

## **Developing Community Lives Task Group Minutes Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 Burnside, Eastfield, Scarborough**

### **Who Was There – and who they represent**

Rebecca Buckle – Individual linked with Services

Ruth Collin – A&CS – Co chair

Lesley Dixon – Dalewood

Stewart Finney –SUNNY

Helen Fortnum – Speak up support

John Lawson – A&CS – Co chair and notes

Maureen Lyndsey – Care manager, A&CS

Sue Mann - Scarborough Training Centre

Andrew Wright – SUNNY

Nicola Owens – individual linked with services

Chris Jackson – Parent

Greg Jackson – Individual linked with Services

Pete Smith – Elders St

Brian Wood – WWFT

David Newman – Cauwood

Becky Leather - WWFT

### **Who could not come**

Jane Jordan – Adult Education

David Keeton – Connections – Co chair

David Mennell - MENCAP

1) Ruth welcomed everyone. People introduced themselves and said who they were there to represent. David Newman from Cauwood was welcomed to the Task Group.

## 2) Things we talked about last time

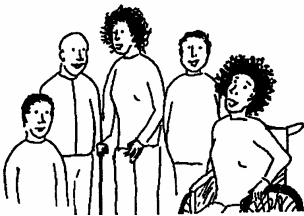


### a) People getting the notes

Some people said they had not had notes from last meeting, or had had them very late. John and Ruth will check with Kathryn how they were sent out.

**Action – Ruth and John to check with Kathryn**

### b) Inclusion of people with high support needs



John and Ruth have talked about this at the Task Group Chairs meeting and with the managers from Elders Street, Cauwood, Scarborough Training Centre and Burnside, so as to find ways to do this better.

This was also talked about at the April Partnership Board and at the Speak up forum in Whitby. It was talked about having someone to take on a “champion” role. Helen thought it would be a good idea to have a group of people to do this. It was thought it could also be one of the roles for the Developing Community Lives groups to do. It was agreed this was a good idea.

### c) Employment Task Group



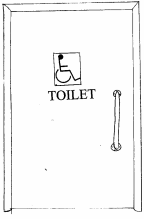
Rebecca explained that at the last Employment Task Group they had agreed that they would meet separately from Developing Community Lives Task Group. Rebecca, Lesley and David Keeton were planning to be on both Task Groups.

Lesley explained they would be looking at paid employment, supported employment, sheltered work, volunteering opportunities, preparation for work and assessment.

People asked that the Employment Task Group kept the Developing Community Lives Task Group aware of what they were talking about, and have ten minutes time on the agenda if needed.

**Action – Ruth to speak to David Keeton about this.**

### 3) Learning Disability Week June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>



Ruth explained that this is a National Awareness Week with a theme of “Changing Places.” Ruth said there was a lack of places for providing personal care in the community. People said what was planned for the week locally.

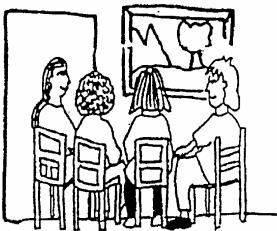
- Nicola and Lynn Taylor are planning to be at Scarborough Hospital so as to explain to people what is needed to support people with a learning disability in hospital. This will be from Tuesday to Friday and will include a raffle and will be on the local radio and in the newspapers.
- People were not sure what Mencap were doing in Scarborough as part of the week. Nicola thought they would be at the hospital.
- Adult and Community Services are providing information at Scarborough Library on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Derek Law is planning to visit.
- Scarborough Training Centre have an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sue Mann will get a “Changing Places” pack.
- It was agreed it would be good if all the information was advertised together across the Partnership Board.
- More information is available from [ldw@mencap.org.uk](mailto:ldw@mencap.org.uk) about Changing Places



#### **Action – Sue to get a pack**

**John/Ruth to ask Kathryn to advertise events and  
Find out if Mencap are planning anything**

### 4) Group Work



Ruth explained the Task Group was going to do some further work on the areas they had started working on last meeting. John explained that there was an Action Plan to start using to show who was doing what.

The groups are now;

#### 1. Community Links

Andrew Wright and Sue Mann (chairs) Lesley Dixon, Helen Fortnum and David Mennell.

#### 2. Life long learning

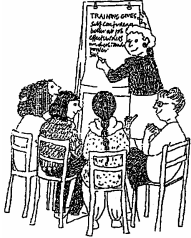
David Keeton and Jane Jordan (chairs) David Newman, Stewart Finney, Greg Jackson, Nicola Owen, Becky Leather

### 3. Choice and control

Maureen Lindsay (chair) Pete Smith, Rebecca Buckle, Brian Wood, Chris Jackson

The groups spent some time working in smaller groups and starting their action plans. The plans are attached to these notes.

The groups told everyone about some of the actions they wanted to work on. These included;



- Better ways of getting people information about Adult Education classes
- People having a better choice about the activities that they do and how staff support is organised and provided
- The need to get better representation for people with high support needs.

Ruth explained there is a lot of other work to be done, and there is a chance for people to meet between meetings if they want. Ruth suggested that each group have their own file. It was agreed that the action plans would be kept by Ruth and John, and added to the files.

**Action – Ruth to set up a file for each group**

### 5) Anything else to talk about

- It was agreed to send around everyone's contact details within the Task group

**Action - John and Ruth to arrange**

- Maureen talked about the course she had been on in York which had not been very useful.
- Pete explained that the uchooseswr website now has a questionnaire to be completed on-line

**Action – everyone to look at questionnaire and tell other people about it**



### 6) Next Two Meetings of Developing Community Lives Task Group

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1.30 pm-3pm, Elders Street (NOT 14th July)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1.30 – 3pm Elders Street



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1. Identify leader of the group	Leadership!	Group to agree	Completed today – Maureen as leader
2. High support needs representation	Identify champions for people with high support needs. Group representative of varying needs – physical, communication, behavioural, health,	Contact/ask; a) Speak up forum b) Burnside c) WWFT d) Cauwood/carers e) advocacy	a) Ruth? b) Pete c) Brian d) Maureen e) Pete So as to identify attendance of at least one rep at next meeting