

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting Notes - Internal

**Date:** Thursday 17 May 2018  
**Venue:** Salvation Army, Lifeworks Centre, Slacks Creek  
**Chair:** Matthew Cox, Logan Together

**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Minutes:** Ellen Ferris, Salvation Army

**Attendance:** Please see document below

Item	Discussion/Decision	Action Required
<b>1. Acknowledgment of Country, Welcome, Introductions, Apologies</b>	<p>David Dickson provided an acknowledgement of country.</p> <p>Matthew Cox welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions. Attendance and apologies are recorded below.</p>	
<b>2. Endorsement of previous minutes and actions</b>	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted. Angela TuiSamoa advised that she wanted her name added to the group of people interested in Father Engagement. Her contact details have been forwarded to Glenn Hodgson and Theodore Jensen.</p> <p><b>Previous Actions</b> - All previous actions which are due for review are included in the items below, are on the reverse page or have been completed.</p>	
<b>STRATEGIC</b>		
<b>3. Domestic and Family Violence and Father Engagement</b>	<p>Matthew Cox clarified that the area of interest for the Chapter in regard to Domestic and Family Violence is the gap in the prevention space. Other aspects such as broad community awareness and critical responses are already being addressed.</p> <p>This was a follow up to the Circle of Change conversations at the 15 March meeting. The ideas for further work from that meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having more conversations about 'doing' with and for children</li> <li>• Healthy relationships – recognising</li> <li>• Everyone needs to be part of the solution</li> <li>• Think otherwise</li> <li>• Saw children as both part of and unique</li> <li>• Men and Youth</li> <li>• Organisations – staff enabled to be released into the community with purpose and connectedness</li> <li>• System/Funding Model – funded role models</li> </ul>	<p>Ellen Ferris is to collate ideas and circulate to seek further input from Chapter members. Decisions about direction for these topics are to be made at the next meeting.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community – decision making</li> <li>• Micro Public Health approach</li> <li>• More of this kind of conversation</li> <li>• Prevention – practical and gendered, health issue – early and at all levels, identity</li> </ul> <p>Father Engagement was explored via Circle of Change conversations at the 19 April meeting. The ideas for further work from that meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do we still need to know more about, we need to go to the fathers, are our programs what fathers need, seek opportunities to connect with men, the men have to be the facilitators, start from an outreach perspective – go where men are - programs by and through men, listening, outreach – men need information before they can articulate what they need, provide purpose and goal before we get to the service level, consider how, when, where, have a community rather than service focus.</li> <li>• Going to men and asking them, aspirational, building the person and then the parent, including elders, grandparents, normalising Dad’s roles in children’s lives, system changes – have father’s details on forms as well as mother’s, build father’s recognition in community.</li> <li>• Complex messaging in community and how conflicting they might be for men, challenging the stigma and stereo typing, our language and attitudes, talked about an advertising campaign across our services.</li> </ul> <p>Michael Jacobs suggested that we can impact DV if we can engage fathers before things happen and the approach is to raise up good men. He mentioned some Men’s Health Week activities that are planned.</p> <p>We explored both topics further in terms of What’s Happening Now? and Scope/Ideas for 2018.</p> <p><b>Action: Ellen Ferris is to collate ideas and circulate to seek further input from Chapter members. Decisions about direction for these topics are to be made at the next meeting.</b></p>	
<p><b>4. 2018 Priorities and Processes and review of issues and projects as listed on reverse of agenda</b></p>	<p>We reviewed our priorities and processes for 2018 and some of the issues and projects (as listed on the reverse of the agenda).</p> <p><u>Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community aspirations and responses</b> – We had a broad ranging discussion about this and considered possible actions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>We will incorporate information about events or specific days relevant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities into our acknowledgement to country as a way of building our knowledge.</b></li> <li>○ <b>We will wait for the 2 Logan Together Community Engagement Leads to commence work and involve them in working with Chapter members to see what more we can do.</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community aspirations and responses</u></p> <p>We will incorporate information about events or specific days relevant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities into our acknowledgement to</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ellen Ferris is to raise in Logan Engagement Institute conversations.</b></li> <li>● <b>Father Engagement</b> – as above</li> <li>● <b>Domestic and Family Violence</b> – as above</li> <li>● <b>Children Together</b> – an existing priority that is being worked on – an update for the Chapter is expected to occur within the next two months.</li> <li>● <b>Community of Practice – Workforce Development</b> - an existing priority that is that is being worked on - Marilyn Casely provided a brief update. A more detailed update is expected to occur at the July meeting.</li> <li>● <b>Kindy Conversations</b> – an existing priority that is that is being worked on. Penny Goodall is the contact – any feedback is to be provided to her. Questions were raised about what are we doing about other kindy related matters such as what can't it be free? We decided to put Kindergarten strategies beyond Kindy Conversations on the forward agenda for the Chapter.</li> </ul> <p><u>Processes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Client voices to the table</b> – we did not discuss this.</li> <li>● <b>Getting to action</b> – we did not discuss this.</li> </ul> <p><u>Current issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Model for Cultural Champion Response Service Delivery</b> - we did not discuss this.</li> <li>● <b>PD Opportunities Coordination/Calendar</b> - we did not discuss this.</li> </ul> <p><u>Current projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Support for Young Parents</b> – Nadine LePre advised that this project no longer has a facilitator. Matthew Cox advised that Sandra Fields will take interim lead on this.</li> <li>● <b>Youth Homelessness</b> - we did not discuss this.</li> <li>● <b>Sure Steps Project</b> – we did not discuss this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Items not discussed are to be reviewed at the next meeting.</b></p>	<p>country as a way of building our knowledge.</p> <p>We will wait for the 2 Logan Together Community Engagement Leads to commence work and involve them in working with Chapter members to see what more we can do.</p> <p>Ellen Ferris is to raise in Logan Engagement Institute conversations.</p> <p>Items not discussed are to be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>
<p><b>5. Terms of Reference</b></p>	<p>Ellen Ferris and Nadine Lepre presented the draft revised Terms of Reference which reflect changes in relation to the Communities for Children Committee and the Regional Child and Family Committee. This was endorsed (see attached).</p>	
<p><b>ACTION</b></p>		
<p><b>6. Coalition Wellbeing Survey</b></p>	<p>Ellen Ferris advised that 25 people completed the recent Coalition Wellbeing survey and she presented the top level results (as attached). The full report will be presented and a more detailed discussion and decision making about actions will occur at the next meeting.</p>	

<b>7. Access to allied health assessments for children (work that Browns Plains LLA has been doing)</b>	<p>David Dickson advised that there had been little response in regard to this issue however it will be reconsidered at the Browns Plains LLA next week. Nadine LePre advised that the issue was confusion around referral options for children and that a tool was developed and has to be evaluated. Questions to be considered are: is the issue how to refer or is it a capacity issue and is it allied health or Paediatrician? As there was no data to suggest this was a big issue we decided just to keep it on our radar.</p> <p><b>Action: Nadine LePre will re-circulate the tool.</b></p>	<p>Nadine LePre will re-circulate the tool</p>
<b>INFORMATION SHARING</b>		
<b>8. Logan Together Wider Update</b>	<p>Matthew Cox advised that there has been a lot of activity but there was not the time left to add more details.</p>	
<b>9. RCFC and changes to Department of Communities</b>	<p>The former Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has been split into 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women with responsibility for the Regional Child and Family Committee, child safety and youth.</li> <li>• Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors</li> <li>• Boundaries have not changed for child safety but they have for youth justice with Logan, Gold Coast and Redland now one region Southern Qld.</li> </ul>	
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>		
<b>10. Other Business</b>	<p><b>Early Years Neighbourhood Networks</b> - Susan Cary advised of the establishment of the Neighbourhood Advisory Group (NAG) and asked how the Child and Family Chapter relates to that group or do we want Susan to be the Chapter representative. <b>Action: Susan Cary is to discuss further at the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Early Years Fun Day</b> will be held at The Family Place on 23 May.</p>	<p>Susan Cary is to discuss further at the next meeting</p>
<b>11. Any questions about Issues, Projects or Funded Activities</b>	<p>Already included in item 4. Items not discussed are to be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>	
<b>12. Next meeting – date, time, venue</b>	<p>The next meeting is 9 am - 21 June, Meadowbrook Room, Griffith Uni</p>	

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting - Issues and Updates, Projects and Funded Activities – 17 May 2018

### Issues and Updates:

Issue	Status Update	Next Steps	Contact
<b>Model for Cultural Champion Response Service Delivery</b>	<p>Arrange a meeting with key stakeholders in Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander and CALD community to discuss cultural champions group formation - in this meeting aim is to task the group with identifying:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>all groups across Aboriginal &amp; Torres Strait Islander and CALD community that are represented in Logan,</li> <li>any possible challenges with engaging with these groups, any existing networks or groups that exist, their function and how successful they are,</li> <li>what are the known challenges of bringing these different groups together</li> </ol>	Reconvene the group from stage 1, pull together all the information from the fact-finding mission and form the plan for workshop in late Jan/early Feb 2018	Louisa Whettam
<b>Domestic Violence Response</b>	Further exploration in terms of What's Happening Now? and Scope/Ideas for 2018 at May meeting	Decision to be made at June meeting	TBA
<b>PD Opportunities Coordination/Calendar</b>	Logan Together Backbone Team is to work on this in 2018. The idea is to develop a calendar of PD opportunities.		Logan Together Backbone Team
<b>Family and Child Connect and Local Level Alliance (LLA) Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue raised re: high concentration of IFS, FaCC and Child Safety referrals from a small area within Loganlea. Place based response initiated with "Connecting Loganlea" event to connect service providers and gather feedback. Another event planned for later in the year to collect family feedback.</li> <li>Next RCFC meeting 22 May</li> <li>Allied health assessments for children – possible issue – Browns Plains</li> </ul>	Allied health assessments possible issue to be further discussed at Browns Plains LLA next week. Chapter to keep on their radar.	Nadine Lepre, Louisa Whettam, David Dickson
<b>Communities for Children Updates</b>	CfC Committee meeting held 2 May	<p>Projects/issues being explored:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAIDOC project with theme <i>Because of her we can</i></li> <li>Welcome Jarjums to Country</li> <li>Support and resources for grandparent carers.</li> </ul> <p>Next meeting 6 June.</p>	Debbie Miscamble
<b>Early Neighbourhood Networks</b>	Neighbourhood Advisory Group (NAG) has been established. How does the Child and Family Chapter relate to that group or do we want Susan to be the Chapter representative?	Susan Cary to discuss further at the next meeting.	Susan Cary

**Highlighted comments – no update since the previous meeting or earlier**

**Projects:**

Issue	Contact	Progress		
		On track	Needs support	Stuck
Children Together	Carrie Rose			
Community Connection and Engagement Strategy	Sandra Fields			
Father Engagement	Theodore Jensen, Glenn Hodgson			
Kindy Conversations	Penny Goodall			
Support for Young Parents	Sandra Fields – interim facilitator			
Youth Homelessness	Nadine Lepre	Currently working on youth consultation plan – additional input always welcome		
Community of Practice – Workforce Development	Marilyn Casely, Jenny Cartmel			
Sure Steps Project	Christine Gross			

**Items for future agenda:**

Item	Meeting and Action
Aboriginal, Torres Strait and CALD community responsiveness - a picture of success	17 May 2018 - We will wait for the 2 Logan Together Community Engagement Leads to be commence work and involve them in working with Chapter members to see what more we can do.
Kindergarten strategies beyond Kindy Conversations	17 May 2018 - on the forward agenda for the Chapter.

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting Attendance and Apologies – 17 May 2018

First Name	Last Name	Organisation	Role	C&FC role	Email Address
<b>Attendance</b>					
Angela	TuiSamoa	Logan Together – CSLT	Parent Representative	primary	a.tuisamoa@logantogogether.org.au
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Apologies					
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