# Minutes of Partnership Board

## 26th April 2010

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## 1. What we talked about last time

Health Checks

- Ivan and Hilary are meeting with Adrian Higgins on April 28th. Now Vicky Thew is back she is writing an action plan and will be sending it to Ivan before his meeting.

Employment DVD

- The work has started on the DVD about employment.

Open Day

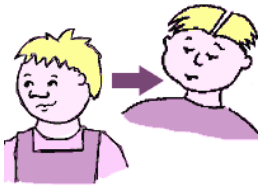
- We have booked Avenue Church and Calypso café are hoping to come and provide teas and cakes. Hilary has asked the Local Implementation Group for help to organise it and some of them are meeting soon. We hope to have tables with information about what we are doing and our annual plan. We are thinking about who could open the day for us. Someone to attract everyone and we are also thinking about how to tell people. Please give Hilary your good ideas.

Annual Plan

- The Annual Plan was in on time. Thank you to every one who helped, either write it or read it. Jo and Eddie (our Valuing people Regional Reps) are reading them all through and writing a report for the region. They will also talk to us about what we said, and ask any questions they may have. The big report will not say what Partnership Board said what, we will know who we are by a number.

Housing Strategy

- The plan did not go to the cabinet and there are plans to re write parts of it to make some changes. Hilary will keep us up to date.



## 2. Transition

- Jo Poynter came from the regional Valuing People team to talk to us about what was happening nationally and also hear what we have been doing. She said that by 2010 the Partnership Board need to make sure that all young people aged 14 to 19 with a statement have a person centred annual review. Jo will send Hilary a copy of her presentation, which Hilary will send out with the minutes.

- Jo also said that all 7 departments in the government think transition is important and are working together to make sure all the services are linked.

- She is going to send on the guide that the team have written to help us.

- "Aiming high" the paper for children and young people has put £25 thousand into Council budgets to improve the work with disabled young people in transition. Kate and Jamie are linked into this.

- It seems that the help young people get is getting better here. Richard said he thought it had improved on his and Robert's experience 6 years ago. However people still thought it was hard to find out who was doing what.

- **We thought about what we are doing well**. We said person centred annual reviews in schools. Writing a plan with the young person does not always happen though, and Pete (the PCP coordinator) is talking to parents about this. 2 parents have joined the PCP subgroup to help.

- It is important to have information and support in schools and this is a key priority for Aiming High. There is a focus forum called ABUS (check Heather).this group of parents is involved in the planning of services.

- We also thought the transition operational group (TOG) works well. It meets monthly and there is a real commitment from all the agencies to come along, and think about all the young people referred.

- The last thing we said was that we now take for granted that the young person is at their review and plays an active part.

- **We thought about the things we could do better.** For example there are gaps in the information people have. PCP is not happening for all young people, and the It systems are not always very helpful. We hope that personalisation is going to help change all this and that it will also start to happen for young people before they are 18.We thought about different ways staff might work together in transition, perhaps having a team that just did this work.

- After the break we thought about the transition questions we had put together. Several people had come to help us think about this and to give us some answers.
- Hilary has put the answers together with the questions and will send them out with the minutes.

**3. Vulnerable young people**

- We decided not to talk about this at the meeting.

- We thought it was important but we did not have a lot of time and we thought it would be good to think about both young people and also adults who were vulnerable and did not fit the eligibility criteria of the teams in the City.

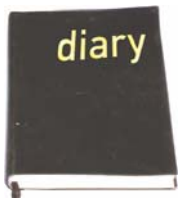
## 4. Anything else?

- We said that Steve Taylor could come to watch our next meeting.

- Kate said that the strategic health authority has invited some people to go to Newbury on 21st May to think about the self assessment that the local PCT filled in. Kate talked to us about this earlier in the year. Kate asked anyone who would like to go along to tell her or Vicky.

- At our next meeting we are going to think about safe guarding and please send your questions to Hilary, with ideas of who we should ask to come and answer them.

**Date of our next meeting**
June 14th




## 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
**Eddie Leach** – Parent Carer
**Becky Badger** – Choices
**Alan Lebas** – Self Advocate
**Jeremy Secchi** – Self Advocate

**Justin Dunkason** – Self Advocate
**Claire Royal** – Choices
**Richard Pearce** – Parent Carer
**Sukwinder Singh** – Self Advocate
**Amy Hobson** – Health Specialist Trust
**Heather Aspinall** – Chief Executive Bradbury Centre
**Jenny Strevens** – Mencap Chair
**Kay Labon** – Parent Carer
**Barbara Compton** – Head of Housing
**Kate Dench** – LD Joint Commissioning Service Manager
**Alex Iles** – Manager Mencap
**Carol Valentine** – Assistant head of HCC

**APOLOGIES**
**Charles Hodgson** – Chief Executive Choices Advocacy
**Claire Petrie** – Self Advocate
**Alan McDougall** – Self Advocate
**Jeffrey Parker** – Self Advocate
**Mark Wilford** – Self Advocate
**Ena Conway** – Service Manager for Learning Disability, City Council
**Annie McIver** – Principal Officer Children's Services
**Jamie Schofield** – Specialist Community Service Manager