

South East Corridor Youth Partnership Project

Executive Committee

Thursday 17 December 2015

1:00-3:00PM

City of Armadale Offices – Old Building

Members Present:

Ross Wortham (RW) (Save the Children – Lead Agency) Neil Kegie (NK) (Chairperson, City of Armadale) Christine Jackson (CJ) (Department of Education) Robert Becker (RB) (Department of Child Protection and Family Support) Andrew Yarran (AY) (Youth Leadership Roundtable Member) Matt Sharp (MS) (WAPOL) Suleila Felton (SF) (Department of Corrective Services) Marg Buckman (MB) (Department of Education) Rebekah Milnes (RM) (City of Armadale) Anania Tagaro (AT) (Senior Project Officer, Save the Children – Lead Agency) Lee Lombardi (LL) (Hope Community Services) Kevin Taylforth (Ambassador) Lloyd Lawrence (LL) (Youth Leadership Roundtable Member) Juan Larranaga (JL) (Save the Children)

Apologies:

Chris Woods (CW) (City of Gosnells) Ian Westmore (IW) (WA Police) Andrea Nixon (AN) (Department of Child Protection and Family Support) Penny Sandover (PS) (Department of Local Government and Communities) Paul Mugambwa (PM) (WA Football Commission) Evan Hillman (EH) (City of Canning) Lisa Dobrin (LD) (City of Belmont) Sue-Ellen Middleton (SM) (DLGC) Aaron Gibson (AG) (DCPFS) Romina Lee (RL) (DCPFS)

Facilitator:

Neil Kegie (NK) (Chairperson, City of Armadale)

Minute Taker:

Anania Tagaro (AT) (Save the Children)

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Agenda Items				
1.	Acknowledgement of Country/Welcome and Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AY gave an Acknowledgement of Country • NK welcomed everyone to the final YPP Executive Committee Meeting for 2015 		
1.	Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT provided apologies for the following members: Isaac Stewart, Mike Sparkman, Debra Zanella (who has resigned from Hope Community Services), Sue-Ellen Middleton, Evan Hillman, Lisa Dobrin, Romina Lee, Aaron Gibson, Chris Woods, Paul Mugambwa 		
3.	Minutes and Actions Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK gave an acknowledgement of the great work that has been undertaken by the YPP Team, specifically the contributions of Nia, Hannah & Junie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NK also mentioned that he has been extremely impressed by the development and growth of the YLR, and their accomplishments over the past year with the Summit, the development of a comprehensive report, the Summit Report Launch, their participation in the DG/Executive Level Briefing, and the subsequent awards that members of the YLR have recently received - NK thanked Ross for his leadership, intelligence and passion that he has given and shown to the project and that the loss of him moving to YACWA will be felt by the project and Save the Children WA as a whole - NK added that in moving forward, he is, however, confident that the project will grow and do more amazing things • NK asked the group if they had concerns or any other inputs to include in the previous meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group approved Minutes from the previous meeting 		
4.	General Update:	<i>Youth Leadership Roundtable Activities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT mentioned that since the Summit Report Launch, the YLR has 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth Leadership Roundtable Activities - CANs 	<p>been meeting with key individuals from the government and the youth sector to discuss in-depth the Summit Youth Recommendations, and determine the best way forward for these agencies to consider, implement, and/or embed these within their current polices, services and practices. To date, the YLR have had meetings with the following individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commissioner for Children & Young People (CCYP), Mr Colin Pettit - Deputy Commissioner Youth Justice Ms Rachael Green & Assistant Deputy Commissioner Youth Justice Ms Caron Irwin, Department of Corrective Services (DCS) - The Hon. Tony Simpson MLA, WA Minister for Youth - Executive Director Statewide Services Mr Lindsay Hale & Assistant Executive Director Statewide Services Mr Martin Clery, Department of Education (DoE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT spoke about the Summit Report Community Launches that the YLR are currently leading. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She said that in order to ensure that we are sharing the work that we are doing, and in particular, providing information to the whole community about the Summit Youth Recommendations, the YLR have been working on a series of Community Launches targeted to specific cohorts and groups of people in the community, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community – with the launch held on Saturday 12 December 2) The Multicultural Community – with the launch held on Saturday 19 December 3) Deaf Community & Disabilities Community – with discussions on how to engage these groups to commence in early January 2016 to be led by Rachael Ralston, one of our YLR members and a strong advocate for young people 		

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		<p>with disabilities and invisible illnesses, and Drisana Levitzke-Gray, 2015 Young Australian of the Year and advocate for the Deaf Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AT stated that the first two community launches were not well attended, but that at least we held them and gave the community an opportunity to engage in our work. She mentioned that we may repeat the first two launches in 2016 - JL said that this project has gone beyond the SEC, and that we need to acknowledge its extensive sphere of influence - NK stated that we need to think strategically on how we implement actions from the Summit Youth Recommendations <p>CANs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT gave an update on the progress of each CAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She mentioned that all CANs have been successfully activated in 2015, and that all CANs have been working towards progressing their key Focus Areas and actions under those as per the Regional Youth CAN Action Plan - AT said that the CAN Chairs held their first Annual Review just recently, where they discussed the successes and challenges for the year, as well as decided on key action items for their CANs moving forward - She also mentioned that the CAN Chairs agreed that each CAN meeting will be focused on progressing project actions from the Regional Youth CAN Action Plan, and that they are hoping to hold a one day workshop with all the CANs to discuss and unify advocacy points that they are able to provide to the SEMHSRMF - AT said that in moving forward, the CANs will have direct feedback to the SEMHSRMF - MS stated that he attended one of the CANs and it was extremely encouraging to see the work that has been 		

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		<p>happening on the ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RB mentioned that we need to ensure that there is no disconnect between the work that is happening in the top and the bottom, and that direct feedback from the CANS must be directly linked to the work of the SEMHSRMF - KT stated that since the Town of Victoria Park has been involved with the CANS, it is now more open to be involved in collaborative projects to ensure that their work is more strategic in terms of addressing the needs of the young people in their community 		
5.	<p>Recap & Review of 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our Successes - Our Challenges - Where do we go from here? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RW stated that the Summit and in particular the development of a successful and inspiring YLR has been in the biggest achievements of the project in 2015. • NK mentioned that he was extremely impressed in what was delivered during the Summit, given that the planning of it was in such a short space of time. • JL said that in regards to the YLR being quoted as best practice in youth advocacy has been a significant achievement of the project. • NK said that the backbone organisation support has been invaluable, and is essential in leading and driving this piece of work. • SF mentioned that a great achievement has been key government departments actually listening and considering what young people are saying and being part of policy reforms. SF added that from a Corrective Services perspective, they are keen to work more with the YLR and get more of their input in policy reform moving forward. She also stated that the YPP is now a set agenda item on DCS forums and meetings. • RW said that we need to acknowledge the persistence and energy of our champions, particularly those from our Executive Committee. He added that structures are in place that make 		

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		<p>advocacy for this project difficult, however with this project, we have fostered great leadership to be able to move the overall goals and objectives of the YPP forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL mentioned that it is really important to capture how this project's successes are and its influence on a variety of levels. • NK asked the group if they are able to send a few dot points of feedback to AT in regards to the project's year 	<p>AT to send email to group asking for feedback regarding the year, which will be included in our reports</p> <p>Members to provide feedback</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>As soon as Minutes have been received</p>
6.	Discussion on YPP Brokerage Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RW said that the YPP Brokerage Funding has not been clearly utilised yet, and that DLGC is looking to us to formulate a plan in order to appropriately use these funds which total \$80,000. He added that before we disburse the funds, we need formal approval from DLGC to do so, however, the YPP Team proposes to reallocate the funds in order to support the project in its successes and in moving forward: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership (AYIP) Multisport January 2016 School Holiday Project - \$27,500</i> 2) <i>Future Collaborative Project that meets the needs of individual young people in another part of the SEC (through the CANs) - \$27,500</i> 3) <i>Youth Leadership Roundtable (YLR) - \$25,000</i> - AT stated that the reallocation of the brokerage fund into these three integral YPP components is essential in meeting the individual needs of young people in a more efficient and effective approach that is client-centred, targeted, responsive and collaborative. She added that therefore this funding reallocation is still aligned with the original scope of the brokerage funding in terms of immediate needs and concerns 		

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		<p>of young people who are at-risk, living with complex challenges, and require additional support for more positive development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RW added that we do not have to decide on the above, but if we do not, then we need to find another way to allocate the resources as per the original brokerage funding agreement. - MB said that she leans very strongly to the proposed reallocation plan as it would be very difficult to disburse the funds in an appropriate way from her experience - RM stated the AYIP Multisport Project is meeting the direct needs of young people in the community anyway - RB mentioned that if there is consensus in this group in regards to where the peak demands are, then it would be a more responsible use of the money - NK said that as the project has emerged, it has been difficult to structure the brokerage funding as per the original funding agreement. He then asked if everyone agrees to the proposed reallocation. - Everyone agreed with the proposed funding reallocation. - JL added that the Armadale Multisport Program would then be seen as a pilot project that the other CANs can either replicate or model their version on - MS said that there are many community benefits by implementing the Armadale Multisport Program. He added that he is conscious that this project is for the whole SEC, and in that, it is great that it is starting in Armadale, however there are YCIOs in other areas that would be interested in implementing a similar model. - SF stated that this is a crucial time of year in that there are increased spaces in offending as this is when essential services shut down until February so there is nowhere for young people to go and departments are not able to refer 		

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		<p>them to any other activities. She added that during this time there is a crime spree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RW then asked the group if they agree with the \$27,500 being available for a CAN to implement a similar model to the Armadale Multisport Project? - Everyone agreed. - LL stated that if we focus on the kids and what is best for them, and that is what leads to the best outcomes, then that is what she will support 	YPP Team to send Variance Request to DLGC	January 1, 2016
7.	YPP Evaluation - Discussion on the KPMG Baseline Report October 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RW explained the KPMG Baseline Report (<i>please see attached document</i>). He added that we need feedback from the group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NK stated that the analysis of the report is quite thin on substance - AT said that the latest version is usable, and that the indicators of where the project is at is useful - KT added that he feels that they have missed what we want - LL mentioned that the unique involvement of the YLR is not highlighted at all throughout the report and should be included - NK said that in order to provide feedback to KPMG, we need everyone's input. NK asked the group to provide their feedback and inputs to AT to collate 	AT to send email asking for the group's feedback Members to provide feedback	ASAP As soon as Minutes are received
8.	Ongoing YPP Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NK announced that RW will be leaving Save the Children in the New Year and taking on a role with YACWA. He stated that this has implications for the project and how it moves forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JL stated that he will be stepping into RW's role for the interim period. - NK added that he believes that the Executive Committee should be moved back to monthly meetings. He said that if RW's role at YACWA permits, RW should remain as part of the Executive Committee as he holds corporate knowledge of the project. - AT said that she believes the integral parts of the project that 		

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		<p>need ongoing support and funding are the YLR, the Evaluation and the CANs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RW gave his thanks to the group and mentioned that this has been the most exciting project that he has been part of to date. He added that he hopes to continue to be part of the project and support it from his role at YACWA 		
9.	Wrap-Up, Next Steps & Close	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AT to send email to group asking for feedback regarding the year, which will be included in our reports. Members to provide feedback accordingly. 2. YPP Team to send Variance Request to DLGC 3. AT to send email asking for the group's feedback on the KPMG Baseline Report. Members to provide feedback accordingly. 		
10.	MEETING Closed 3:30PM			
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: February 2016			