

# MINUTES

## LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 – 10.00am  
(coffee 9.30am - lunch 12 noon included)

Blackburn Enterprise Centre Blackburn

Name	From
Sally McIvor (SMc)	BwD - Executive Director
Paula Spence (PS)	BwD - Head of Strategic Commissioning and Procurement
Karen Beveridge	BwD –Service Development Manager
Gemma McMullan	BwD – Communications and Information Officer
Sarah Ward (SW)	Community LD Nurse LCFT
Denise Gaffing	Community Nurse LCFT
Sonya Rustidge	Community Wellbeing Co-ordinator
Christine Cramsie	
Richard Mason	Service User
Nigel Braithwaite	Parent and carer
Dorothy Braithwaite	Parent and carer
Tom Noone	Carer
Cheryl Sandford (CS)	BwD Connect
Michael Turner (MT)	Service User
Janet Dean	Service User
Stephen Gallagher	Service User
Julie Clift	Hospital Liaison Nurse LD
Susan Kelly	Housing
Paula Pritchard	BwD – Learning Disability Team Manager
Yasmin Khalil (YK)	BwD Carers Service
Lori Homayan-Jones (LH)	Parents in Partnership (PIP)
Rose Marsden	Service User
John Wynn	Service User
Angie Allen (AA)	Service User
Aislinn O'Connor	Preston New Rd
Andrew Gove	Preston New Rd
Christine Ibbotson	Preston New Rd
Sylvia Hooson	Service User
Ryan Thornton	BwD – Contracts team
Janet ?	Service User
David Cotton	Service User
David Entwistle	Service User
Lynn Wilkinson	Stansfeld Centre
Mandy Philipps	Stansfeld Centre
Diane Harper	Stansfeld Centre
Craig Smith	Stansfeld Centre
Lisa Cavanagh	Stansfeld Centre

John Bury	Stansfeld Centre
Rahil Sawar	Stansfeld Centre
Justin Pritt	Stansfeld Centre
Peter?	
Janet Doolan	BwDBC
Kala Green	BwD Admin Support
Sarah-Jane Kent	BwD Admin Support Team Leader
Helen Coates	BwD – Admin Support – minute taker

**APOLOGIES:**

Name	From
Rosemary Molyneux	Community Engagement and Wellbeing
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

Item No.	Item	Lead
1	<p><b>Welcome, apologies, introductions and traffic lights.</b></p> <p>Sally welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were noted.</p> <p>Sally explained the traffic light system and went through the Agenda of the meeting.</p>	SMc
2	<p><b>News Items and Events:</b></p> <p><b>1. Advocacy and the Care Act – 14<sup>th</sup> September – Preston.</b></p> <p>There are 3 places available. To let Sonya Rustidge know if anyone would like to attend. The Personalisation Group will start the votes / election to be fair.</p> <p><b>2. CVS Volunteer for the Pre Board Meeting –</b></p> <p>Rosemary has arranged for a volunteer to support the running of the Pre LD Board meeting. AA gave positive feedback with regards to the Pre Board Meeting – found it very helpful and asked it could continue.</p>	
3	<p><b>Things to talk about:</b></p> <p><b>Review Day – next steps to formalise report and update action plan. Also a video of the Review Day was shown.</b></p> <p>Everyone agreed that the Review Day was very successful. AA said she was made to feel very involved. MT said he found it very informative</p>	

with lots of different information and found the people from Blackburn College being there was very useful.

NB asked why any of the BwD Councillors had not attended the Review Day and never attend the LD Partnership Board Meetings – SM said that Cllr Desai had attended the day but she was aware of this and will raise it.

*The pictures that were done at the Review Day were put up on the walls at the Enterprise Centre.*

The DVD of the Review Day is available to view on You Tube.

#### **£52 donation to charity connected to the LD Board**

Sonya said she has discussed the issue with some Service Users and they came up with 12 different ideas. One idea was to ask if it was possible to use the money to part fund someone to go to the conference in Blackpool. It would cost £165 for one person to go to Blackpool. There is enough money in the pot for 3 people to go to the conference. With the £52 donation money – the rest would have to be fundraised.

SM explained that the Partnership Board is much stronger now with more and more people attending but SM felt that the money really should go to a registered charity – the board discussed this further.

#### **Nominations for February Regional Learning Disability Conference – how and who.**

PS explained that there are 3 funded places for this. Need to discuss who would be the best representative to go, it might be better for someone to go that has previously attended. MT asked how this would work if anyone needs 1-1 support. SM said that this can be arranged. The decision needs to be made by November. Contact Sonya if interested in attending.

#### **Electing Co-Chair, agree who and how to choose.**

Discussed ideas around how to elect a Co-Chair for this meeting – many people showed interest. A rota basis maybe needed. SM suggested it may be better for a regular person to chair for a while as that is how you learn. To be discussed at the Inclusion Group. SM added that if you wanted to put yourself forward to be a Co-Chair then obviously you cannot be on the Panel to choose!

#### **Integrated, Learning Disability Social Work Team and Learning Disability Community Health Team.**

PP gave a Powerpoint presentation entailing the integration of the

Learning Disability Team and the Learning Disability Nurses.

The Nurses were previously based with the team in the Tower Block but due to a few issues, they had to move back to Bridge House. PP asked everyone at the meeting what their thoughts were for everyone to be based together by bringing all the services together in the same building – it would be easier for service users to access just one service and support in one place.

PP went on to say that monies would be put in the same pot – DB said she did not think this was a good idea as the money would just disappear as it has done in previous years.

SM explained that the money would be ringfenced – we have learned from previous mistakes - adding that by putting our money together it would make things more cost effective.

NB said that his son does not have a regular Social Worker and finds it frustrating that he has to keep going through the channels and start from the beginning to get support again. There doesn't seem to be any consistency. PP said this will get looked at and hopefully will change.

#### **New Housing Support Development for people with Autism.**

SK highlighted there will be an upcoming housing project – a new build for people with LD / Autism. Will be similar to Moorgate Mill, will have 12 flats, a community room and staff room for staff that stay overnight. It will be on Garden Street – there is a Tesco and local shops nearby. It will be predominately for people with Autism but LD people would also be welcome.

NB said his son lives at Moorgate Mill and cannot recommend it enough and said his flat is great. As his son Simon is in a wheelchair, there is plenty of room to accommodate this. The only thing that is missing is a communal lounge area.

SK said the new project will include a sensory room and a garden – SK asked everyone to, during the course of the day, to think of ideas for the project, what would be good and what wouldn't be, any ideas at all are welcome.

*SK suggested putting the ideas on a post it note and sticking them up on the board provided.*

Update on the LD Action Plan.

#### **Sub Groups – actions and next steps.**

Health – Sarah Ward (Community Nurse Specialist)

Cath Ganner has now retired and Sarah Ward has now taken on this role.

The Sub Group discussion involves discussing important issues such as; end of life care, capacity decisions and even abuse.

Workshops are being arranged every 2 months for Service Users and their families and Social Workers too – the next topic to be discussed is the Mental Capacity Act.

- **Inclusion / Transport – Sonya Rustidge**

Cheryl talked about a new scheme available for vulnerable adults to get a free transport pass – there is an application form available. Cheryl also runs a group for people who are not used to travelling on the bus and will support them with this. In addition to this Cheryl takes a group down to Witton Park for walking, fresh air and tackling isolation.

- **Personalisation – Paula Spence**

PS said that the Inclusion and Personalisation Group had now joined together. Leaflets provided on the tables available. The Sub Group Meetings are to be held at Spring bank Court. PS said everyone is welcome to talk about services and what everybody's thoughts are.

In addition the Healthwatch group is another group where everyone is welcome to discuss services available. PS said Mark will be invited to the Personalisation Sub Group and the next LD Board meeting in October.

- **Employment – Janet Doolan**

JD said she had linked in with Joe Dexter from Blackburn College and created an employment strategy. Stuart Sheridan is currently working on some consultations. JD said she will have the principles ready for October and will bring to the next meeting. The principles will link in with the Inclusion Group.

- **Carers Service – Yasmin**

Talked about support – what matters to you and what matters to your carers. Is important for carers to have their voices. Yasmin said that carers talk about Education and Employment – feel there is not much out there when you leave school.

Respite is available at St Aidan's but there is usually a long waiting list.

PS said that there is one crisis flat available called at Moorgate Mill that can be used for respite purposes. It was pointed out that no one seems to know how to arrange this – they would need to go through their

	<p>Social Worker.</p> <p>Lori said that was a good idea as it is helpful to have a break from each other! Although said she did not like it being called a 'Crisis' Flat.</p> <p>PS went onto say that the respite flat can be used with respite vouchers or with Direct Payments – will discuss this at the next Sub Group. Concerns were raised that hardly anybody turned up at the last sub group meeting and that seems to have always been the case. SM said people have now been invited and made aware of the groups and we are moving forward with this. It was agreed that carers will go to the carers sub groups and representatives from each other sub group will attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parents in Partnership – Lois /Lori</b></li> </ul> <p>Lori explained that the Parents in Partnership Group is a group for parents with children 0-25 years with special educational needs. Lori has been working with Yasmin at the Carers Service. There is not a lot available in Blackburn/Darwen for young adults when they leave education at 19 years. Lori added that they will also discuss what Direct Payments are and what they can be used for.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Anyone other business</b></p> <p>Julie Clift is now in post at the hospital taking on the role of supporting patients with LD and Autism. Is thanks to the LD Board that this post was created. JC will join with the health task group – an idea was raised about maybe creating a Sub Group.</p> <p><b>Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at The Enterprise Centre</b></p>	