

# Minutes of Partnership Board

6<sup>th</sup> December 2010



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2. Watching a DVD about Transition about employment
3. More about employment
4. Anything else?
5. Date of next meeting

## **1. Welcoming visitors, saying who we are and an update on what we talked about last time**

We welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially 2 new members of Busy People, Natalie and Colin.

Kay has broken her leg so could not come and Jeffery is not well. Ivan suggested we sent them cards which Hilary did



- At 2 regional meetings it was said that Valuing People will continue to be the plan (strategy) for the Government for Learning Disability after March 2011.
- The Regional Programme Board has suggested that Partnership Boards link in to the new Health and Wellbeing Board as a subgroup that reports to it. Ivan thought he would be co chairing (as he is the cabinet member for adult social care and health) with someone in Health (PCT)
- The Government paper about Public Health has been published. We also talked about making the Big Society which includes everyone. We felt we were working in the way it suggests already.

We work together on issues

We talk together about what needs to happen

We decide how to spend our money and check that it is making a difference

We do not always agree

We get things done and everyone works hard

## **2. Watching a DVD about Employment**

Lydia showed us the DVD that she has been working on with Solent University with LDDF money.



It is in draft, the snow last week meant it could not be finished.

We thought it was good, and we had some thoughts about possible changes

- Perhaps the music could change for each story
- To get rid of the heading after each story as it says the same thing.
- To think about an index and the chance to just show a part at a time depending on who is watching.
- To think about whether it needs to say City Limits so often.

Lydia will take our ideas back and let us know when the DVD is finished

A while ago Ivan and Hilary went to see the Director General of the Chamber of Commerce. We all thought that a DVD would be a good way to show employers the good things about employing someone with a learning disability. We thought it would be good to go back when the DVD is finished; we could then have a meeting with all the employers to show them. We thought it would be a good idea for Lydia to come along to give lots more information.

We also thought showing it to the people in the council who sort out the jobs (HR) might be a good idea

### **Action**

Ivan asked us to think about where to show the DVD and let Hilary know.



### **3. More about employment**

In the spring some people with learning disabilities went to Full Council to ask the Councillors how they could help them to find jobs.

Hilary went to a meeting of the senior managers in the City (COMT) with a report about this. They agreed to provide work tasters, and the chance to shadow people in jobs. One of the people in Lydia's team has been working on this. People have worked lots of places like the library, in admin jobs, on the Toll bridge.

When professionals came to talk to us about employment they said they could not tell us how many people with a learning disability were employed in the council. They could only tell us how many people had said they had a disability.

Lydia said that when people have their own budgets they could choose to buy support for employment



## **7. Anything else?**

1. Alan wanted the Board to know that he is very uptight because they are **changing who provides the support where he lives**. Matthew, Justin and Mark agreed they were also upset. They want their support workers to stay, they thought they weren't allowed to work with them. People have also asked Choices to help them understand what is happening.

Matthew said he had been to a meeting in Central Hall where 90 out of 100 people said they were happy with Dimensions (they provide the support workers now) other people have said they had no idea things were changing. It seems that people have not understood.

### **Action**

Hilary has talked to Matthew Waters (Commissioner for Supporting People and Adult Care Services). He is going to send a letter out to everyone before Christmas to explain what is going to happen

2. Health (the Dental Commissioners in south Central) are going to ask people with learning disabilities what they think of the service they get from their **dentists**. They are going to ask some people a list of questions to find out. They want to find out how to make dental services better and to find out where the gaps are. They will be asking people over the next 6 months so you may be asked what you think. This is the first time this has happened

3. ILF (**independent living fund**) Kate has not sent out a letter yet

**Action** Kate to check out if there is time to send a letter

4. **Annual Health checks**. The members of Busy People have gone to their surgeries to ask for a check; along with other people they have been told this is not possible. People also said that the checks seem to be only blood pressure and height. Some other people said they were ok, for example at the Old Fire Station

**Action** Ivan asked for all the information so he can talk to Health about this

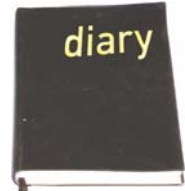
5. **Closures in Schools**. Natalie said that people with a learning disability need the schools to stay as they need one to one support

Ivan wanted to thank everyone for all their hard work this year, he felt we had got a lot of work done.

Happy Christmas to everyone.

## **8. Date of our next meeting**

The next meeting is on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January**



Agenda

- The budget and the future of the Board
- Kate will tell us about QUIPP (Quality Innovation, Productivity and Prevention)

The last meeting we have planned is on March 14th

Please let Hilary have any ideas for questions or people you want to come along.

### **People who came to the meeting**

**Ivan White** – Councillor and Joint Chair

**Matthew King** – Self Advocate and Joint Chair

**Allan Tobutt** – Self Advocate

**Brian Parnell** - Councillor

**Hilary Linssen** – Valuing People Implementation Manager

**Charles Hodgson** – Chief Executive Choices Advocacy

**Jenny Strevens** – Mencap Chair

**Mark Wilford** – Self Advocate

**Kate Dench** – LD Joint Commissioning Service Manager

**Alex Iles** – Manager Mencap

**Eddie Leach** – Parent Carer

**Becky Badger** – Choices

**Alan Lebas** – Self Advocate

**Justin Dunkason** – Self Advocate

**Richard Pearce** – Parent Carer

**Sukwinder Singh** – Self Advocate

**Lydia Wilton** – City Limits Employment Operational Manager

**Colin Watts** – Self Advocate

**Natalie Hicks** – Self Advocate

**Steve Cavill** – Hampshire Partnership Foundation Trust

**Sarah Chatley**

**Claudia Joyce**

## **APOLOGIES**

**Jeffrey Parker** – Self Advocate

**Ena Conway** – Service Manager for Learning Disability, City Council

**Rae Barwick** – Parent Carer

**Paul Holmes** – Councillor - Cabinet member for children's  
services and learning

**Kay Labon** – Parent Carer

**Carol Valentine** – Assistant Head of HCC

**Jeremy Secchi** – Self Advocate

**Claire Royal** – Choices

**Alan McDougall** – Self Advocate

**Amy Hobson** – Health Specialist Trust

**Mike Stonehouse** – Self Advocate

**Simon Slater** – Children's Social Care

**Claire Petrie** – Self Advocate

**Heather Aspinall** – Chief Executive Bradbury Centre

**Royston Smith** – Councillor