

South East Corridor Youth Partnership Project

Gosnells/Canning Youth CAN (Collaborative Action Network)

Wednesday 19th August 2015

10:00AM-1.00PM

Lyall Richardson Hall, 2232C Albany Highway Gosnells

Co-Chairs: Chris Woods (CW) (City of Gosnells) & Evan Hillman (EH) (City of Canning)

Co-Facilitators: Ross Wortham (RW) & Anania Tagaro (AT), (Save the Children)

Minute Taker: Natalie Chiari (Save the Children)

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Agenda Items				
1.	Acknowledgement of Country/ Welcome & Roundtable Introductions/ Apologies/Morning Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW provided an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed the group and Save the Children on their first Youth CAN. • The Youth CAN group members presented themselves by mentioning their role and organisation. • CW briefly explained the format of the meeting. RW / AT Welcome 		
2.	Fun Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT facilitated activity 'Alphabet Race' • Some words describing Youth. Focus on strength, positive discourse. • Strengths based language is the most effective discourse. Opportunities, successes, strengths and ways to move forward. 		
3.	Setting the Scene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the short video made by the YPP • Discussion of Youth Summit Recommendations 		
4.	Small group workshops:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus: What are we proud of in Gosnells, Canning, What we have seen around that is successful. 		

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	Mapping our strengths and assets in the community. Brief presentation on the continuum of resilience vs. vulnerability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directions: Acknowledging that there's a lot of great work happening let's make sure we recognise what our existing strengths and briefly map out: Existing services, shared resources and partnerships, great spaces for young people. • CAN meeting, example of Canning and Gosnells working together to share resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentioned that there are a lot of challenges for some young people who don't have access to services 		
5.	Small group workshops: the 'Regional youth CAN action plan' for the SEC'. Brief presentation on the draft plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth CAN action plan overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AT: Asked to draw out any suggestions of amendments attendees had for the action plan. In workshops there is opportunity to also add to the goals, tweak them further. - Further, AT mentioned to group If there are areas, which could have great synergies, discussion of how we can strengthen those as a group (Collaboration) • Question from attendee regarding the status of the Western Australian Organisation of Youth Worker Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CW responded saying that it is a Facebook page now, unsure how active they are. Looking at ratifying a code of ethics for Youth Workers. • Workshop comments/recommendations for action plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to recognise that not everyone who works with young people is a Youth Worker. Need to have a common set of goals, language and principles even when they are not both youth workers. Need to determine, eg) What is a youth worker, youth mentor, what is a caseworker. - Interest in regards to a general definition of a youth worker. Then a whole series of specialist. - To be tabled as an action: To build a common language. - MB: Mentioned the varying quality of youth work qualifications, University and Tafe. There is a lack of theoretical understanding in take qualifications. Highlighted that agencies must be accountable to the training of their students who go out into the workforce and have contact with 		

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		<p>young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendee asked, do school chaplains need to have a Youth Worker qualification? - Attendee from Smith Family mentioned their agency have an agreement on information sharing, can be done, have existing paperwork. Attendee wanted to stress the point of <i>shared information and increasing access to services</i>. - Attendee asked in regards to the shared measurements systems: What am I monitoring or evaluating here? Concluded it was dependant what your priority was. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendees participated in small group workshops, focusing on particular sections of the action plan • Attendees discussed, made comments, made notes and recommendations on action plan 		
6.	Wrap Up, Next Steps & Close	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW finalised the day with last comments, comments on the process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentioned the want to keep on top of what everyone is thinking about the future of the CANS. Need advocacy from that level, small but growth is needed. • Smith Family attended commented on feeling about the action plan – “encouraged, scared. Very ambitious. 100% behind what we are doing. Danger of over-extending perhaps“ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RW responded by accepting that we perhaps can only achieve 5% of this plan, ambition comes from collective knowledge. • Looking forward to developing the action plan, if people can encourage other agencies or other people from your agency. • Kevin mentioned the need for the group’s commitment. Stressed the need to do something positive to further the exercise. If we get one bit, it eventually starts to gain some traction, it can be easier to stay enthused that way. • Discussion for next meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CW asked - Bi-monthly meetings? - Consensus of group – Yes, bi-monthly meetings work. - Attendee suggested that while momentum is growing, a 		

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		<p>meeting for the next month is preferred. This meeting will be focused ideally on the action plan again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB & Smith Family attendee suggested more specific allocation of area. Eg) education department members focusing on education areas of the action plan. • There was emphasis on the Working Group Model in the final comments of the day. • Attendee mentioned that Schools are very keen to get information about services in the area, as a tradeoff to coming along by communicating that resource. 		
MEETING Closed 1.00PM				
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBD				