

# Minutes of Partnership Board

19<sup>th</sup> October 2009



1. Minutes and matters arising.
2. Learning Disability Development Fund
3. Dates for our diaries – Partnership Board Meetings in 2010
4. Anything else?

## 1. Minutes and matters

- The date for the college workshop has changed. The first date was half term and people could not come. The new date is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the morning.
- 3 people with learning disabilities gave a talk at Full Council in September. Councillor Moulton (who is the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning) said he would make a time with them to talk about finding a job. He has made a meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Charlene from Choices and Hilary are also going.
- Regional priority. Hilary told people on the Regional Implementation Board (RIG) what Southampton had voted for. This was added to everyone's ideas around the region. RIG members all had 1 vote for 1 idea. The one that got the most votes was Safeguarding. Making sure people were safe wherever they lived.
- We wanted to thank everyone who took part in the Special Olympics. Since the games Wayne Taylor had been chosen to represent Great Britain at the Special Olympics European Games running 400 and 1500 metres.
- Thinking about sport we said that not everyone knows how many things there are that people can take part in. We thought it was important that they were advertised as widely as possible. There was an article in the national canoeing magazine about the people who went to the games from Southampton and a picture of them with their medals.



## 2. Learning disability development fund

We heard about how the money from the learning disability development fund is being spent this year, and how it is helping people. The people who had responsibility for spending the money sent reports to the Board and then talked about them and answered any questions.



Hilary has copies of the reports and can send them out to anyone who wants one; you can also ask her for more information about how we decided to spend the money.

For **employment** we asked how many people with a learning disability were employed by the Council. We had asked this when the council staff came to the Board meeting. It was hard for them to say as they do not count by learning disability.

We wanted to know more about how we link to Jobcentres, and about who they support. Especially for people with a mild to moderate learning disability, who we believe they have a grant to help.

Charles talked to us about the work Choices is doing in **Advocacy**. We said well done for the work with parents who have a learning disability. Choices support them for general issues but also when they are involved with the courts and whether their children stay with them.

There are a lot of **Person Centred Planning (PCP)** annual reviews to do in the schools. This year Health and the City council gave money to fund a post for this. To keep up with the number of reviews the money is needed every year as there are more and more young people who need the help. Heather told us that people providing short breaks for young people will have to have special training. This will include PCP; this is linked to "Aiming High".

TAG the **Theatre** group had some money from the fund to start up. It is now self funding and has already started planning its new play.

There was money given for consultation on the new **Housing** plan. There is a subgroup that has been meeting to update the first strategy that was written. Valuing People Now talks about housing as one of its priorities and say that there should be a housing strategy. It has been suggested that the new plan be called a guide, but people were unhappy about this and wanted the word strategy to stay. The Board voted to say if they thought it was important to have a strategy. Everyone said yes it was.

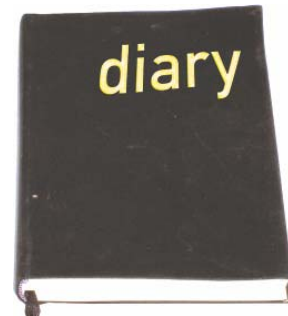
Hilary said that there was not enough money in the part of the budget that pays for self advocates and family carers. There is more money in the meetings budget and she asked to move some

money into the first budget. The Board voted to say yes, this was ok.

We have about £20,000 extra in the budget. This is money we have not decided what we want to spend it on. Hilary asked people to think about whether there were any new ideas for things we wanted to do.

### 3. Dates for next year

We agreed the dates for our meetings next year. We are able to have them at the Bradbury Centre. They will be at the same times.



The dates are:

January 11th

March 8<sup>th</sup>

April 26<sup>th</sup>

June 14<sup>th</sup>

July 19<sup>th</sup>

September 6<sup>th</sup>

October 18<sup>th</sup>

December 6<sup>th</sup>

We have not decided what we want to think about in the meetings. We have some ideas. They are transition, the Valuing people guidance for Boards, Advocacy, safeguarding, an open meeting and Communications.

### 4. Anything else?

- Kate told us she is deciding who to interview (short listing) for a new job of carers' commissioning manager.
- The Health Strategy Board is having a meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The last one had to be cancelled. Invites have gone out



so ask Kate if you have not heard but used to go to meetings.

- Our next meeting is about Health. Please make sure you send your questions to Hilary.

### **Next meeting**

- Monday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2009