB1 1YS

Upcoming Meeting :

29th April – 10.00am – 11.30am – Venue to be confirmed

10th June – 10.00am – 11.30am – Venue to be confirmed

22nd July – 10.00am – 11.30am – Venue to be confirmed

2nd September - 10.00am – 11.30am – Venue to be confirmed

14th October – 10.00am – 11.30am – Venue to be confirmed

25th November – 10.00am – 11.30am – Venue to be confirmed

- **Employment – Graham Jones**

Graham advised that the Disability Strategy has been produced and he is waiting for the Council to respond. Also looking at producing a simpler version. Will bring to next meeting to discuss further.

Graham advised the group if anyone needing advice on employment that they are welcome to visit Bootstrap and speak

	<p>to someone.</p> <p>There is an Advocacy Focus Group to help people with learning disability to attend any assessment or medicals or help with filling out forms. Based in YSYC Craig to bring some information on Accrington next meeting.</p> <p>Graham will have a stand at the Review Day regarding employment benefits etc.</p> <p>It was suggested by group members if a representative from the DWP could attend the Review Day.</p> <p>No meeting has been arranged as yet.</p>	
5	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Michael Turner spoke about Myerscroft College in Preston and provided useful information about courses available and facilities at the College. Michael advised that there is transport to get there. Michael left some book with all the information for the group members. For further information please contact Michael via Kala.</p> <p>Steven talked about Kings Court about the recent celebrations of Care Network. Jack Straw and the Mayor attended and a lot of people attended. People were there to share their experiences.</p> <p>Care Network provides help to people who need home maintenance ie like a plumber, roofer or gardener etc. All providers are vetted and council.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next meeting - Learning Disability Review Day 1st June 2015 Time TBC</p>	