

**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE  
STEERING GROUP MEETING – 21 APRIL 2008**

**Present:**

|                |   |                                   |
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| Charlie Adie   | - | Motiv8                            |
| June Christie  | - | Mencap/Parent Partnership Service |
| Jenn Davies    | - | Portsmouth Autism Support Network |
| Stella Pratt   | - | Southern Focus Trust              |
| Sarah Read     | - | Southern Focus Trust              |
| Richard Soutar | - | Enable Ability                    |
| Jo Tome        | - | Home-Start Portsmouth             |

**In attendance:**

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|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| Carole Damper      | - | EC Roberts Centre      |
| Chris Richards     | - | PCC Community Services |
| Barbara O'Sullivan | - | PCCS                   |
| June Hancox        | - | PCCS (Minutes)         |

**Apologies:** Ken Dobson (School Governors' Forum), Katherine Marsden-Broad (PUEF)

**1. Welcome**

RS agreed to chair the meeting and future chairing arrangements would be discussed later in the meeting.

Members introduced themselves and JC reported that Katherine MB had now left hospital and was making a good recovery from meningitis. BJOS explained the role of the Children and Young People's Alliance and its Steering Group.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2008 and Matters Arising**

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(i) JC queried the representation grid and it was agreed to correct it by removing JC from Parenting Strategy and add her to JCG. Also additional representation from SR to LCSB along with Home-Start Portsmouth (tbc).

**Action: BJOS to update grid to reflect current representation.**

(ii) CA confirmed that he had contacted Rachael Dalby regarding YPSPP and, as SR had not heard from her, he suggested she email her direct.

**Action: SR to email Rachael Dalby**

(iii) Re key partnerships for VCS involvement: BJOS will discuss this with Siobhan Burns at their first monthly meeting on 8 May.

**Action: BJOS to discuss key partnerships for VCS involvement with Siobhan Burns**

### 3. **Play Pathfinder – Chris Richards, PCC & Carole Damper (Roberts Centre)**

CR went through the paper copy of her slides which she had distributed to members. 'Play Pathfinders' was borne out of a report from UNESCO which had found that British children had the most miserable childhood. Portsmouth had successfully bid to be a Pathfinder and funding will be set following the May elections. Existing sites in Portsmouth had been mapped but not graded. BJOS asked if there was a way that VCS could access the current map. CR agreed to send this electronically.

**Action: CR to send map to BJOS by email**

CR's presentation was intended to make the Alliance aware of what was happening and to seek its participation. A Play Pathfinder Group would look at the balance of need for a centre and CD said that she would be willing to be involved. CR had initially approached Julie Houghton-Thomas of Enable Ability to be part of the Group and it was agreed that she should take up this offer.

It was suggested and agreed that a two to three page summary be prepared for the C&YPS Briefing on 20 May 2008. It was also recognised that there was a need for clarity with regard to links to eg Every Child Matters, Children & Young People's Plan.

**Action: CR to prepare brief summary for 20 May**

### 4. **Reports from Representatives**

Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive: see CA's report attached to these minutes.

Community Improvement Partnership: RS said that meetings were very complicated and covered topics such as strategy, how funding was allocated and on what basis, the Impact Group and the appointment of an Integrated Service Manager. It was a bit of a melting pot of groups and structures and outcomes were currently being worked on.

Joint Commissioning Group: Karen Drayton was not present to give a report. Katherine MB is and Jenn Parker-Davies is not able to attend. June Christie has agreed to become a JCG Rep.

Children's Workforce Development Steering Group: BJOS said that she was not clear on how involved Ben Mizen and Karen Bamford are - she had sent emails but there had been no replies so far.

**Action: BJOS to contact Ben and Karen**

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

BJOS confirmed that the Briefing would take place at Buckland Community Centre, Room 5, on 20 May, from 10 am to 12 noon. Suggested agenda for the Briefing was as follows:

- (i) Presentation by Paddy Bradley, Lifelong Learning, to update on PCC's new structure and the responsibilities of its Directorates.

- (ii) Presentation by Chris Woodfine on Early Intervention Fund and its Future
- (iii) Presentation on Play Pathfinder

To ensure that the event wasn't totally PCC, it was also suggested it be used as a showcase for a voluntary sector project and it was agreed that Stella Pratt should highlight the Women's Refuge.

It was also suggested that Hayden Ginns, Siobhan Burns and Lynda Jones be involved in the event.

**Action: BJOS to produce a flier and contact presenters**

## 6. Supporting the Safeguarding Agenda

BJOS said that there was no further news.

BJOS was putting together the Alliance's first Annual Report and proposed Business Plan and welcomed any feedback. This would be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Action: BJOS to put Annual Report and Business Plan on agenda for next meeting  
Steering Group members to review draft documents and come prepared to discuss**

## 7. Workforce Development Training Initiative

BJOS reported that she had received an email containing thirty slides from Lynda Jones that morning and would pass this on to members. The key points for the Alliance were numbers 27, 28 and 29 and Steering Group members are asked to send their comments to BJOS.

**Actions: BJOS to email slides**

**BJOS to put Workforce Development Training Initiative on agenda for next meeting**

BJOS described the recent Hampshire Alliance briefings which had proven very popular and members thought there would be merit in joining resources with Hampshire rather than re-inventing the wheel. A link with the Southampton Alliance could also be forged. The Evaluation Report from the Hampshire initiative would be sent to BJOS.

## 8. Any Other Business

Chairmanship of C&YP Alliance: CA agreed to take on the role of Chair insofar as he would Chair meetings and review any paperwork but would not be able to do any more as he was already working at full capacity. This would be for six months.

Increase in cost of CRB Checks: CD was concerned that smaller children's organisations and groups would find it difficult to meet the increased cost of a CRB check but it was thought that PCC would go some way to absorb the difference.

**Action: BJOS to remind groups of the coming changes**

Women's Refuge: SR reported that a Webcam had been installed at the Women's Refuge as part of a counselling project supported by Relate for the children.

Childcare Costs: JP thanked BJOS for arranging to cover her childcare costs which enabled her to attend meetings.

9. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as **Monday 12 May 2008**, from 10 am to 12 noon, in PCCS' small meetings room.

10. There being no further business the meeting closed at 12 noon.