

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting Notes - Internal

**Date:** Thursday 19 July 2018  
**Venue:** Griffith University, Meadowbrook Room  
**Chair:** Matthew Cox, Logan Together

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

**Attendance:** Please see list below

Item	Discussion/Decision	Action Required
<p><b>1. Acknowledgment of Country, Welcome, Introductions, Apologies</b></p>	<p>Penny Goodall provided an acknowledgement to country recognising NAIDOC week and paying special respect to Elders who work very hard around this time. Penny expressed her gratitude for Elders who have gone before and extended special respects to Uncle Barry Watson.</p> <p>Uncle Barry Watson advised that a highlight of NAIDOC is the different themes. This year's theme <i>Because of her, we can</i> pays tribute to great leaders who work hard to stand up on behalf of children and grandchildren.</p> <p>Matthew Cox welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions. Attendance and apologies are recorded below.</p>	
<p><b>2. Endorsement of previous minutes and actions</b></p>	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.</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>		
<p><b>3. Getting to Action</b></p>	<p>Ellen Ferris advised that following the last meeting where a restructure of the agenda was discussed she had considered further the practicality of such a change given many of the project group members were not also Chapter members and unlikely to be available. Ellen has had some conversation with Carrie Rose who proposed the change. Ellen spoke about the challenges for the Chapter in terms of its effectiveness as a vehicle for change given the volume of change in attendance at meetings. She explained that the Chapter is a strategic forum and progress is best achieved with a consistent membership group. Additionally, she explained the process for seeking membership, the agenda setting process and the expectations of members in regard to reporting on issues and projects. Ellen sought feedback from Chapter members in regard to the operation of the Chapter and meeting processes.</p> <p>Angela TuiSamoa reflected on the Chapter's approach to Domestic and Family Violence which has been identified as a Chapter priority and discussions about a working group. However, people were not able to</p>	<p>Ellen Ferris and Matthew Cox will have a chat about the Chapter operation before the next meeting and consider if changes will be proposed.</p>

	<p>commit to the extra work involved. They were able to support the <i>Lil Bug Love</i> project where a community member was doing something valuable and needed some support. This was a good example of how the Chapter could work.</p> <p><b>Action: Ellen Ferris and Matthew Cox will have a chat about the Chapter operation before the next meeting and consider if changes will be proposed.</b></p>	
<p><b>4. DSS Stronger Outcomes for Families</b></p>	<p>Matthew Cox advised that DSS is seeking feedback about the proposed Stronger Outcomes for Families Discussion Paper (see attached). Charmaine Stubbs highlighted that this important opportunity to provide feedback and The Salvation Army is collating some feedback. Charmaine facilitated a group discussion exercise to collect some feedback.</p> <p>Belinda Brown will be developing a Logan Together response and may run a process to assist with this. Feedback closes on 15 August. Matthew encouraged everyone to consider providing feedback.</p>	
<p><b>5. Domestic Violence Prevention Project</b></p>	<p>Matthew Cox advised that the response to Domestic and Family Violence high risk cases has been addressed by the High Risk teams and strategies. The areas where we have not been as organised as we want to be are prevention and community mobilising. Matthew has had a conversation with Rebecca Maurer (Child Safety) and her focus is moving to the prevention space and she wanted to offer the Chapter the opportunity to contribute. Rebecca is looking for a network of stakeholders and will attend the next meeting where we will have a design/scoping session.</p> <p>Jo Bird mentioned that Kingston SS is in the pilot for the Respectful Relationships program and suggested we include information about that as well.</p> <p><b>Actions: The agenda item for August will be set for 90 minutes. Ellen Ferris will send out the notes from previous discussions/work done by the Chapter as background information.</b></p>	<p>The agenda item for August will be set for 90 minutes. Ellen Ferris will send out the notes from previous discussions/work done by the Chapter as background information.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>		
<p><b>6. Introducing Denise Foley</b></p>	<p>Denise Foley commenced in the new role of Community Engagement Coordinator with the Logan Together Backbone Team one month ago. She introduced herself and provided information about her background. Denise was previously at Mt Gravatt Community Centre, has a background as a Social Worker, has worked in the area of prisoner support and advocacy and in the music industry. Denise acknowledged the work of Karen Dawson-Sinclair, Angela TuiSamoa and Nat Millar who are already in the team. Denise indicated that she is developing a Community Connection and Engagement Strategy which will embrace paradigm shifts and how citizen and community engagement is at the base of what Logan Together does. Other aspects are the multiple entry points for engagement, the strong relationships, how to do engagement better and why do we do it to influence programs that support children. Additionally, Denise is considering information management, how</p>	<p>The suggestion about inclusion of community voice be considered in agenda discussions (Ellen Ferris and Matthew Cox). Denise Foley, Grainne Taia, Kerry Smith and Diana Townsend will arrange community voice</p>

	<p>we manage it and a systemised way to look at, analyse and draw out the themes. One of the key activities is the development of the Logan Engagement Institute – bringing together practitioners for practice development. The first Forum will be on 22 August and more information will be sent out about that soon. Denise reported that she had recently attended a meeting in regard to the October launch of <i>Listen2 Connect, A Community Engagement Guideline for Children, Youth and Young Adults in the City of Logan</i>. Other considerations are the Harwood webinars and roll out and how community engagement fits with mobilisation.</p> <p>Denise shared reflections from her participation in the evaluation framework workshop which highlighted wheels spinning, queried where action fits, what we are achieving now and what we’re working towards. Also she reflected on the Community Services Industry Alliance (CSIA) presentation to the Cross Sector Leadership Table which focussed on the paradigm shift of how we might move from outputs to outcomes and the readiness of the sector in Logan to look at change.</p> <p>Matthew Cox spoke about developing the sense of where we should engage and explained that Denise’ role is not to do all the engagement but she will work with partners who are doing engagement and understand the topics and who’s doing what, not starting from first base and establishing two-way communication with the community.</p> <p>Angela TuiSamoa suggested the inclusion of community voice in the Chapter meeting agenda. Debbie Miscamble suggested establishing some structure to make this work. Penny Goodall suggested that Chapter members be prepared to come to meetings with information from community voice. Marilyn Casely supported providing a feedback loop to the community. Denise spoke about feedback to community members and to the agencies that we all come from and other workers that are there.</p> <p>Matthew asked whether we could take some steps to include community voice in the Domestic and Family Violence discussion at next month’s meeting. Denise Foley, Grainne Taia and Kerry Smith will arrange that. Diana Townsend will arrange input from YFS’ men’s program.</p> <p>Kim Wright suggested get Logan Together messages out into the community through newsletters etc. and having some hard copies available in community.</p> <p>Denise invited feedback and comment from Chapter members.</p> <p><b>Actions: The suggestion about inclusion of community voice be considered in agenda discussions (Ellen Ferris and Matthew Cox). Denise Foley, Grainne Taia, Kerry Smith and Diana Townsend will arrange community voice input to the Domestic and Family Violence item at the next Chapter meeting.</b></p>	<p>input to the Domestic and Family Violence item at the next Chapter meeting.</p>
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7. <b>Maternity Hubs Update</b>	Matthew Cox advised that all 3 Maternity Hubs are now operating. Metro South Health has found some additional resources to commit to the hubs and also a fourth hub is expected to be established at Hosanna this financial year. There have been 80 births so far and the hubs are supporting 180 women. 500-600 is the number the hubs are aiming to help. Also there has been a reduction in caesarean births. The next step is to consider how multi-disciplinary services can be included.	
8. <b>Kindy Conversations</b>	<p>Penny Goodall advised that the Kindy Conversations project is about building the awareness of what is available. She spoke about the Kindy Guides and the work that has been done with the Parents Next providers and Access Hubs. Some feedback has been received recently that parents who are now putting their children into formal kindy can see the positive changes. Penny and Belinda Brown are to talk about evaluation. The Kindy Guide needs to be updated to include the Childcare Allowance changes. We discussed some of the challenges faced by applicants and ECECs in regard to the Childcare Allowance claims. One issue that has been identified is a mismatch in regard to date of birth for the ECEC and Centrelink records.</p> <p>Matthew Cox suggested that at the next meeting we review the Kindy Guide content and then republish and get out to networks for a big push for last few months of the school year. Penny Goodall is to work with Belinda Brown on this.</p> <p><b>Action: Penny Goodall and Belinda Brown are to prepare for agenda item on Kindy Conversations for the next meeting.</b></p>	Penny Goodall and Belinda Brown are to prepare for agenda item on Kindy Conversations for the next meeting.
9. <b>Early Years Neighbourhood Networks</b>	Matthew Cox spoke about the Early Years Neighbourhood Networks which 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.	
10. <b>Coalition Wellbeing Survey</b>	This item has been postponed to a future meeting.	
<b>INFORMATION SHARING</b>		
11. <b>CfC Committee Projects Update</b>	Debbie Miscamble spoke about the re-established CfC Committee and the membership which included students from Groves Christian College, parents and grandparents. Debbie advised of three current projects – Grandparent Carers Support, NAIDOC Activities and Welcome Jarjums to Country.	

	<p>Grandparent Carers Support - Ellen Ferris advised that two grandparents on the CfC Committee had highlighted the lack of support for them as grandparent carers and not knowing what resources might be available. A small working group was established to explore this and the first activity is a series of grandparent gatherings at The Loft of Learning – Thursday - 26 July, KENG - 3 August and Eagleby Family Centre - 8 August. Chapter members were asked to share details of the gatherings within their organisations, networks and any appropriate groups.</p> <p>NAIDOC Activities - Debbie Miscamble advised that the CfC Committee has supported a series of NAIDOC activities hosted by KENG), The Family Place, Daisy Hill SS and partners, Mob Kinnectors, Groves College and Eagleby Family Centre.</p> <p>Welcome Jarjums to Country – Debbie advised that this is an activity that has occurred in Inala and some other communities and is a positive experience for families and children to connect to their local community. The working group for this project will be guided by the Traditional Owners. The original concept has grown. Mob Kinnectors have provided feedback that Aboriginal and Torres Strait people see it as a stepping stone for their people in Logan to take charge of what happens with them in Logan. Debbie explained the concept using an illustration of a tree, which Debbie held up. A tree has big roots underground which is its foundation and source of nutrients. That represents Yugambah and Jagera country and the traditional owners who have been contacted. Also when you cut through a tree trunk, you see all the rings formed over many years, which represents strength through knowledge being passed down. The strong message from consultations is that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are asking for a strong organisation owned and operated by Indigenous peoples to be involved. This represents the tree trunk, providing support and identifying who will come together so linkages can be made into community hubs, kindies, schools, early childhood education centres, etc. Aunty Faith Green envisions that Mob Kinnectors can also provide workers being supported in cultural perspective and create an open and welcoming place for local families to come in and be linked into services they need; and the Traditional Owners are in support of this vision. This project can be sustainable it provides opportunity for the passing on of knowledge to build our young people up to be leaders in Logan.</p> <p>Uncle Barry added that children being born today are grandchildren of the Stolen Generation who often do not have links to their country. Having a cultural ceremony will give young people a connection to Logan City and facilitate them to be linked into support services.</p>	
<p><b>12. Logan Together Wider Update</b></p>	<p>Matthew Cox advised that from 19-23 November Change Fest will be held in Logan at the LEC. This is a National Conference examining the theme of Place Based and hosted by Logan Together, Collaboration for Impact and Griffith University. An EOI for the Conference Agenda will be sent out soon.</p>	
<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>		

<b>13. Other Business</b>	Nil	
<b>14. Any questions about Issues, Projects or Funded Activities</b>	Not covered	
<b>15. Next meeting – date, time, venue</b>	The next meeting is 9 am – 16 August, Meadowbrook Room, Griffith Uni	

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting - Issues and Updates, Projects – 19 July 2018

### Issues and Updates:

Issue	Status Update	Next Steps	Contact
Lil Bug Love Initiative	Offers of support advised to Logan Together Backbone Team on 28 June		Karen Dawson-Sinclair
Family and Child Connect and Local Level Alliance (LLA) Updates	<p>28<sup>th</sup> of June LLA had a great turn out with a specific theme for NAIDOC “Because of her we can”</p> <p>Working group - Wanting to know and making sure that services are aligning with the RCFC Priorities.</p> <p>Speakers on the day:</p> <p>Elaine Tanaka Aboriginal Practice Leader Child Safety gave a presentation on the “Changing Tracks” policy</p> <p>Tim Harper from ATSICHS gave a presentation on a Tool that they have developed, working in alignment with their client group.</p> <p>Mel from YFS gave her presentation on the new service delivery ASC working with Child Safety.</p> <p>It has been proposed that a sub group of the Browns Plains LLA be formed at Yarrabilba as the Browns Plains LLA is being dominated by issues that have been identified by School Principals in the area. In addition the community hub is taking up substantial time within the LLA. It would not be another LLA but a sub group which would also feed information back to Beaudesert as Yarrabilba is actually closer to Beaudesert than Browns Plains and fall under the Beaudesert catchment area or region within Child Safety boundaries even though it falls under the Logan City Council boundaries.</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.</p> <p>Council also launched a Men’s Health website with support of Logan Men’s Network.</p> <p>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.</p>	Monthly Logan Men’s Network meetings	Ellen Beaumont
Communities for Children Updates	<p>CfC Facilitating Partner has had funding extended for a further 12 months i.e. to 30 June 2020</p> <p>CfC Committee meeting held 4 July</p>	<p>Projects:</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> </ul>	Debbie Miscamble

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and resources for grandparent carers.</li> </ul> Next meeting 1 August.	
<b>Early Neighbourhood Networks</b>	<p>Networks continuing to evolve. Work is being done to develop a one page outline of activities and once developed this can be shared with the Chapter.</p> <p>Education Queensland has agreed 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.</p>		Susan Cary
<b>Aboriginal, Torres Strait and CALD community responsiveness - a picture of success</b>	Identified at 17 May 2018 meeting for future Chapter agenda		
<b>Kindergarten strategies beyond Kindy Conversations</b>	Identified at 17 May 2018 meeting for future Chapter agenda		

#### Projects:

Issue	Contact	Progress		
		On track	Needs support	Stuck
<b>Children Together</b>	Carrie Rose			
<b>Community Connection and Engagement Strategy</b>	Sandra Fields			
<b>Kindy Conversations</b>	Penny Goodall			
<b>Support for Young Parents</b>	Penny Goodall		There has been a change in the leadership as Nadine Lepre is currently seconded to another role. Penny Goodall has been asked by Logan Together to take this on. The group met for the first time under the new leadership on June 21. Those in attendance are mostly new to the group having only	

			attended recent meetings. The group expressed a desire to be action focused. Previous action has focused on assembling goody bags for teen parents to be handed out at Logan Hospital. The group is looking to reinvigorate and reprioritise actions. Next meeting 26 July.	
<b>Youth Homelessness</b>	Finn Murphy		Recent survey on Youth Homelessness that has been disseminated through a wide source of services has not had a good response. This was raised at the recent Logan Youth Networking Meeting looking for this survey to be distributed again to try and get some response. Also sought some supports to attend the next LYHWG as numbers have dwindled.	
<b>Community of Practice – Workforce Development</b>	Marilyn Casely, Jenny Cartmel			
<b>Sure Steps Project</b>	Christine Gross			

**Items for future agenda:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting and Action</b>
<b>Aboriginal, Torres Strait and CALD community responsiveness - a picture of success</b>	17 May 2018 - 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>Kindergarten strategies beyond Kindy Conversations</b>	17 May 2018 - on the forward agenda for the Chapter.

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting Attendance and Apologies – 19 July 2018

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