



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 25 JUNE 2013

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Cathy Griffin Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Cllr Adele Heasman Manly Council (Co-Chair)

Other Representatives

Jacquiline Smith Manly Community Centre
Jason Kioko Pioneer Clubhouse
Susan Gomola Manly Drug & Alcohol Education Centre
Melissa Palermo Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit
Janette Bywater Community Representative
Richard Hewitt Community Representative

Council Staff

Eric Poulos Community Services Manager
Sandra Faase Senior Community Development Officer - Minutes

Observer Judy Rice – Manly Club for Seniors

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services Planning and Policy Advisory Committee** met on 25 June 2013 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.35am. Cllr Griffin chaired the meeting.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Mayor, Cllr Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Candy Bingham, Virginia Wilson, Hania Norman.

The Committee welcomed Judy Rice, a local resident from the Manly Club for Seniors, present as an observer, who has applied to join the Committee.

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

ACTION

ITEM 3**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the HS&SP Committee of 26 February 2013 are confirmed.

The Notes of HS&SP Committee meeting of 23 April 2013 are confirmed.

ACTION
Secretariat

MATTERS ARISING

The presentation at the April meeting by Sydney North Shore & Medical Local (SNS&B ML) CEO Kris Hume was discussed. As requested at the April meeting, a document outlining the Well-being Needs and Priorities of Manly LGA was submitted to the ML for their planning purposes. This document was emailed to the Committee along with the SHOROC Councils' (including Manly's) input into the Northern Sydney Ageing Strategy scoping document.

The Manly Community Centre Manager advised the service had been visited by a ML representative who was particularly interested in the issues of local homelessness, indigenous clients and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) population.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that: Correspondence be sent to Kris Hume, which includes the Committee's concerns about the following Manly LGA issues and statistics and inviting continued dialogue with ML:

- Highest rate of alcohol related hospitalisation in the ML region, greater than NSW average
- Highest premature death from external causes, avoidable deaths through suicide & self inflicted injuries (greater than NSW & Aust. average) and road traffic injuries & smoking attributable deaths in the ML region.
- Lack of bulk billing GPs and lack of women's health services.

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ITEM 4**SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES****Pioneer Clubhouse:**

- Are looking for other funding opportunities as they are experiencing a funding shortfall.
- Are working with SNS&B ML and other agencies in the Partnerships in Recovery program and are exploring partnerships with HACC-funded organisations.
- Changes in SACS award has meant greater staffing costs and decreased staffing.
- Are involved in organising a Harbour Bridge Walk on 16 November 2013, to raise awareness of mental health issues.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

A team from the HS&SP Committee and Council participate in the Mental Health Awareness Harbour Bridge Walk on Saturday 16 November.

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Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit:

- Through the Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) they are involved in a secondary supply of alcohol project which will soon be rolling out an information campaign and other resources such as bus stop posters and material at liquor outlets.
- A survey of parents was conducted about their knowledge of secondary supply showing a general lack of awareness of the law

on this topic.

- Have been involved in development of the Youth Source App, which list services, activities etc. for youth, linking to maps and other resources. To be launched in the near future.
- Are involved in the Bike Life Festival held in September.
- A discussion ensued about the Committee's concerns relating to the number of licenses in and around the Manly CBD. The Liquor Act provides for a new type of liquor licence for small bars where there is no need for a Community Impact Statement for bars under a certain size. These issues have been discussed at the Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee and will continue to be monitored.

MDECC:

- Are on the consortium for Northern Beaches Headspace, which is to open mid-2014 in Brookvale.
- Are engaging parents in the work that they do, as it has been shown that involving parents decreases risk.
- Partner with Health Promotion for their secondary supply of alcohol project.
- Have a program which funds a locum psychiatrist – to bridge the gap between drug & alcohol services and mental health services.
- Are employing an extra counsellor for 4 days per week.
- Work with the SNS&B ML to develop a referral tool to enable referrals to mental health services.
- Will celebrate their 40th year in operation in November.
- Noted that the Kedesh Rehabilitation Treatment service at Manly Hospital had closed due to lack of funding, then opened again with funding levels restored. Kedesh runs the Phoenix Treatment Facility; a 10-bed residential treatment unit which also offers a non-residential treatment program.
- It was asked whether there were many enquiries/clients in relation to synthetic drugs which had been in the media. Reported to date there had not been, but that this may change.

Manly Community Centre (MCC):

- Received 3 year funding from Department of Immigration & Citizenship (DIAC) for their Settlement Grants Program workers. They are working with 254 Tibetan families based in Dee Why and Manly. They have submitted for a Post Office Grant to develop a multicultural volunteer program to work with socially isolated people.
- Reported the Governor-General will visit Manly Women's Shelter (MWS). Received funding for one-day a week Shelter outreach worker.
- The MWS is now an adopted model for other shelters, with the next being built in Hornsby based on the Manly model.
- Centre's Homeless Outreach Service (HOS) operates one day a week and developed a crisis-intervention resource kit.
- MCC sees opportunities to provide information and referral services at the Seaforth TAFE site and will be submitting a proposal to Council.
- Accommodates a Kedesh program: Smart Recovery.
- Are drafting their 5 year strategic plan.

ITEM 5 GENERAL BUSINESS

Judy Rice from the Manly Club for Seniors outlined her varied background, community service, and the varied activities of the Manly Club for Seniors which operates from Council's Manly Seniors Centre seven days a week. They have 15 different activities, both passive and active recreation, and nearly 400 members

It was suggested that Council coordinates regular information stalls for older people at Stockland Balgowlah and also at Seaforth, inviting the Manly Community Centre and the Club for Seniors to participate. It was reported that Council Community Development staff currently conduct at least 3 information stalls per year, mainly at Stockland Balgowlah around Seniors Week when maximum publicity can be achieved for local services and organisations.

It was reported that Council Community Development staff are updating the Manly Warringah Pittwater Services, Activities & Housing Directory for Seniors in partnership with Warringah and Pittwater councils. The Directory and other information for older residents is regularly publicised via the Manly Daily Council News / Mayor's Message, via the annual Seniors Week program, and also on Council's website.

Janette Bywater spoke about her involvement in the U3A. They were looking for a venue in central Manly and had looked at the Manly Community Centre. It was difficult to find affordable and appropriate venues for their programs in Manly LGA, which also had parking. The U3A would also like to approach Council about access to meeting space in the Seaforth TAFE site.

Upcoming guest speakers

It was agreed to invite:

- A lead representative from the Headspace consortium to the 27 August meeting, and
- A speaker re Home & Community Care (HACC) services to the 22 October meeting.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that:

1. The application to join the Committee from Judy Rice from the Manly Club for Seniors, be accepted.
2. The proposed topics for the August and October meetings be noted.

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Secretariat

ITEM 6 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 27 August 2013
Time: 8.30-10.30am
Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.30am.