

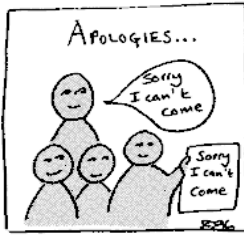


**28 May 2009**  
**Welcome Centre**



## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Mark Godfrey (Co-chair), Helen Chamberlain (Co-chair), Zandrea Mays, Suryabala Amin, Councillor Heather Johnson, Ellen Allcock (Supporter), Masuma Oomatia (Interpreter), Andy Bennett, Sarah Warmington, Suki Kaur, Teresa Whelen, Lynne Cooper, Mary Lucas, Jill Hinde (representing Voluntary Sector), Peter Barnett (representing Councillor Joe Clifford), Ann Hawgood, Dot Law (Note taker) Leigh Pitham



## **Apologies, or people who could not attend today's meeting**

Councillor Joe Clifford, Janita Wesson, Helen McDonald (Supporter), Gary Bye, Carol Bromley, Julia Aylmer, Kate Escolme

### **Visitors:**

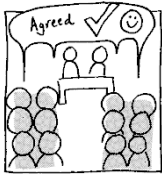
Faye Smith (Student Social Worker - Grapevine)

## **2. Items for any other business**

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- Learning Disability Week
- Green Card - Mencap

### 3. Notes from the last meeting



The following amendment needs to be made to the last Partnership Board minutes.

Page 11 - Sukhjit's (who would like to be called Suki) job title should read *Service Manager*

After this amendment the notes from the last meeting were agreed.

Minutes are available in CD format.

You can also access the minutes by logging on to our website. The address is [www.ldpb.info](http://www.ldpb.info)

If you do not have access to a computer and would like to have a look at the website, please give Janita a call on 76785481 to arrange to come in to the office.

### 4. Feedback from Carers



- ❖ Mary advised she had missed the last carers forum
- ❖ She did not have any feedback for this meeting

## 5. Update on Whitefriars



- ❖ Suki advised that for health and safety reasons the move from Whitefriars to Brooklands would now take place on 4 June 2009.
- ❖ This is a temporary move and work will be ongoing to move permanently to the Caludon Centre early 2010.
- ❖ Brooklands is located in Coleshill, which is just off the M6 motorway. There are buses and a train service which stops at Marston Green Station. Work is taking place with families to flag up access routes.
- ❖ The 5 people moving from Whitefriars will move to Number 10, Sycamores Unit. They will have access to all services on the Brooklands site.
- ❖ Those moving would receive the same service as they do now and some of the staff were moving with them.
- ❖ Citywide and H Team will feedback to the Partnership Board if there are any issues.
- ❖ Suki to keep Partnership Board updated on progress with Whitefriars on a regular basis.

## 6. Provider Forum feedback



- ❖ Jill advised that the last Provider Forum was a good meeting but there were not a lot of providers there
- ❖ They were trying to get more people involved by using email to get information out.
- ❖ The minutes of the Provider Forum held on 16<sup>th</sup> March were discussed following concerns raised by the Partnership Board. Provider Forum had slight concerns that people may not be able to speak freely. Jill said the views made were personal comments and that they do try to be positive but as with everything the down side gets reported. Zandrea said that if views are 'personal opinions' this should be clear, otherwise it reads that they are the view of the group. It was agreed that this amendment will be noted in the next Provider Forum minutes.
- ❖ The following issues had been raised at the last Providers Forum:-
  - 1) Respite - it would be helpful to know what was on offer - was it just a bed, or could it be bed and breakfast and a night out at the pub! What was difference between respite and short breaks?
  - 2) Personalisation - people would like help on how they could spend their money.

## 6. Provider Forum feedback (continued)



3) Individual Budgets - Commissioning are going to be attending a Provider Forum to talk about individual budgets.

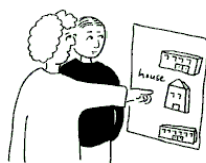
4) Supporting People - this was not always understood.

- ❖ Zandrea said that the Provider Forum is there to help the development of Learning Disabilities Services. She would like the Provider Forum to work together with Health and Social Care services to achieve joint solutions. She said that it can be complex with the mix of voluntary and statutory provision but personalisation is everyone's responsibility and providers can be a part of finding the solution in conjunction with the Joint Commissioning Team. It was agreed that Jill would link in with Carol and Gary to look at a joint plan.
- ❖ The Board talked about respite:-
  - the word 'respite' can mean different things to different people and it means a break from the caring role/tasks.
  - there can be confusion between respite and short-term breaks.
  - Zandrea said that Social Care are undertaking a review with Health colleagues to see what is available currently and whether it meets the diverse community of Coventry. Suryabala said that black and ethnic minority communities should be taken into consideration.

## 7. Partnership Board business



- Zandrea talked about the Care Quality Commission (CQC):
  - CQC was set up in April 2009
  - it is responsible for ensuring that health and adult social care services are to a good standard
  - information will be sent out with minutes
  - CQC are holding a disability event on 22 June 2009 at Aston Villa Football Club in Birmingham.
  - Partnership Board members were asked to nominate a person with learning disabilities to attend this event who would be interested in supporting CQC to write a five year plan for learning disabilities.
    - Zandrea talked about a regional Partnership Board meeting taking place on 9 June 2009 10.00 - 4.00 at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham:
      - This event will be looking at the priorities in Valuing People Now and how Learning Disability Partnership Boards can lead change in their areas.
      - Up to 8 people from the Partnership Board have been invited.
      - Mark and Zandrea are attending and were looking for others from the Board to join them. They said that this would help drive things forward and that we could share information and learn from others. Following this event, the remaining year's agenda items will be identified.
        - Names of people attending the above two events to be sent to Ann Hawgood to co-ordinate.
        - Valuing People Now are focussing on young people and transition - a member of the Transitions Team to be invited to a future Partnership Board meeting.



## 8. Information from City Wide

- Lynne talked about a campaign on 'staying up late' that is taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June:
  - this is an evening when people can talk about staying out late and not having to go home early because of staff changes. Information on the Green Card was passed around to Board Members
  - Board members talked about staff being available to stay out late with people who wanted to have a late night out. Staff should not be getting people changed for bed earlier than they wanted to just because it fitted in with staff changes. Mark said that if this was happening it should be reported to the Community Learning Disability Team or the Commissioning Team.
- Ellen said that City Wide are going to be filming their meetings from now on to include all members of Citywide. Everyone enjoyed making the film - it was interesting and generated lots of discussion.
- Board members were shown a film of the last Citywide meeting. Everyone enjoyed seeing the film and looked forward to the next instalment.
- It was a really powerful way of showing how things were changing or not!
- It will be used to start supporting families to support individuals - we are starting to hear and need to make others start to hear.
- A copy of Citywide's feedback on Housing, Jobs, Health and Relationships will be sent out with the minutes.



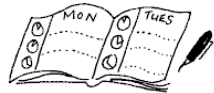
## 9. Valuing People Now and Developing a new Learning Disability Strategy

- The Board was split into 2 teams and a game of Family Fortunes was played - looking at the reasons why people with a learning disability did not get jobs
- Lots of reasons were found including family worries, lack of work experience, loss of benefits, etc, but the main reason was transport.
- The Board then split into groups to look at what we could celebrate as having achieved and what needed to change in terms of health, housing and relationships. Feedback was given - some of the main points in 'getting a life' was:-
  - ✓ Enabling people to keep up the relationships they made at school, at day centres etc. without stopping their development. We need to ask who are the important people in someone's life and support them to maintain the relationship
  - ✓ The culture needs to change so that there is acceptance that it is everyone's right to have a relationship.
  - ✓ There have been positive changes with health as many GP's now book a double slot and speak to the person, not the carer. However there is still work to do with some GP's and also with some carers.
  - ✓ There have been improvements with benefits being paid direct to the person so they can spend their money as they wish.
  - ✓ Because of work with carers, people now have more independence
- Lynne and Helen Chamberlain talked about the changes that have been happening in their lives.



## 10. Any other business

- Learning Disability Week will take place on 22 - 28 June 2009 - theme will be *Changing Places, Changing Lives*. Mark said that an update on 'Changing places' will be given at a future Board meeting.
- Jill said that if anyone would like to send her any information on improvements to services or why Coventry is a good place to be she could use it to publicise Coventry in a positive way.
- Jill said that Mencap has produced a green card that people can use to tell their staff when they would like to go out late. Information will be sent out with minutes.



**Date of next meeting:-**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**10.30 - 1.00pm**

**Welcome Centre**

**Parkside**

**Coventry**

