

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH  
MENTAL HEALTH VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK**

**Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 2010**

**Minutes**

**1. Present:**

Pat Nolan (Chair)– Hafal  
Gill – Cruse Bereavement  
Angela James – Link Worker, MDF Bi-Polar  
Simon Wyatt – BAVO (on behalf of Angela Howells).

**2. Apologies:** Angela Howells, Jane Painter (Vice Chair / PT Group)

PN welcomed new attendees Gill and Angela and outlined the purpose of the meeting, roles and the aims of the forum.

**3. Minutes and Matters Arising.**

- 3a. Unable to approve previous minutes, not available.
- 3b. PN: welcomed all to meeting and introductions were made. Andy Fraser is still on sick leave – group hopes to continue meetings as normal.
- 3c. PN: Advised that the group is in the process of joining/ sharing with Neath Port Talbot. AJ: Commented that Cardiff & Vale taking lead to joint working of the networks.
- 3d. Group discussed open day event in the A.R.C centre.

**Matters arising – none.**

**4. Joint Mental Health Planning Update**

PN: Discussed outcome of recent meeting of chairs of each Network / Forum, after Cross County Meeting. Each organisation, Neath Port Talbot & Bridgend working through way forward – no minutes available yet, deferred. Suggestions requested for guest speakers for future.

AJ: Enquired if her colleague should attend the meetings, covers Neath Port Talbot area. PN in agreement as both areas would be represented, covered.  
PN: Joint Mental Health Planning update – still meeting but not a lot to report, due to lack of information. PN & AJ discussed benefits of sharing information.

AJ: Commented on Cardiff/Vale development project, feedback, mail shots, encouraging, held Mental Health fayres, opportunity for groups to info share.  
AJ also advised Forum of a project called 'PRAMS' – Mental Health in Pregnancy, a GP led project based in Bridgend.

Group discussed WMHDay events at ARC, etc. SW informed group of BAVO organised event at Bridgend Recreation Centre.

PN: Further to Joint Planning Meeting, update on NHS reorganisation by Zoe Wallace – some changes 1<sup>st</sup> October, stated new Locality Officers handle primary care, reporting to Dorothy Edwards Bridgend.

Sue Cooper – Local Authority Bridgend Adult care Services will report to Dorothy Edwards.

Chris Jones moved to Swansea, Robert Goodwin has been appointed General Manager of Planning Structure for Mental Health Directorate.

Any contacts will remain with Locality Offices, grants will be accessed from WAG via LHB.

Martin Kerrigan (Local Authority) Chair of Mental Health joint Planning Team will now predominantly focus on Mental Health.

Jane Marks normally attends Model Project Board, send apologies today.

## **5. Network round Robin**

PN: Advised group of her roles as Family Support & Advocacy / Employment 'Move on' Project.

Hafal's role discussed, works throughout all 22 Unitary Authorities.

AJ: Explained re: Link Project, info sharing project within MDf covering M\$ corridor. AJ covers between Cardiff and Neath. The Project offers 1 to 1 mentoring, people with Bi-polar. People can self refer or be referred through organisations, meet with link worker. Access to self management courses, helplines provided, including 'out of hours' service. Gill discussed Cruse.

Funding sources were also discussed.

PN: Provided handouts, info re: budgets.

## **9. A.O.B.**

PN: Attended Big Lottery Advantage Programme, Befriending & Advocacy, lots of funding available, can apply for money for projects. Applications need to be submitted by deadline of end of October. 'Big Bids' are also available 'Never Too Old' group by contacting Stuart Burge-Jones. Applicants need to be a lead organisation [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Stuart Burge-Jones – co-ordinator for 'never Too Old' group. 2 separate bids submitted – Advocacy Bid, Befriending Bid.

Further meetings coming up, next one at 3pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Date for Next MHForum meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> November 2010

10am – 12pm @ Hafal, Tondu Enterprise Centre.