

Child and Family Chapter Meeting Notes - Internal

Date: Thursday 16 August 2018
Venue: Griffith University, Meadowbrook Room
Chair: Sandra Fields, Logan Together

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

Attendance: Please see list below

Item	Discussion/Decision	Action Required
1. Acknowledgment of Country, Welcome, Introductions, Apologies	<p>Grainne Taia provided an acknowledgement to country which focussed on Logan’s Indigenous history. Information in the related document was sourced from an article written by SBS and additional information from Uncle Barry Watson – see attached. Chapter members were invited to share this information in other meetings.</p> <p>Sandra Fields welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions. Attendance and apologies are recorded below.</p>	See attached document
2. Connect	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p>Previous Actions - All previous actions which are due for review are included in the items below, are on the reverse page or have been completed.</p>	
STRATEGIC		
3. Getting to Action	<p>Ellen Ferris advised that she had had a discussion with Matthew Cox and Sandra Fields in regards to Chapter operation and the challenges faced in getting to action given the volume of change in attendance at meetings. The outcome was that Ellen would explain at the start of every meeting that the Chapter is a strategic forum and progress is best achieved with a consistent membership group. Additionally, she would explain the process for seeking membership, the agenda setting process and the expectations of members in regard to reporting on issues and projects. The agenda would not be restructured at this stage and meetings would continue monthly. Community voice could be incorporated into items by the leader of the item or other contributors to it. The Coalition Wellbeing Survey would not be explored further due to the volume of change in meeting participants and the number of people who are currently attending who had completed it.</p> <p>Sandra Fields advised that TACSI (The Australian Centre for Social Innovation), an organisation doing some work with Logan Together in regard to evaluation was looking at the governance of Logan Together including the Leadership Table and Chapters. Sandra explained that the Chapter was the opportunity for members to come</p>	Chapter members are to discuss within their organisations. Feedback is to be provided at the next meeting.

	<p>together to achieve collective impact in regard to children 0-8 and their families. The key thing was action and not being a network. She also explained the stages leading to collective impact:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – where we participate in groups to see what it can do for me – this is not collective impact 2 – where we participate, connect in and commit some resources and take some action – this is OK 3 – where organisations are in boots and all, and participants are not just coming to meetings – this is collective impact and where we need to get to. <p>Kerry Smith suggested Chapter members may need to participate in some workshopping about how we get to collective impact and would benefit from some mentoring. Other Chapter members supported this. Ellen Ferris suggested that there has to be commitment at Executive and Board level of member organisations. Carrie Rose indicated that there have been lots of great ideas but very few people put up their hands to either lead or be part of action. Also the churn in membership and new issues being raised can disable the group in making progress.</p> <p>Sandra Fields advised that if Chapter members thought that their organisation would benefit from someone from Backbone team visiting the organisation to have conversation about collective impact then the Backbone team would be happy to arrange that. She also confirmed that new members are very welcome.</p> <p>Action: Chapter members are to discuss within their organisations. Feedback is to be provided at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Domestic Violence Prevention Project</p>	<p>Sandra Fields introduced this item indicating that Domestic and Family Violence has been on the Chapter agenda for a while but we haven't been able to decide what to do and who wants to work on it.</p> <p>Rebecca Maurer advised she had provided a presentation to the Chapter last year. She spoke Logan being a trial site for the High Risk team and Integrated Service Response. There are now eight sites across Qld and the Department is looking at what else can be done with a focus on early intervention/prevention. Rebecca indicated she is interested to partner in ways that enable us to reach no traditional services for DFV e.g. connect with FACC, Neighbourhood Centres, Church groups, places that are more important touch stones for people. The specialist services are utilised once crisis situations emerge. Actions that could be our focus includes increasing routine asking, providing information about how to connect with people, not turn them away, how to have conversations, what services are out there and how to manage people's expectations, preparing for parenthood. Rebecca is happy to lead this and Logan Together will provide support.</p> <p>Michael Jacobs supported the ideas that have been raised and mentioned he is going to access Pastor Matt Boulton's training. Michael spoke about the importance of making an impact way before things get to crisis and to include men in the actions considered. Rebecca indicated that men might go to local services but maybe are not as keen to attend perpetrator programs and often would rather solve the problem on a family basis.</p>	<p>See attached document and presentation</p> <p>The working group is to develop a proposal to be brought back to the next meeting where we can have an exception conversation to choose the action.</p> <p>Letitia York from Kingston State School will present information on Respectful Relationships in Primary School at the next meeting.</p>

	<p>Michael also mentioned a gap in regard to what man victims can do if they have a bad experience with a service provider and then don't want to go back. Michael asked how we going to raise up good men unless we acknowledge and listen to them? Sandra reflected on previous meeting discussions about services for men and indicated that this needs to be included on the agenda for whoever takes this forward. Rebecca mentioned the limited services available for boys aged 12-18 years.</p> <p>Carrie Rose mentioned the Kingston State School program and Rebecca advised this was part of the response. Carrie suggested some integration of response into early learning services and providing tools for workers to have conversations.</p> <p>Debbie Miscamble suggested that we might use the next meeting to have a proper workshop to come up with actions.</p> <p>Sasha Childs advised that all women who give birth are asked some specific questions relating to DFV. Angela TuiSamoa advised she had received some feedback that in one instance a partner was asked to leave the room and perhaps working with the whole family unit might work. Rebecca advised that Department of Health has a direct pathway to refer cases into the high risk teams.</p> <p>Nyajame Yakuac, (student on placement at Access) spoke about the findings from a <i>DV from a CALD Perspective</i> project she has done. 3 questions were asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the gaps and issues for children in relation to Domestic and Family violence that you see? 2. What are the gaps and issues for perpetrators in relation to Domestic and Family violence that you see? 3. Is there anything else you want to let us know about Domestic and Family Violence? <p>One finding was that there were not enough support services for children. The report is attached.</p> <p>Kathryn Rendell, Access advised she works in the area of prevention and gaps. She provided some information from cases she is working on. This highlighted issues with support for males including teenagers. She has been experimenting with some collaborative efforts with settlement workers with a focus on healthy relationships.</p> <p>Rebecca added that one of the things we need to do is stop having conversations that DFV affects the poor people in Logan. Some impacted families do have access to resources but the resources might not be shared in the family. We need to consider different cultural backgrounds and economic situations.</p> <p>Denise Foley provided a presentation capturing community voice including input from the Mums and Bubs Facebook page, Grainne Taia, Access and Sasha Childs, Qld Health. The presentation is attached.</p> <p>There is a local DFV campaign video which will be shown at a future Chapter meeting.</p>	<p>Pastor Matt Boulton will present at the next meeting.</p> <p>Local DFV campaign video which will be shown at a future Chapter meeting.</p>
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	<p>Penny Goodall suggested that this was a big piece of work and that we keep the focus in accordance with the remit of the Chapter.</p> <p>Sandra indicated that we have to understand the topic and where it connects, taking the issues back to our workplaces and asking what should we do together?</p> <p>Rebecca will lead some further work on this issue including a mapping process. She will meet with other interested people - Denise Foley, Angela TuiSamoa, Sunanda Prakash, Kerry Smith, Sarah Duff, Carrie Rose, Larissa Shaw, Sami Paul, Sheena Callaghan, Susan Conaghan, Nyajame Yakuac and Kathryn Rendell. A proposal will be brought back to the next meeting where we can have an exception conversation to choose the action.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The working group is to develop a proposal to be brought back to the next meeting where we can have an exception conversation to choose the action. 2. Letitia York from Kingston State School will present information on Respectful Relationships in Primary School at the next meeting. 3. Pastor Matt Boulton will present at the next meeting. 4. Local DFV campaign video which will be shown at a future Chapter meeting. 	
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<p>5. Kindy Conversations</p>	<p>Penny Goodall provided background about Kindy Conversations. This involves the use of the Kindy Guide to facilitate a discussion with a family who might not understand much about Kindy. There are 900 Kindy Guides in circulation. Training sessions in the use of the Guide have occurred with the Parents Next providers and also with workers in the Hubs across Logan. Access has supported 52 placements into Kindy this year and has some brokerage funding to help with this.</p> <p>Penny advised outcomes have included a whole lot more conversations happening with families about Kindy. Anecdotal feedback is that some parents are really seeing the difference in their children who are now attending Kindy. Grainne Taia indicated that the culture has changed in the Hubs and Mums are encouraging others to get their kids into Kindy. No negative feedback has been received. There are some new Parents Next providers and they are asking for copies of the Guide. There were some hiccups due to childcare changes – payment for Kindy didn't change but the changes provided a lot of confusion. Penny is presenting to the forthcoming National Foster and Kinship Carers Conference. Penny asked if the date can be removed from the front of the Guide? Sandra asked for any further feedback about updates required.</p> <p>Sandra advised that Logan Together Backbone Team was having conversations with some philanthropists about possible funding for Kindy enrolments.</p>	<p>Feedback about any changes required for the Kindy Guides to be passed to Penny Goodall as soon as possible.</p>

	<p>Larissa Shaw advised Guides are need for FACC families. Carrie Rose advised she is holding 2 free spaces at Rosie’s however transport is an issue. Carrie also spoke about the varying levels of Kindy quality and indicated that there are 3 in Logan which have an excellent rating. Angela TuiSamoa mentioned the Samoan bi-lingual Kindy where transport is also an issue.</p> <p>Sandra indicated we should have the new Guides by September. Carrie advised that the Kindy Information sessions are starting soon.</p> <p>Sandra advised that Logan Together Backbone Team is trying to get clearer data around the impact of Kindy Conversations.</p> <p>Penny advised that she has been having conversations with workers at Access and also wanted to talk with Child Safety Officers.</p> <p>Action: Feedback about any changes required for the Kindy Guides to be passed to Penny Goodall as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>6. Support for Young Parents</p>	<p>Penny Goodall advised she had recently stepped into the leadership of the Support for Young Parents project after Nadine Lepre had moved on and she has only attended two 2 meetings. There has been some re-grouping and there are a lot of new people in the working group. The main current activity is the Goody Bags to hand out to teenage parents when they give birth. Yesterday a group of people worked together to put the collected items into 270 bags. The project group is looking at different places to distribute these. If Chapter members have ideas about that please contact Penny. Other ideas being considered by the Project Group are on-line connections for teenage mums and idea of having a young parent’s – 25 and under pregnancy expo where participants can be engaged into community spaces. Penny mentioned some great work being done by the YFS Brave program which started on 16 July and already has 10 young mums signed up. This is a mentor program for teenage parents. As part of the program antenatal classes are going to be delivered by a midwife at the Eagleby Family Centre and The Family Place.</p> <p>Sandra Fields advised that there are about 280 young women each year who give birth in Logan.</p> <p>Angela TuiSamoa advised that there are some bags available from the Regents Park State School which closed down. These might be able to be used as well. Angela and Finn Murphy are to talk about supporting the Connecting Loganlea event on 28 September.</p> <p>Action: Chapter members are to advise Penny Goodall of ideas for distribution of the Goody Bags.</p>	<p>Chapter members are to advise Penny Goodall of ideas for distribution of the Goody Bags.</p>

INFORMATION SHARING

7. Logan Together Wider Update

Sandra Fields advised that:

- The Backbone team has been very busy trying to get the back end right and understanding how we went in the start- up phase and moving to the next one.
- Qld Government (Dept of Communities) and Federal Government (DSS) have funded some work about how to evaluate place based initiatives. Logan Together is the guinea pig. Clear Horizon has the contract and TACSI who is working alongside them has been developing a specific model for Logan Together. This includes an element called MEL (monitoring, evaluation and learning). Additionally, Clear Horizon is doing a reflection of the last 2 years and some measurement about where they think we should have got to by now. The concept of MEL will also sit with the projects and some tools will be coming – to help plan activities and measure progress.
- Some work is being done on project planning.
- The successful applicant for the Indigenous specific Community Engagement position has not taken up the role. Sandra will be talking with the community again.

GENERAL BUSINESS

8. Other Business

Sasha Childs advised of the 4-5 years old Child Development Health checks which can be arranged by calling the local Child Health Clinic – see attached flyer.

Susan Conaghan advised that PHN has a funded program for training GPs and their practice team in DFV. The training is usually 2 hours but can be condensed to a shorter time. Sandra Fields asked if we can promote the practices that have done it.

Carrie Rose advised of a date claimer – 6 October from 10 am -2 pm for an exhibition of children’s work at Daisy Hill State School.

Carrie Rose advised of the successful NAIDOC event funded by CfC, a collaborative effort between Daisy Hill State School, Rosie’s Early Learning Centre and Daisy Hill Family Day Care Centre. This was hosted at the Daisy Hill State School with 12 ECEC services present. The organisers are looking at this being annual event.

9. Any questions about Issues, Projects or Funded Activities

There were no questions. Angela TuiSamoa provided an update for Lil Bug Love which is included over the page.

10. Next meeting – date, time, venue

The next meeting is 9 am – 20 September – **Note: Different location: Building LO7, Room 3.06 , Griffith Uni**

Child and Family Chapter Meeting - Issues and Updates, Projects – 16 August 2018

Issues and Updates:

Issue	Status Update	Next Steps	Contact
Lil Bug Love Initiative	Kits were launched at Logan Central Police Station 3 weeks ago and are now in 11 Police Stations.	Logan Together Backbone Team is continuing to work alongside Cindy who is also supported by YFS. Cindy is now looking at extending the project state and nation wide.	Angela TuiSamoa
Family and Child Connect and Local Level Alliance (LLA) Updates	<p>28th of June LLA had a great turn out with a specific theme for NAIDOC “Because of her we can” Working group - Wanting to know and making sure that services are aligning with the RCFC Priorities. Speakers on the day: Elaine Tanaka Aboriginal Practice Leader Child Safety gave a presentation on the “Changing Tracks” policy Tim Harper from ATSICHS gave a presentation on a Tool that they have developed, working in alignment with their client group. Mel from YFS gave her presentation on the new service delivery ASC working with Child Safety.</p> <p>In the last month the Browns Plains LLA has voted to start a “Logon Rivers Sub Working Group” to address the issues that have been flagged in Yarrabilba. Myself and three others are meeting with the three School Principals in the area (Yarrabilba State School, St Clair’s and Logan Village State School), this will give them the opportunity to unload all the issues that have arisen in the area. This will free up the within the LLA to focus on the remaining issues within the Browns Plains LLA.</p> <p>The Security Manager from Grand Plaza has become a member of the LLA as Centre Management has become more community minded and is examining the possibility of using a block of land they own and using it for community development programs for youth and families and other community minded ventures. The Security Manager has the go ahead to put proposals forward to the Centre Management. It is a very exciting prospect for Browns Plains.</p>		Finn Murphy, Louisa Whettam, David Dickson
Father Engagement	<p>Launched Logan Men’s Network at Berrinba Wetlands with Councillor Steve Swenson speaking to the group. Council also launched a Men’s Health website with support of Logan Men’s Network. During Men’s Health Week the Black Dog Walk event was held at The Family Place where over 100 people attended with support of local services. Monthly Logan Men’s Network meetings</p>		Ellen Beaumont

Communities for Children Updates	CfC Committee meeting held 1 August – committee membership is growing. Several NAIDOC events supported. Welcome Jarjums to Country project is progressing. Grandparent carer gatherings held in 3 locations.	Next meeting 5 September.	Debbie Miscamble
Early Neighbourhood Networks	The Early Years Neighbourhood Networks have established links between schools and their feeder services. Education Qld has funded three 3 coach roles. An agreement has been made with Education Queensland that the Logan Together Backbone Team and Communities for Children Team will work with the wider network of partners to develop the transdisciplinary support components of the model. Once these transdisciplinary elements are further developed we can work out how best to bring these together with the work of the Coaches. A special working group has been established and the first meeting was last week. At a future Chapter meeting, perhaps September we will have a presentation on this.		Susan Cary
Aboriginal, Torres Strait and CALD community responsiveness - a picture of success	Identified at 17 May 2018 meeting for future Chapter agenda		
Kindergarten strategies beyond Kindy Conversations	Identified at 17 May 2018 meeting for future Chapter agenda		

Highlighted comments – no update since the previous or earlier meetings

Projects:

Issue	Contact	Progress		
		On track	Needs support	Stuck
Children Together	Carrie Rose			
Community Connection and Engagement Strategy	Sandra Fields			
Kindy Conversations	Penny Goodall			
Support for Young Parents	Penny Goodall			
Youth Homelessness	Finn Murphy			
Community of Practice – Workforce Development	Marilyn Casely, Jenny Cartmel			
Sure Steps Project	Christine Grose			

Child and Family Chapter Meeting Attendance and Apologies – 16 August 2018

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