

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting Notes

**Date:** Thursday 21 March 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
<b>1. Acknowledgment of Country, Welcome, Introductions, Apologies</b>	<p>Sheena Callaghan provided an acknowledgement to country focussing on Harmony Day and culture.</p> <p>Matthew Cox welcomed everyone. He acknowledged the events that had occurred in Christchurch and spoke about the Logan Stands Together event last night which was well attended. One of the things that came out of the event was people saying why have we waited for an event to do this. They indicated appreciation of welcoming people to Logan and the opportunity for mourning and grieving. Some sincere pledges were made including Griffith Uni's intention to convene a forum. A <a href="#">Statement of Intent</a> was developed and this has on the back some suggestions of things that we can do personally or professionally. Also a Logan Stands Together hashtag has been developed #LoganStandsTogether and a FaceBook frame and these can be used in social media. Matthew suggested that all Chapter members consider the suggestions on the back of the Statement of Intern and see what each of us can do.</p> <p>Attendance and apologies are recorded below.</p>
<b>2. Minutes from the previous Connect</b>	<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>3. Getting to Action – Chapter Operations</b>	<p>Ellen Ferris referred to the standing agenda item - Getting to Action which is one of the Chapter's priorities and she spoke about the challenges faced in achieving progress given the volume of change in attendance at meetings. Given we are reviewing our governance and the role the approach we take to Chapter operations may change.</p>
<b>STRATEGIC</b>	
<b>4. Logan Together Governance – Role of Leadership Table and Child and Family Chapter</b>	<p>Matthew Cox presented information about progress in reviewing Logan Together's governance including the role of the Leadership Table and the Child and Family Chapter – see attached.</p> <p>Chapter members then workshopped the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should we be an organising committee that supports projects and raises issues but also builds out to a large community and sector network?</li> </ul>

- What topics/events/experience should form an annual calendar? Who would be the main audience for each?

Feedback from the discussions included (see attached scanned documents):

- Be more action focussed
- Not a network
- Focus on fewer things and get them done - biteable chunks that are actionable
- Stronger communication between the group and the LLA's
- Escalating issues
- Promote things that are already happening in LLA forums
- The concept of an Action Triangle with Project Leaders, members who have the authority to take action, working bees of people on the ground who can do the work - accountability, project groups to have 3-6 people
- Working groups to implement something tangible
- We don't just want information – What are we going to do about it? What is a bite size chunk we can tackle?
- Easy to commit to something if someone is driving it
- Identify our top 3 priorities,
- Chapter membership needs to be committed to do something once you leave here
- Staff members from our organisations can be involved in the action groups
- Projects and someone to drive them
- Some planning making sure it is what the community wants – does the outcome make a difference
- Not liking the word network
- Action focussed
- closer links with the LLA - LLA is a quarterly forum that is sector focussed – topics address service gaps and inform bringing change at a sector level
- Pull together instead of in different directions
- Consider capacity to do things and the commitment to action, some times where this is limited still make people feel welcome to attend – balance out information sharing and action
- Ensure community engagement is at the heart of what we are doing
- Not sure how this will be organised – consider the ownership and work involved
- Think about how we handle the approaches from people and groups who want to present information.

Matthew identified that we have made some progress and identified issues. We are wanting to get to action or find a process to get to action. The discussion about the role of the LLAs has been stronger than recent previous discussions.

**Action: Matthew Cox, Ellen Ferris, Sasha Childs, Finn Murphy, Ties Warta and Penny Goodall are to meet further to progress this including a review of the Terms of Reference and report back to the next meeting.**

<b>5. Chapter Direction and Priorities 2019 – including review of reflection exercise from 20 December meeting</b>	This item was not discussed. It can be considered once the Chapter Terms of Reference are reviewed.
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**ACTION**

<b>6. Youth Music Festival Proposal</b>	Cindy Barden was not able to attend so this item will be rescheduled to a future meeting.
<b>7. Youth Homelessness</b>	Finn Murphy advised that there was a great outcome from the last meeting and a funding application is being submitted to Logan City Council for the Concertina card. At the last meeting a young girl with lived experience of homelessness who came to the meeting and spoke about what she has been doing in the community including the Skhoodie project – a hoodie with a scarf that has youth focussed patterns. The aim is to raise funds to give back to youth. Angela TuiSamoa indicated she might invite the young person to a future Chapter meeting to showcase her work.
<b>8. Children Together</b>	Carrie Rose advised that the Children Together Project Group has amended the Logan’s Children’s Charter taking into account feedback received and the Tool Kit to support the implementation of the Charter has been developed. The next steps are to trial the Charter and Tool Kit with a small number of businesses and organisations and then review the feedback from the trail. A funeral business, hairdresser, mechanic, Child Health Service, Logan Central Plaza and Grand Plaza have indicated interest in participating. The Tool Kit provides for different layers of buy-in – from displaying the Charter, setting up a Child Friendly space and consulting with children. After the presentation to the Leadership Table YFS offered graphic design support. Feedback from the trail will be reviewed and updates to the products will be made. The final products may look quite different. Chapter members are welcome to show the documents to their teams but not display them at this stage. The Project Group expects to be able to give a further update at the May Chapter meeting.,

**INFORMATION SHARING**

<b>9. Refugee and Asylum Seeker Early Childhood Pilot Emerging Minds</b>	Sabha Hamid was not available to present today. This item may be rescheduled for a future meeting.
<b>10. Logan Together Wider Update</b>	<p>Matthew advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of the Enrol to Kindy/Prep activity is in progress – good feedback has been received so far</li> <li>• Maternity Hubs – There was a briefing at last Leadership Table meeting – the hubs have seen 400 women - 122 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, 71 Maori or Pacifika, 75 CALD, 93 young mothers aged under 18 and 5 others/high social risk and have been unable to</li> </ul>

	<p>contact 39 (7%). Hospital referrals are coming into the clinics. Logan Together Backbone Team members are to visit the Hubs next week with Michelle O'Connor (overall Manager) to start to develop an engagement strategy for those not coming. CHQ is starting a home visiting program. Angela TuiSamoa advised that Hosanna is looking at establishing a gestational diabetes clinic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AEDC data is due out soon – Logan Together Backbone Team will analyse and circulate. AEDC also publishes a Logan profile but this does not match the Logan LGA which Logan Together uses.</li> </ul>
<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	
<b>11. Any questions about Issues or Projects</b>	There were no questions.
<b>12. Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angela TuiSamoa advised that she attend a multi-agency service response meeting (MAS) recently. Bravehearts has been funded as the lead agency to coordinate wrap around services for children who have been sexually abused. The service is based at the Gold Coast but have a 1 day a week presence in Logan. Angela recommended that we take advantage of this trial to demonstrate the need in Logan.</li> </ul>
<b>13. Next meeting – date, time, venue</b>	The next meeting will be held from 9 am on 18 April 2019 – Browns Plains Early Years Centre, Cnr Wineglass Dve & Middle Road, Hillcrest.

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

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

Issue	Status Update	Next Steps	Contact
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>	Berrinba East State School have confirmed their commitment to the DFV Presentation Mable Park has confirmed their commitment to the DFV Presentation to the school staff Kingston State College has confirmed their commitment to the DFV Presentation to their school staff. Booked and confirmed for first term 2019	Finalise date, time, location to support staff attendance Tentative dates currently: 13, 14, 27 and 28 March 2019. Awaiting Project Plan document from Logan Together	Rebecca Maurer
<b>Family and Child Connect and Local Level Alliance (LLA) Updates</b>	<b>The new Browns Plains LLA Facilitator is Ties Warta.</b>  Logan/Beenleigh LLA Forum was held on 7th March that resulted in a good representation from services in the community. Star-Fish, Yourtown – Headspace - Refugee & Child Mental Health Education Series and Emerging Minds presented. The theme, mental health, was very well received with attendees, in that updates, procedures and service provision gaps were identified. Connections and collaboration opportunities were identified between some services for continued work opportunities. Talking Families Launch will officially take place on the 5th of April at Woodridge SS with Cheryl Vardon Principal Commissioner and media in attendance. Representatives from Kingston and Berrinba SS will be present. Also, these schools will have a launch later in the month.		Finn Murphy, Ties Warta, Michele MacNamara
<b>Father Engagement</b>	MHN is working towards the development of new and existing programs with a focus on collaboration. Current emphasis on Social groups and sports accessible at a variety of times and areas. We are building a list of local men's services. Encouraging collaboration and linking between services. With Logan Council we are building an online hub for information and sharing about support for men in Logan. Social media will be part of this online presence and are seeking input from people who are currently doing things in this arena. Attendees are working towards helping their organisations transition to be more inclusive of men in existing programs and a greater focus on service engagement.		Michael Jacobs, Glenn Hodgson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Review environment</li> <li>o Education with staff</li> <li>o Male focused programs.</li> </ul>		
<b>Communities for Children Updates</b>	CfC Committee meeting was held on 6 March. The current Activity Workplan is in the process of being updated. A new Activity Workplan for 2019-20 is also being developed.	Next meeting 3 April	Debbie Miscamble
<b>Early Neighbourhood Networks</b>	Termly meetings in neighbourhoods	2018 AEDC data will inform future direction	Susan Cary
<b>Workforce Development</b>	Discussed at 20 September meeting for future Chapter agenda		
<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 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	Meeting held on 12 March with information/data supplied from services in the group. Feedback from Services and Youth on the Concertina Card is deemed to be of benefit. Application for funding will be finalised on 18 March. Decision and outcome to be announced in June. Work to continue with the group on what will be useful and relevant on the card.		
Sure Steps Project	Christine Grose			

## Child and Family Chapter Meeting Attendance and Apologies – 21 March 2019

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