

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE  
STEERING GROUP MEETING – 12 MAY 2008**

**Present:** Charlie Adie (Chair) - Motiv8  
June Christie - Mencap/Parent Partnership Service  
Jenn Davies - Portsmouth Autism Support Network  
Sarah Read - Southern Focus Trust  
Richard Soutar - Enable Ability  
Jo Tome - Home-Start Portsmouth

**In attendance:** June Hancox (Minutes) - PCCS

**Apologies:** Katherine Marsden-Broad (PUEF), Barbara O'Sullivan (PCCS),  
Stella Pratt (SFT)

**1. Welcome**

Charlie Adie (CA) welcomed members and invited them to introduce themselves.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 April 2008**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2008 were agreed without amendment.

**3. Matters Arising from those Minutes**

Page 1, Minute 2(ii):

Sarah Read (SR) had been unable to contact Rachael Dalby but CA was able to confirm that Rachael would be in touch.

Page 1, Minute 2(iii):

Barbara O'Sullivan's (BJOS) meeting with Siobhan Burns on 8 May had been cancelled due to BJOS' bereavement.

Page 2, Minute 3:

CA asked June Hancox (JH) to check whether Chris Richards (CR) had emailed the map and to chase up if necessary.

**Action: JH to contact CR**

Page 3, Minute 6:

The Annual Report and Business Plan would definitely be on the next agenda.

**Action: BJOS to put Annual Report and Business Plan on agenda for next meeting**

Page 7, Minute 7:

It was confirmed that BJOS had emailed the slides.

#### 4. **Reports from Representatives/Representation**

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership : The next meeting was Tuesday 20 May, 12 noon, at the Churchillian, and would be a joint Executive and JCG meeting.

Joint Commissioning Group: June Christie (JC) attended the last meeting and reported that the Chair, Carl Burton - Head of Youth Service, was leaving the authority but would attend the meeting on 20 May. Andrew Olive, Head of Community Learning, is Vice Chair. JC went through the Early Intervention Project bids – money left over would go to one or two projects both of which appeared to be local authority organisations. There had been a lot of discussion on the paper from the NHS which included joined-up working practices and JC would email the minutes. Jenn Davies (JD) confirmed that she would be attend JCG meetings from September. Karen Drayton (KD) and Katherine Marsden-Broad (KMB) were also JCG representatives and JC would check their availability for the important joint meeting on 20 May so that deputies could be sent if needed.

**Action: JC to email minutes**  
**Action: JC to check KD and KMB's availability for meeting on 20 May**

Joint Area Review: Richard Soutar (RS) said that ten cases for the Joint Area Review had now been identified.

Children's Domestic Violence Sub-Group: Sarah Read (SR) had chaired this group and reported that, although funds had been secured to go into schools to train teachers, the Co-ordinator had called a halt to the project and the group was awaiting further news and reviewing how to take the project forward.

Louise Boyle, currently working as a teacher, had been appointed HS Scheme Manager and would start in July.

Children with Disabilities Strategic Sub-Group (Priority 3): RS reported that, subject to proper planning, funding would be available for short breaks. The Sub-group would have input on the plan which would include needs assessment and joint working.

The Elizabeth Foundation would be working on the Early Intervention Fund. There were twelve areas of work, Priority 3 being the one which affected the Alliance.

There had been a significant increase in the money for short breaks for disabled children. Several agendas, including 'Every Child Matters', had also put money in the pot.

Young People's Safer Portsmouth Partnership: CA reported that an action plan for the next twelve months had been agreed at the meeting on 6 May, and it was important that agencies' work is reflected in the plan, eg domestic violence. A meeting was called by Sharon George on 9 May to look at Priority 7. Attendees included Pride in Pompey, Mike Johns, Neighbourhood Management, Learning Links, Pompey in the Community, EBP, Rainer and PETA. The over-riding message was that a lot of work was being carried out but with no co-ordination around the activity and this had resulted in very little happening on the eastern side of Portsmouth. Although a working group had not yet been set up it was possible that this may happen in the future. Members of C&YPA Steering Group all agreed that it would be useful to see the minutes of this meeting.

CA asked reps if they were happy to continue with their representation at meetings and all confirmed they were.

#### 4. **Briefing Event – Plans for 20 May 2008**

JH confirmed that an amendment re the day had been circulated to the wider Alliance. JH also confirmed the size of the room booked at Buckland Community Centre and its facilities. CA asked that JH also request a screen. CA went over the agenda which had been agreed with BJOS, and SR and CA volunteered to 'fill in' with presentations if necessary. JC would bring along handouts from a briefing session she had attended on changes in CRB checks. Several members volunteered to help JH set up the room for the meeting.

**Action:** JC to bring handouts re CRB changes

**Action:** JH to request a screen be available at Buckland CC

**Action:** RS to follow up with Julie Houghton-Thomas timing of presentation – first on at approx 10 am

Jo Tome (JT) commented that these Briefings and meetings were of immense value to her and others in the sector.

#### 5. **Supporting the Safeguarding Agenda**

This item would be on the agenda for the next meeting. It was important to ensure C&YPA's Annual Report/Business Plan included 'Safeguarding' and Siobhan Burns thanked for her support – showing how the money was being spent.

6. **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 2 June 2008, 10 am – 12 noon, PCCS

#### 7. **Any Other Business**

CA reported that the Joint Area Review was an inspection which replaced OFSTED and looked at all children's service. Analysis week: 9 – 13 June; Fieldwork week: 30 June – 4 July; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fieldwork week: 7 – 11 July. The voluntary sector were involved and the Inspector had chosen twenty voluntary sector organisations and they would be asked to

complete questionnaires for collation in analysis week. CA explained how the review would work – the Inspectors would be looking to see the sector's best work.

'My Place' opened a new funding stream on 8 May and had £190m available over the next three years. Chris Richards was the lead for the local authority and CA had been invited to sit on the panel. More information from [biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://biglotteryfund.org.uk).

CA asked for a couple of case studies for inclusion in the Annual Report accompanied by notes of around 100-150 words.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15 am.