



Bridgend County Borough Mental Health Voluntary Sector Network

Meeting of 15th July 2009

Minutes

Present: Jayne Painter Gofal Cymru, Rob James the Wallich, Pat Nolan & Sian Jenkins Hafal, Andy Fraser BAVO.

Apologies were received from Janice Cowen Yellow Wales

Pat welcomed all to the meeting.

Maytree DVD

Pat noted that a meeting had recently been organised by the Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon which she attended to start a conversation regarding the Maytree sanctuary for the suicidal in London and to see if this is something that we in Bridgend might wish to consider in order to support individuals at risk.

The group watched a short DVD about Maytree and a robust discussion was then had. A question was raised as to whether this type of model could be used for individuals at risk who are under 18.

The group felt that they would like to know if anything was being done to continue the conversation and Pat agreed to write to Madeleine Moon to see what was happening.

Jayne also agreed to raise the Maytree model in the JMHSPT Accommodation sub group meeting in August.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved; Andy gave a brief update about the mental health conference held recently in Cardiff under matters arising and stated that a report would be forthcoming shortly.

Network chair/vice chair

Chairing of the network has been on the agenda for sometime and the group felt that it needs resolving, Andy was asked to send an email to members stating that Pat Nolan had been nominated as Chair and Jayne Painter had been nominated as vice chair and ask if members are happy for these nominations to be accepted.

Outcomes from Cross Trust MH Vol Sector meeting

Pat passed round a paper on the event drawn together by Jeremy Gluck SCVS, the outcome of the workshops regarding how the sector would come together favoured the forums and networks across the new LHB area coming together for 3 purposeful meetings per year, and MHDO's and chairs having regular contact.

As the attendance at today's meeting was low it was agreed to send the paper out to members and ask them if they would support the favoured option. Andy agreed to action this point. See attached

Guest Speakers

It was agreed that it would be useful to invite to a future meeting the new Local Health Board vice Chair as he will have responsibility for mental health and then invite someone from the Local Authority.

Mental Health Action Wales (MHAW) – AF

Andy outlined the purpose of MHAW and its history and that it exists to insure that mental health voluntary sector organisations that are not all Wales Organisations have a mechanism and a voice to reach into the Welsh Assembly. The Network is looking to change their representative structure inline with NHS restructuring and wants to know how our network feels about the proposal.

One issue that members considered was that we only have 2 mental health specific organisations that are not national org's so this doesn't give us much capacity as regards representation into MHAW.

As numbers were low at today's meeting it will be sent out to members for comment: see attached could members please send their comments to Andy before the end of August.

Joint Planning update – PN

Pat informed the group that at the last Joint Mental Health Strategic Planning Team meeting a presentation were made on the repatriation programme that will bring people who are on out of county placements back to the ABMU LHB area. A presentation was also received from the mental health promotion sub group on the work of developing a website.

There was an update on the modernisation programme and it was reported that the new ARC day centre will be completed by December and that the rehab unit was also target for completion.

The team also had a robust discussion on the future of the JMHSPT in light of the NHS restructuring and it was agreed that the next meeting of the Team will be a time out to further discuss this.

The last Daytime Opportunities sub group meeting received an update of the work of the Pathways Action Group; the discreet service in Aberkenfig is now operational.

The Interface sub group met recently to map out what's out there in relation to 'out of hours' services.

Mental Health Promotion met yesterday and is continuing their work on developing a webpage for Bridgend.

Modernisation Project Board

Jayne reported that she did not have an update as she was unable to attend the last meeting of the Board.

Network round robin – All

Hafal – Pat reported that will be holding an information/open day at the centre in Tondy on the 21st of August as part of the 'We Can Do IT'

campaign which focuses on Education, Training and IT. Hafal will also be holding a recognition day shortly.

BAVO – The new coordinator for the Siaradwn Ni project Claire Foster will be starting on the 27th of July. Roxane Dacey is the new Health Social Care and Wellbeing Facilitator. The deadline for articles for the next issue of the BAVO newsletter is the 24th of July if you have any thing you want include could you send it to Andy.

The Wallich – Have a emergency needle exchange available and have received some money from the Substance Misuse action Team to do outreach and are looking to link up with other third sector organisation such as Mental Health Matters Wales.

Any other business

The group discussed the low turn out to network meetings this year and felt that in this time of change it was import for the sector to be supporting each other and keeping in contact, Pat agreed to write to members to stress the importance of the network and to insure that we are contacting the right person to represent each member organisation. Andy also agreed to contact Reaching Out to see if we can get them re-engaged with the network.

The next meeting of the network will be on Wednesday 9th of September 2009 at Hafal Unit 49 Tondu Enterprise Centre Tondu Bridgend starting at 10am.