

Child and Family Chapter Meeting Notes - Internal

Date: Thursday 21st February 2019
Venue: Griffith University, Building LO7, Room 3.06
Chair: Matthew Cox, Logan Together

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

Attendance: Please see list below

Item	Discussion/Decision/Action
<p>1. Acknowledgment of Country, Welcome, Introductions, Apologies</p>	<p>Di Townsend provided an acknowledgement to country focussing on the Feb 13th anniversary of the Apology to Stolen Generation. Di included the very moving Archie Roach song – Took the Children Away https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aywDT6yHMmo</p> <p>Matthew Cox welcomed everyone. Attendance and apologies are recorded below.</p>
<p>2. Minutes from the previous Connect</p>	<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>
<p>3. Getting to Action – Chapter Operations including reflection exercise</p>	<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>
STRATEGIC – Nil items	
<p>4. Chapter Direction and Priorities 2019 – including review of reflection exercise from 20 December meeting Purpose and Outcome: Set Chapter direction for 2019</p>	<p>Matthew Cox referred to the discussion at the last Chapter meeting and the aim to set directions and priorities for 2019. He spoke about initially having a broader look at the various ways the Logan Together movement is hanging together and reflect on how the movement is going and how the Chapter should fit into the movement. He mentioned that the Federal Government has committed 5 years funding for Logan Together and it was hoped that the State will also follow suit. Matthew advised that last year Logan Together commissioned a governance review and there were 6 recommendations from that review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Set up independent company to un Logan Together 2 Refresh Leadership Table 3 Wind up Industry Chapters (except Child and Family Chapter) 4 Reflect Logan’s diversity in Governance structures 5 Regular program of forums and events to maintain the movement 6 A clear map of Governance arrangements

Matthew presented a draft organisational/governance chart and led a workshop exercise to explore Chapter member's views in regard to Recommendation 2 (the role of the Leadership Table) and 3 (finding the right role for Child and Family Chapter). By May-June Logan Together wants to have answered the questions and have a new format taking place.

Comments included:

Leadership Table

- Someone from the Chapter to be a member of the Leadership Table to provide a direct link and fed in/out information
- Provide guidance, be an enabler, advocacy, find and mobilise resources for agreed projects and activities, lobby government or other entities
- RAP type tour visits for Leadership Table member to places in Logan – meet people – broaden their understanding of the area

Chapter

- Be more community led
- Get meetings out into the community to facilitate community involvement
- We continue to sit here as organisations to identify gaps but we are still missing the most marginalised voices – community, parents and children – figure out a way to get genuine voices
- Organisations that are members of the Chapter make the commitment to the Chapter and its work – be a partner in the Logan Together movement
- Want more clarity about the Chapter and its role
- Perhaps meet less frequently and focus on engaging with the community
- Continue meeting to the same schedule as currently
- Focus more on events
- Take a grassroots-up approach – we need voices directly – bring them into the space
- Use Chapter for solutions and issues
- Complement the CfC Committee, LLA and the quarterly forums where information sharing and networking occurs - ask services to identify gaps and these can be brought back to the Chapter to identify workgroups
- Take opportunities to connect into activities such as the Logalea activity last year where services came together as a wider group got feedback from the community
- Seek opportunities to engage with community – hop on a train

Summary – The Leadership Table should take an enabling and not directional focus – get things done for the Chapter. The Chapter has an operational more outreach/community focus taking on projects to meet community needs. There was a lot of commonality in the responses.

Action: Matthew Cox took the paper records of the group conversations and over the next month will hone in on 1 or 2 scenarios for further consideration at the next meeting.

ACTION

5. Youth Music Festival Proposal	Cindy Barden was not able to attend today. This item will be rescheduled for a future meeting.
6. Youth Homelessness	<p>Finn Murphy spoke about some of the challenges in regard to mobilising the Youth Homelessness working group which has been operating for almost 2 years. Marilyn Casely advised that the Qld Police Service had met with Griffith University about issues related to youth homelessness and a meeting of agencies was to be arranged. It was suggested that Finn and Marilyn talk to identify whether there are commonalities in what they are working on. Matthew Cox suggested that following this the issues could be defined and a short scoping paper developed to include – the definition of the issues, possible solutions, some data. It was also suggested that information be fed up to Regional Child and Family Committee.</p> <p>Action: Finn Murphy and Marilyn Casely to discuss and report back to the next meeting.</p>
7. Children Together	This item was not discussed. It will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

INFORMATION SHARING

8. Emerging Minds	Ruby Awram introduced attendees to Emerging Minds resources and e-learning modules. Emerging Minds National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health focusses on enhancing workforce capacity to support the social and emotional wellbeing of children and parents/carers and improve the mental health outcomes of children aged 0 – 12 years. Some attendees had engaged with the e-learning already and there was interest from other members regarding the resources and Emerging Minds collaboration with Beyond Blue’s ‘Be You’ program aimed at schools. Here is a video to learn more about the centre. There are multiple ways the Child and Family Chapter member organisations can engage with Emerging Minds: sign up to the E-news, share the freely available resources with your organisations and teams, and connect with the Queensland team to explore opportunities to collaborate. Matthew Cox received support from attendees for Logan Together to work with Emerging Minds and Beyond Blue to progress a multi-sector project across the region. Matthew advised that he would be in touch with the Emerging Minds team.
9. Logan Together Wider Update	<p>Matthew advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backing Young Parents – Penny Goodall is leading this group and it is progressing well. • Warril Yari-Go is an effective Aboriginal and Torres Strait leadership group that has been established following ChangeFest. This group is working closely with Logan Together. A presentation will be scheduled at a future meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Any questions about Issues or Projects	There were no questions.
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<p>11. Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with Debt Day is being held at LEC on Monday 4 March – important to get Logan community members there. This is a YFS initiative supported by the Logan Financial Literacy Action Group. • Grandparent Carers’ Resource Booklet – this is an action from the CfC Committee – copies were distributed – please provide any feedback to Ellen Ferris. • We are looking for venues in the community for future Chapter meetings – please advise Ellen Ferris if you can help. • Logan City Council has been developing a new action plan for the Community Development Team. Also applications are currently open for Logan Community Project Grants. Associated with this are some grant writing workshops - see https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/community-support/grants/community-project-grants
<p>12. Next meeting – date, time, venue</p>	<p>The next meeting will be held from 9 am on 21 March 2019 – Browns Plains Early Years Centre, Cnr Wineglass Dve & Middle Road, Hillcrest.</p>

Child and Family Chapter Meeting - Issues and Updates, Projects – 21 February 2019

Issues and Updates: **Highlighted comments – no update since the previous or earlier meetings**

Issue	Status Update	Next Steps	Contact
Domestic and Family Violence	<p>Interest from Berrinba East, Mabel Park and Kingston State schools however it has been difficult to secure a time for the workshop with end of school fast approaching. Therefore we are now planning for the workshop to occur in the new year to allow enough time for preparation and to ensure the schools are able to organise and facilitate us accordingly.</p> <p>Rebecca Maurer has returned to the DFV Logan Integration Manager role.</p>	<p>Finalise dates with school for 2019. Working group re-commence meetings in 2019. Presentation to occur in first/second terms.</p>	Rebecca Maurer
Family and Child Connect and Local Level Alliance (LLA) Updates	<p>The new Browns Plains LLA Facilitator is Ties Warta.</p> <p>Logan/Beenleigh LLA Forum will be held on 7th March Theme for this Forum is Mental Health. Presenters from Star-Fish, Yourtown – Headspace - Refugee & Child Mental Health Education Series - Activity on self-care, mental health Wheel Of Wellbeing.</p> <p>Talking Family Project has progressed with two schools in Logan coming together Woodridge SS and Berrinba SS Working with QFCC and FaCC supporting the Initiative.</p>		Finn Murphy, Ties Warta – Follow up
Father Engagement	<p>The Men's Health Network met on 2 November to create the operational plan. We are 85% done but still more to do.</p>		Michael Jacobs, Glenn Hodgson
Communities for Children Updates	<p>CfC Committee meeting was held on 6 February followed by a Funding Sub-Committee meeting. The current Activity Workplan is in the process of being updated. A new Activity Workplan for 2019-20 is also being developed.</p>	Next meeting 6 March	Debbie Miscamble
Early Neighbourhood Networks	Termly meetings in neighbourhoods	2018 AEDC data will inform future direction	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		
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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		Next meeting to be held on March 12th. Services committed to having information/data to progress to funding stage for Concertina Card – Safety Rights - Staying Safe - Making Decisions - Support Contacts – Checklists etc.. Supports from CFC members are welcome at the meeting.	
Sure Steps Project	Christine Grose			

Child and Family Chapter Meeting Attendance and Apologies – 21 February 2019

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