

Minutes of Partnership Board

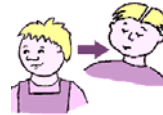
14th June 2010



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1. What we talked about last time

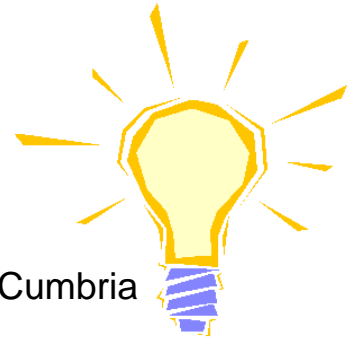


- Last time we spent most of the meeting talking about transition.
Hilary has the questions and answers so please ask her for a copy if you would like one.

2. Update from the South East region

- Eddie McDowall, who is one of the Regional leads for Valuing People Now came to meet us.
- He updated us on the news from Government. He said that the two National Directors, Anne Williams and Scott Watkin, were trying to get agreement from the new Government that Valuing People Now continues until the end of March. (On June 16th Hilary learnt at the Regional Implementation Meeting that this has happened.)
- All 152 Partnership Boards wrote an **annual plan**. Eddie and Jo wrote a regional report from the information from the 19 Boards in the South East. They have sent it out and Hilary has sent it on to everyone.
- There is a spreadsheet that summarises all the information and tells the government what has been done and what needs to happen. Not everything will happen before the end of March 2011.
- He also talked about **the future** of the work we do. He said that our money (LDDF) has been going into the area based grant, the general pot of money that the Councils have, for several years. In Southampton we have always had all the money to spend. Next year it is thought it will come to Councils but it will not be called LDDF, and it is also one grant that might be cut. Then, we would not have any money.
- He said it was important to plan in case there would be no money, and to think about how we would pay for the work that needs to carry on. He said it was important to make sure other agencies supported what we want to do.
- To carry on the national work that the Valuing people support team do they may ask Boards to give some money to central government (perhaps £10,000 or £15,000 depending on their size)





- We talked about some ideas:
 - We wondered what other Boards were doing. In Cumbria they are part of the Governance structures
 - We need to link into the Council Structure
 - We thought it was important to spend some time thinking about this. Hilary said we did not have anything big planned for our next meeting.
 - We said our way of working was being copied by other care groups as a good way of working
 - Gathering evidence about what has changed for people with learning disabilities and their families.
 - Saying to organisations give us the money and we will help you to hit your targets.
 - Thinking about our local Councillors can help us.
 - If the money does not come into the local budget from central government then to lobby them.
 - If the money comes in locally then lobby to make sure the people deciding about the spend know what it is used for.
 - Ivan said he meets with all the lead members across the south East and can lobby regionally to central Government.

3. Safeguarding

- Jo Hillsley, Carol Harwood and Leon Nicholson came to talk to us about the questions we had asked. They had written their answers and Hilary has them if you would like a copy.
- We all thought it was a very important thing to talk about.

4. Update on the way money is spent

- Kate told us about the change to the way money for people with learning disabilities is spent. In the past there has been health money and City Council money (that the care managers use). Now there is going to be 1 pot of money that health and social care spend on people.



- She did a presentation and Hilary has a copy if you would like one.

5. Update on the open day

- Hilary talked about what has been happening to plan for our open day on July 24th.
- Busy People have been talking about having their own stall. Other things that are happening include the Calypso Café will be selling food, the police and Carol will be there to tell people about hate crime and keeping safe and lots of other people will be there talking about what they do for the Partnership Board.
- We are going to ask the Mayor if she would like to come along and Richard Cartridge is going to open the day.
- We are just finishing the flier and then we hope everyone will give some out.

6. Anything else?

- Mencap had some money from the carer's grant and had a picnic on Saturday to celebrate the start of Carer's Week. About 50 people came, carers and their families. Alex said it had gone really well and it was important to have events that are for all the family.



7. Date of our next meeting

- Our next meeting is on Monday 19th July
- The agenda includes
 - Talking about the future of the Board
 - Health checks
 - Autism plan
 - The housing strategy



People who came to the meeting

Ivan White – Councillor and Joint Chair
Brian Parnell - Councillor
Hilary Linssen – Valuing People Implementation Manager
Jamie Schofield – Specialist Community Service Manager
Charles Hodgson – Chief Executive Choices Advocacy
Claire Petrie – Self Advocate
Heather Aspinall – Chief Executive Bradbury Centre
Jenny Strevens – Mencap Chair
Mark Wilford – Self Advocate
Ena Conway – Service Manager for Learning Disability, City Council
Kate Dench – LD Joint Commissioning Service Manager
Alex Iles – Manager Mencap
Lesley Hobbs – Principal Officer Children’s Services
Becky Badger – Choices
Alan Lebas – Self Advocate
Jeremy Secchi – Self Advocate
Justin Dunkason – Self Advocate
Claire Royal – Choices
Alan McDougall – Self Advocate
Richard Pearce – Parent Carer
Sukwinder Singh – Self Advocate
Amy Hobson – Health Specialist Trust
Mike Stonehouse – Self Advocate
Leon Nicholson – Team Manager
Carol Harwood - Hate Crime and Harassment Project Officer
Eddy McDowall – Department of Health
Natalie Cosgrove - PA
Jo Hillsey – Policy and Development Officer

APOLOGIES

Matthew King – Self Advocate and Joint Chair
Allan Tobutt – Self Advocate
Jeffrey Parker – Self Advocate
Kay Labon – Parent Carer
Barbara Compton – Head of Housing
Carol Valentine – Assistant head of HCC
Eddie Leach – Parent Carer