



# DAVAN

**Drug & Alcohol Voluntary Action Network**  
**C/o BAVO 112-113 Commercial Street Maesteg CF34 9DL**

Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2009

## Minutes

**Attendance:** Antony Kendall (Dil) The Wallich, Belinda Coleman TEDS, Dean Minett WGCADA, Sian Jenkins Hafal, Rob James Street Pastors, Lynne Bones HomeStart, Andy Fraser BAVO.

**Apologies:** Helen Pickens Ogwr Dash, Karen Millar Women's Aid, Steve Sparrow Gofal Cymru, Elizabeth Jones Shaw Trust, Angela Davis BAVO, John Mills BIG.

## Welcome & Introductions

Dil welcomed all to the meeting especially Sian, and introductions were made.

## Minutes for accuracy

Minutes of last meeting were approved and Dil informed the group that he had tried to contact Caroline Dyer regarding TOPS but hasn't managed to speak with her but will keep trying and update the group at the next meeting.

## Newsletter

The group agreed to do a newsletter with contributing articles from WGCADA, Street Pastors, TEDS, and Homestart. Dil asked if the articles could be sent to him by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

The group also agreed that future newsletters could include organisation member's profiles.

## Outreach Surgeries

The Wallich has received £2000 from the SMAT for outreach surgeries, and are looking to make some links with Mental Health Matters who already run something similar in Bridgend, Pontycymmer and Maesteg. Combining what's already in place, and the ideas for the "one stop advice shop", could have some very positive outcomes. A meeting of interested parties will take place in July to take this further.

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## Bridgend Involvement Group update

Andy reported that he had spoken with John earlier and he had told him that a group of 10 service users had attended a service user conference and that the Welsh Assembly are looking at funding a national user group and possibly regional ones too.

The members of group will be involved in the expert patient programme that will be start next Monday

As John is unwell today he said he will email Andy a full update that can go in the minutes.

## SMAT update

Angela Davis attended the last SMAT meeting and has sent an update as follows:

- ABMU trust have had the go ahead to transfer admin base of CDAT to Quarella Road by end of August but the need to continue raising the issue of appropriate base for the assessment team as Derwen Road not ideal.
- Tier 4 investment to Substance misuse services ; option 2 agreed re cross authority in patient services with Swansea and Neath Port Talbot SMATs. This would allow people to undergo their period of detox in a dedicated unit with specialist staff.
- SMAT members provided feedback on the Commissioning Strategy: agree with values and priorities also need increase focus on carer support
- Children & Young People's services multi agency group lead by local authority to develop Common Assessment Framework for integrated care pathway.
- Co occurring letter to Tegwyn Williams agreed in last meeting has not been sent to be actioned
- Funding agreed for service User Inv and Outreach in Caerau/ Llynfi Valley



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## Co-occurring issues/updates

Dil has sent an email to Dr Tegwyn Williams Clinical Director for Mental Health in ABMU regarding him coming to meet with DAVAN, Dr Williams is happy to come and meet with us and Dil has sent him dates of our future meetings and is waiting to hear back from Dr Williams to firm this up.

## 2009 Mental Health Wellbeing Survey

Mental Health Matters Wales have launch the 2<sup>nd</sup> mental health wellbeing survey, the survey is for individuals who use mental health service in the Bridgend County Borough Council area, Members are asked to encourage their service users who also use mental health services to take part, the questionnaire is short and mostly tick box in design, and information gleaned from the survey will be used to inform the mental health joint planning about the needs and views of service users. The survey needs to be sent back to Mental Health Matters by the end of June.

## National Substance Misuse Voluntary Network

There is a national network that is supported by the WCVA of which Andy is waiting for further information from the WCVA about; we need to consider how we can make links with this network to give us the opportunity to take local views to a national level.

The group agreed to consider this further at the next meeting once we have more information; Belinda agreed to talk to TEDS as they are down as a member of the national network.

## Current WAG Consultations

Andy informed the group that a consultation is currently being run on the review of 'secure mental health service in Wales' the consultation ends on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August and the relevant documentation can be downloaded from the WAG website at [www.wales.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.wales.gov.uk/consultations)

Dil also reminded the group that the local SMAT consultation that ends this week



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## Round Robin

11 runners from Homestart took part in the recent London marathon to raise funds. Homestart also now have 60 volunteers working with them.

Andy reminded the group of the Siaradwn Ni project which will be providing courses on listening skills, mentoring and ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention skills training) as well as support for people bereaved by Suicide and individuals who are at risk. The project will also launch an anti stigma campaign. The work of the project is beginning this month.

Dean reported that there is a new referral process to access services at WGCADA, all referrals now go through the CDAT.

Rob reported that the mental health voluntary sector network had a special meeting last month joining up with colleagues from the 2 other mental health networks across the ABMU area, the meeting was set up to hear from Dr Tegwyn Williams about the vision of future service and planning and also discussed how the voluntary sector could maintain its voice at mental health planning within the restructured NHS.

Rob also reported that the Street Pastor scheme had been extended to cover Cornelly, teams of street pastors will be working the area 1 Friday a month from 7 to 11 to start with. Rob also noted that the Bridgend town centre had become much quieter over the last few months which maybe due in part to the credit crunch.

Dil informed the group that a batch of Heroine was in circulation that is about 60% pure.

The recent underage drinking event was well attended and looked at ideas to address the issue, and hopefully these ideas will be used to form a plan in the near future.

Following the piloting of the Evaluated Early Parental Intervention Programme in Bridgend an event to look at the lessons learnt will be taking place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June in Bryngarw House.

## Any Other Business none raised

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of July at 2pm in Hafal Tondu Bridgend.

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