

Aberdeen Voluntary Sector Providers Forum Children and Young People

**Minute of the meeting held on Friday 29th August 2008 in the ACVO
Training Room**

Present

Laurence Alfred (Chair)	Camphill Schools (<i>vspf adults/IMJAW</i>)
Alayne Jones	Alcohol Support (<i>Getting Our Priorities Right</i>)
Shona Pennycook	Barnardos (<i>LAC</i>)
Bruce Wallace	Children 1 st (<i>CAMHS</i>)
Sue Barnard	VSA, Carers Centre (<i>Play Forum</i>)
Pauline Gerrard	ACVO
Sarah Irvine (minute taker)	ACVO

1. Welcome/Apologies

Laurence welcomed the group and all present introduced themselves.

Apologies were received from: Jennifer Third, Emma Watson, Diane McCabe

2. Minute of the previous meeting (29/07/08)

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29th August were accepted as an accurate account.

3. Matters Arising

CYP Strategic Planning Group met and ratified the Integrated Children's Services Plan. In this is the new Strategic Planning Structure. (see attached)

Discussion ensued:- Sue raised concerns that no Strategic Disabilities group was on the structure. **ACTION:-**Pauline to discuss with Murray Lees where he sees disabilities sitting within the structure.

There is a need to now add the new Children's Services Strategic Planning Structure to the Voluntary Sector communications and representation.

ACTION:- Pauline

4. Feedback from Voluntary Sector Groups/ Representatives

It may be beneficial if a process is put in place where representatives are accountable by the CYPVSPF. This may require representatives being contacted 2 weeks prior to the CYPVSPF for updates etc.

For today those around the table were able to update and Pauline added updates where possible.

Getting Our Priorities Right (Pan Grampian)

- meeting this week will report back at next CYPVSPF meeting

IMJAW www.inclusionaberdeen.org.uk

- to be meeting on Tuesday 16th September 10-12 noon at Silverburn Lodge

Play Forum www.aberdeenplayforum.org.uk

- Some changes taking place, Play Person not to be advertised. EGM to agree new constitution on the 30th September at Silverburn Lodge.

Aberdeen Children's Services Network www.acsn.org.uk

- AGM takes place on Wed 24th August at Denburn Health Centre – all welcome

Challenge Forums (pink)

CYP Strategic Planning Group

- looking at identifying what services are NOT available for CYP in Aberdeen.
- Kay Dunn proposed Voluntary Sector to input as a standing item on the agenda – under discussion
- It was agreed YAC are to have 2 representatives

Community Health Partnership

- Rhonda to update this group after next meeting

Learning Forum

- Pauline is to be the Voluntary Sector Representative on this forum

All Meetings (blue)

Representatives to be asked to submit updates for this group two weeks before the CYPVSPF **ACTION:-** Sarah/ Pauline

Child Protection – There has been a need to have a meeting to access Voluntary Sector input regarding child protection and meetings have taken place. A meeting to evaluate this is taking place next week – Pauline to attend and update. Written report from Inspectors still not publicly available.

MCMC

– ACSN held an event recently to comment on the MCMC 2008 Review and the 2008-11 Action Plan. It was well attended by the Voluntary Sector. Concerns were raised that it would have been a good benchmark to have had an evaluation of the 2007 Review. It was felt that much of the identified barriers and actions may have also been in the previous review with little visible progress having been made.

Joint Assessment

- The IAF Single Planning Process is to be rolled out soon pre-Christmas

JADAT

- No young people's Group exists as no co-ordinator is presently in place.

LAC

- Shona Pennycook agreed to be representative of LAC Strategy Group.

Aberdeen Early Years Childcare Partnership

- Gette to attend next week and will feedback

Complex Needs

- Sue attending in place of Jenny Whinnett and will feedback

CAMHS

- Bruce attends this and is to take a role as representing the Voluntary Sector.

5. Logo, Web page, mission statement and constitution

The Logo created by David Young, ACVO, was circulated. All present wanted to pass on thanks to David for his hard work. The feeling is that it well represents the aim of the forum, minor adjustment of the wording
Action:- Pauline/ David

The web page is to be completed for next meeting with up to date diagram and also information from the draft constitution to be added – mission statement/aims/values. To be included on web page - something to say how Voluntary Organisations can be involved with communication and representation structure. Also a link to the benefits of being a member and a membership form to be made available.

* Refusal of membership in consortium to be added to form as membership is to be by approval and agreement of the steering group.

Laurence had drafted a constitution similar to the ADULT VSPF. Jennifer Third had made a few suggested amendments. Minor changes were made to the proposed constitution by the group. Draft 2 to be updated by Laurence and then given to Sandy Mathers, ACVO via Sarah to review. If possible reviewed draft can then be circulated via e-mail to be agreed prior to adoption at next meeting.

ACTION:- Laurence/Sarah

6. AOCB

Awareness was raised of the CHP Mental Health Training Leaflet (see attached)

The communication and representation paper that went to the Voluntary Sector Liaison Group was issued for information.

Children 1st Kinship-care conference with ACC was promoted. It takes place on the 4th November 2008 (see attached)

Sue spoke about a useful session looking at the Single Outcome Agreement and suggested all organisations consider the value of being clear on addressing local/ national outcomes.

Philip Cotterall to be invited to next meeting **Action:-** Pauline

7. Dates for future meetings.

The next meeting of the CYPVSPF will be held on the 10th October 2008 at 10.30pm in the ACVO training room on the agenda will be Looking at co-ordinating the forum.

Dates for 2008 – 10th October, 21st November