

Armadale Youth CAN (Collaborative Action Network) Meeting - MinutesDate: Thursday, 6th November 2014

Venue: Frye Park (Corner of Clifton Street and Gilwell Avenue, Kelmscott)

Time: 10.30am

CHAIR: Ashlee Hasson

MINUTE TAKER: Anania Tagaro

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organisation	Position
Courtney Wilson	YMCA	Y – Time Case Worker
Sheryl Naidoo	Mercy Care Reconnect	Case Worker
Virginia Blackney	Disability Service Commission	Local Area Coordinator
Kenzie Dann	AIME	Program Manager
Danielle Jones	DCP	Team Leader
Kylie Haxton	DCP	Senior CPW
Monique Richards	Canning Secondary Behaviour Centre	Youth Transition Coordinator
Charmaine Porter	CFC Communicare	CFC Assistant
Sgt Luke Scott	Armadale Police	Local Policing Team 4
Alisha Lewis	Outcare Armadale	Life Works Case Manager
Sam Needle	Outcare Armadale	Live Works Coordinator
Jackie Abbott	PCYC Gosnells	Centre Manager
Glenn Meiners	PCYC Armadale	Centre Manager
Kent Eyre	City of Armadale	Student Librarian
Jamie Barr	City of Armadale	Ignite Basketball Coordinator
Courtney Fare	Save the Children	Team Leader
Anania Tagaro	Save the Children	Senior Project Officer
Brittany Goss	Communicare	Project Officer
Courtney Mickan	South Metropolitan Population Health Unit	Health Promotion Officer
Kay Turner	WA Police	Youth Crime Intervention Officer
Lucy Green	WANSLEA	Social Worker
Rebekah Milnes	City of Armadale	Community Development Coordinator
Karina Chicote	Save the Children	Program Development Coordinator
Ross Wortham	Save the Children	Regional Manager Perth
Maria Matorana	Youth Care	Chaplain
Rebecca Smart	South Metro Education Region	Youth Engagement Coordinator
Ashlee Hasson	City of Armadale	Community Development Officer - Youth

Agenda Items	Facilitator	Time	Comments
1. Acknowledgement of Country / Welcome & Roundtable Introductions/ Apologies	Ashlee/All	10.30-10.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashlee gave initial welcome • Ashlee received apologies from: Kim Bryce, Marg Buckman, Leeanne Bates, Jenny Ramshaw, Sinead Gilligan, Sophie Harrington, Jodie Clarke, Helena Fernandez, Melissa Burton, Polly McCann, Jocelyn Miller, Sheila-Anne Macleod, Tina Cole, Claire Dickins, Steve Dyson, Debbie Kilcoglu, Tracey Wolfenden, Donna Boardman, Bradd Gardiner, Victoria Burrows, Kathleen Parker, Jonelle Morley, Mona Mezger • The group gave roundtable introduction on their name, organisation and role (See list of attendees) • Kenzie gave the Acknowledgement of Country for the group
2. Youth Partnership Project Presentation	Ross	10.50-11.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross Wortham delivered YPP Presentation to the group. • Presentation slides available as attachment in email • Kay enquired about how young people can take part in the Sector Summit. Ross said that this can be open for discussion, but that he envisions that young people who attend should come from programs across the south east corridor, and in particular at-risk young people and PPO's. • Kay expressed that she is very excited that this is happening.
3. Discussion on Armadale Youth CAN TOR - Expectations - Group Workplan/Project Plan?	Ashlee/Nia	11.10-11.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashlee gave introduction on the Terms of Reference document. • Terms of Reference document available as attachment in email • Members had no questions, inputs, comments to give as yet. • Ashlee emphasized that if there are any queries, comments or additions to the TOR to email herself or Anania at anania.tagaro@savethechildren.org.au
4. Discussion on New Youth Services in Armadale - <i>Presentation on 'Y-Time' Program by Courtney Wilson, Y-Time Case Worker</i>	All	11.25-11.55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courtney provided update on the program on behalf of Sinead Gilligan (Y-Time Manager) • The program provides workshop sessions, as well as case management support. They are currently recruiting for a case worker. • The program can take on referrals from other programs, but can also refer young people to other services if required. • The program has only been running for two weeks. Courtney mentioned that the program has been well-received, and that there has been an

<p>- <i>Presentation on the 'Night Fields/SEEP (South East Engagement Program)' by Acacia Sealey, Aboriginal Program Coordinator, WA Football Commission</i></p>			<p>increasing number of participants attending.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karina enquired of the ages of the participants. Courtney said that they are usually 13-14, but there are siblings and toddlers that also attended Y-Time at Minnawarra House. • Courtney stated that basketball, skating, and ice breakers have been held. • Courtney said that there are predominantly more males that attend. However, in terms of Roleystone skate park, there are more girls in attendance but do not participate in the skate activities, and therefore become involved with the Y-Time program. • Ross asked if YMCA required support and partnerships to roll out the program. • Rebekah mentioned that the program has been linking in with Hope Community Services, as they have a similar harm minimisation program. Rebekah also mentioned that Hope Community Services will be concentrating on Jull St Mall due to the recent incidents with not only young people but also with adults. Hope is contracted by the CoA to do this. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acacia is from WA Football Commission and is the Aboriginal Program Coordinator for the program. • Acacia was a late apology to the meeting, and so Ashlee invited Ross to give a brief update, as he is part of the Night Fields/SEEP Steering Committee. • SEEP/Night Fields pilot is no longer happening in Armadale this Nov/Dec – it will be taking place in Midland now • Football Clinic component to add on to One Step Closer in March of 2015 – details to be confirmed between WA Football commission, Save the Children and City of Armadale. • Acacia met with Teresa Miller from Mugin Aboriginal Corporation regarding partnering with her Mooditj Youth Development (MYD) Program on Friday nights. Teresa seemed very interested, as this will add value to her program in terms of resources and possibly increasing participation from young people into the MYD program because of the 'pull' from footy, and that there is currently a lack in football programs throughout the community. • For further information on Night Fields/SEEP contact Acacia Sealey,
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			<p>Aboriginal Program Coordinator on 9287 5507 or asealey@wafc.com.au</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashlee invited members to speak of any new initiatives for young people in the Armadale region. Members did not have any updates to report.
<p>5. Discussion on Upcoming School Holiday Program December/January 2015</p>	All	11.55-12.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashlee stated that an issue has been raised about the lack of activities for young people during the school holidays. Ashlee suggested collating a calendar of activities for a school holiday program to be distributed throughout Armadale. Courtney agreed and said that this would give young people an idea of the option on different days/nights. A suggestion was made about distributing this through schools Danielle mentioned that the majority of the young people that she works with do not attend school or any other programs, and therefore distributing through school or other service providers may not work. Rebekah inquired if the CAN could liaise with Danielle and provide the information, which they can then send through to the people they work with. A suggestion was made about sending bulk texts to young people in Armadale. Jamie said that from his experience, there is a high turnover of mobile numbers for the young people, and so this method of engagement may not work. Kay raised the mobile phone app 'Pling' developed by Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA). Kay thought the app was quite dry and unappealing. Anania mentioned that there are some services that have yet to be listed on the Pling app. Ross mentioned that that providing feedback to YACWA on Pling and working with them to make it more youth and user friendly would be a great opportunity for partnership between the CAN and YACWA. Many attendees were not aware of the Pling app. Therefore, Ashlee will distribute the web link to the CAN to provide further information on Pling. http://www.yacwa.org.au/projects/plng Charmaine inquired about having a Facebook page. Rebekah mentioned that the City of Armadale does have a Facebook page but it is very corporate and not youth-friendly. She mentioned that Jamie has a very

			<p>useful Facebook page for Ignite and that this may be a way to promote the calendar of programs and activities to the young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members agreed with having a Facebook page or links to an Armadale Youth CAN Facebook page on their respective programs' Facebook pages. • Kay suggested about having a Youth Database for Armadale of young people and their contact details, as well as the programs that they are attending, interested in attending, and have previously attended. • Ashlee inquired about each organisation's capacity for information-sharing. • Kay emphasized that information-sharing has been a barrier to addressing the needs of young people, but that it needs to be explored. Kay said that an MOU or something similar needs to be created to guide the information sharing capacity of a group such as the Armadale Youth CAN. • Ross said that the issue around information-sharing has always been consent for services engaged to do so. • Rebekah inquired what the perspectives of the DCPFS would be on this issue. Danielle stated that this would be quite difficult on their part. • Jamie asked if we are able to standardise the permission/consent form for the region, are we able to overcome this information-sharing barrier? Danielle said that the majority of families do not want to engage with DCPFS in the first place, and as such would not trust this process. • Jackie inquired if it was possible to have a generic consent form that inquires if parents' consent to their children being included in a database with the main purpose of being able to be informed of upcoming programs, activities and events. Rebekah said that this consent form should be explained to parents as another way of providing more options for young people to be engaged in a variety of services, programs and activities. • Jamie inquired about contacting someone who would be able to advise us on the issue of information-sharing. Ross said that the YPP can take this forward and inquire. • Ross inquired who will be operating during the school holidays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One step closer until 18th Dec ○ Ignite Basketball until 29th Nov ○ Y-Van until 18th Dec ○ PCYC currently working on some programs that they will be
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			<p>group agreed that this would lessen the barrier between authority figures and at-risk young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashlee inquired about the contact details of LPT's in the Armadale region • Sergeant Scott will send through email address and contact details for the LPT's for distribution throughout the CAN.
6. AOB	All	12.15-12.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil to report
7. Wrap-Up, Next Steps & Close	Ashlee	12.25-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please forward any suggestions for guest speakers and future agenda items to Ashlee Hasson • Ashlee to notify network of next meeting • Networking opportunity