

Child and Family Chapter Meeting Notes - Internal

Date: Thursday 20th December 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledgment of Country, Welcome, Introductions, Apologies 	<p>Jasmine Melling provided an acknowledgement to country.</p> <p>Matthew Cox welcomed everyone. Attendance and apologies are recorded below.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the previous Connect 	<p>The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p>There was one follow up item in relation to the impact of changes in requirements of participants in the ParentsNext program. Denise Foley advised that there had been some difficulties since the program moved from pilot to rollout stage. Feedback has been received from a number of sources. One organisation that has a parent advisory group advised that the program had moved from supportive to monitoring. A Senate Inquiry has been announced with submissions due by 28 February. Logan Together will make a submission and arrange a process to include input from others.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Getting to Action – Chapter Operations including reflection exercise 	<p>Ellen Ferris referred to the standing agenda item - Getting to Action which is one of the Chapter’s priorities and spoke about the challenges faced in achieving progress given the volume of change in attendance at meetings. Ellen 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.</p> <p>Ellen indicated she’d been thinking about how to maintain the momentum in the group going into 2019. It is usual that at the beginning of each year the Chapter reflects on its’ performance and sets new priorities taking into account the Roadmap, direction from the Cross Sector Leadership Table and input from members of the Chapter. To assist with this and capture some feedback from 2018 Ellen facilitated a reflection exercise. The collated results are attached.</p> <p>Matthew Cox spoke briefly about the Logan Together Review which was presented at the last Cross Sector Leadership Table and will be further considered in 2019.</p>

STRATEGIC – Nil items

ACTION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindy Conversations 	<p>Penny Goodall advised that the new Guides (without dates) were now available. She also advised that this activity was focussed on the importance of the year before school and highlighted the success with this activity in the Access hubs and the work with organisations that meet with families who don't have their child involved in kindy. An exciting development is the sponsorship offered by Bendigo Bank for some spaces and the project group is working on how this will look and also doing Kindy conversations with Bendigo Bank staff.</p> <p>Susan Cary mentioned the small assistance grants that are available for early years' services.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backing Young Parents 	<p>Penny Goodall provided an update about the Backing Young Parents project advising that there was a new working group and the membership changed a lot. Recently the group had participated in an exercise to narrow down what they want to work on in the new year. Early next year the group will meet to develop a strategy for consulting with young families.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father engagement/Men's network 	<p>Glenn Hodgson was unavailable for today's meeting. Michael Jacobs advised that there had been a recent meeting at the Hope Centre and some action came out of that. The Logan Men's Network has identified that there is a growing need for information that is easy to access – some on-line and some in paper version. Sandra Fields facilitated an earlier meeting at KENG and a lot of good feedback and information came from that with the network's action plan now about 85% done. The network is hitting the ground running and getting things done while the structure is being developed.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Homelessness 	<p>Finn Murphy advised that the issue of youth homelessness was raised at an LLA meeting in March 2017. This relates to people 15 years and under and issues around legalities and responsibilities. Safety is a concern and also the lack of activities for young people after 5 pm in Logan which has meant that high numbers of young people are going into Brisbane Finn stepped into the working group in July and has found that a lot of the issue is anecdotal without data to back it up. The group has talked about collaboration and services working together and there are services in Logan that do support youth but not with homelessness. Efforts have been made to bring interested people together and get the group to focus. The issue has been raised at the Logan Interagency meeting but no one from that network has put up their hand to work on it. Logan City Council are supportive of the group. The group has decided to develop a concertina card including rights, emergency services information. A similar card launched in Redlands was good and broke down barriers between youth and emergency services. The next meeting is on 12 March and actions over the next two months are to connect with youth. At the moment it is hard to see a way forward.</p> <p>Matthew Cox indicated that this illustrates the challenge for action. He suggested the group review how they are going in March. This could include seeing how the card goes, getting consensus of immediate needs, identifying what are the top three priorities, where are the hot spots and what are the key issues.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children Together Update 	<p>Carrie Rose was unavailable for today's meeting. Penny Goodall provided an update on Children Together. This project has been around for a long time and is working on developing a Logan Children's Charter based on the UNICEF model – a city that values children and where children thrive. The Charter is close to completion and the next steps will be to approach businesses or services to buy into it. The aim will be to have a document that businesses or services can display on their wall. Alongside of this the project group has been working with Erin Seale from Logan City Council aligning our work with the Listen 2 Connect Guideline. Also work has been done on a Tool Kit to engage with</p>

	<p>young children 0-3 to gather their voices (funded by CfC). Carrie Rose has been doing a lot of work on developing the activities that will support this.</p> <p>In early 2019 the project group will be making some strategic links through Councillors to the Chambers of Commerce so connection with business can be established and we can start converting the not yet converted. Suggestions for businesses to be included are car yards and the funeral industry. Initially we will target four specific businesses and trial this. Our dream is that Chambers of Commerce will buy into the Charter, businesses start to see the value of the Charter, the Council is on board and we are seeing visibility of the Charter around the city. The Project Group will trial the approach with some easy businesses/services and other harder ones giving them an opportunity to engage with Logan Together. Susan Cary indicated she could help with engaging the early childhood sector. In the new year, Ethics (consent arrangements) are to be finalised.</p> <p>Action: A progress report will be presented at the Cross Sector Leadership Table in February.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live well Logan Update 	<p>Elise Daw spoke about Live Well Logan, a program of weekly Council and other community activities. Applications for activities to be in the book close 14 January. It was suggested that we might take a collaborative approach to developing some activities. Yarrabilba was highlighted for inclusion. \$160K is the total pool available for funding.</p> <p>Matthew Cox indicated that this may be an opportunity for resources to go to mums and bubs groups etc. and boost more of what we are already doing, increasing programs.</p> <p>We agreed to hold a 2-hour discussion on 10 January from 9-11 am at Logan City Council offices, 150 Wembley Rd, Logan Central, to brainstorm ideas. Going forward we'd like to take a more strategic approach and schedule in a discussion to start work on developing ideas in June/July next year so we can be more prepared.</p>
<p>INFORMATION SHARING</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logan Together Wider Update 	<p>Matthew advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Gateways – this project is considering whether we can build a network of these things – looking across all the hub models, utilising soft entry and very welcoming community spaces, identifying the common elements so we can describe a set of principles about how to set up, do well. There was a good meeting at Yarrabilba this week and we are working towards putting a model forward for investment. • Governance and Collaboration Review – see comments above – there is be a good discussion about the Child and Family Chapter next year. • Community Engagement and Leadership – this has arisen out of ChangeFest – considering how community leaders can create structure and exert influence, supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, working with Access and the Ethnic Advisory Leaders. Logan Together will put some resource into this. Also CfC is interested. • ChangeFest – work is continuing following this – including setting up a collaborative leadership group to advance social change.

GENERAL BUSINESS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any questions about Issues or Projects	There were no questions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Other Business	We discussed the possibility of having the meeting venue at various locations in the community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting – date, time, venue	The next meeting will be held from 9 am on 21 February 2019 - venue to be advised.

Communities for Children Updates	CfC Committee meeting on 5 December was a Christmas celebration to thank our committee members for their work in 2018.	Next meeting 6 February	Debbie Miscamble
Early Neighbourhood Networks	The Neighbourhood Networks are progressing as needed. There has been significant focus on the Transition to School statements including parent consent form. There is now a new network forming in the Windaroo/ Beenleigh/ Mt Warren park areas.		Susan Cary
Workforce Development	Discussed at 20 September meeting for future Chapter agenda		
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		

Projects and Funded Activities:

Issue	Contact	Progress		
		On track	Needs support	Stuck
Children Together	Carrie Rose			
Community Connection and Engagement Strategy	Sandra Fields			
Kindy Conversations	Penny Goodall			
Backing Young Parents	Penny Goodall			
Youth Homelessness	Finn Murphy			
Sure Steps Project	Christine Grose			

Child and Family Chapter Meeting Attendance and Apologies – 20 December 2018

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