



MEETING	Child and Family Support Forum	DATE	20 th April 2010
VENUE	MACC Meeting Room	TIME	10am – 12noon
Attendees	Sinaed O'Connor (HARP/YASP), Anna Krala (Family Action), Pauline Clark (MACC), Judith Saffer (Depaul UK Reconnect), Jen Richardson (Routes), Patsy McKie (Mothers Against Violence), Clare North (Wythenshawe Community Initiative), Joanne Mcleod (MACC), Nicola Shannahan (MACC).		
Apologies	No apologies.		

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising				
1.1	Mapping exercise. We are still discussing mapping of the whole of children's services. Will keep you updated.		RG/NS	
1.2	Children and Young People's Plan. This has now been submitted with the executive summary and will be available on the MACC Website from next week.		NS	
1.3	Ross has had a meeting with the District Youth Offer managers and Martin Bell (Performance and management of Stats). We have now appointed 5 District Youth Managers. 30 people attended the meeting. People still unsure of what the purpose of the Youth Offer is. Transition into engagement. There are points and issues around communication. We need to establish tangible means of communication. Once the minutes have been done, we will circulate to all the networks. We also found out that a lot of groups are overlapping with others. Will keep this on the agenda.		RG	
2. Third Sector Strategy & Strategic Lead Update				
2.1	Nicola has taken over this role from Eddie who has now left. Nic was due to have a meeting with David Ashcroft (new worker) from the Children's Board but he's not been available and only works 2.5 days a week. Hopefully we will meet up at the next monthly		NS	

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	meeting and report back			
2.2	Children's Services Blueprint – this is a new way of working with Children and moving away from district working and changing governance to commissioning. MACC will respond once we are fully aware of all the issues/concerns/reports etc.			
2.3	No formal response yet from Children's Services Leadership team – will chase this up with Donna Mair.			
2.4	Commissioning – new commissioning framework on 6 th May. The first development meeting is next Monday following the Children's Board meeting? Nic is on the Board and will feedback at the next meeting.			
2.5	Children's Board – Ofsted Inspection is due out. Nic circulated a briefing paper. MACC may be approached to organise a focus group around safeguarding.			
2.6	Think Family Strategy – MACC has sent a response back. The Board will look at the comments and responses and make any recommendations.			
3. Safeguarding				
3.1	Safeguarding Board - new guidance around dual process e.g. looked after children going to residential. At the last serious case review there was new guidance from governance to avoid Child Protection duplicating processes - Nic to circulate the information.		NS	
3.2	Nic has been developing resources minimum standards for the voluntary sector and they will be finished by the next meeting and put on the MACC Website.		NS	
3.3	Sinaed mentioned that Bury CVS should come to one of our meetings and give a talk around their commissioning process and what the positives are that can come out of it for Manchester.		NS	
4. Action Planning for the year				
4.1	Nic circulated a timetable and asked the Forum what are the priorities for the year? Some suggestions were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Safeguarding to be discussed in June as the vetting and barring scheme will be coming out soon. ➤ Nic to look into safeguarding vulnerable children/adults and policies and to put on the MACC website. ➤ John O'Donnell has put in a bid for funding. We need to establish a list of what's 			

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	<p>going on in the city. July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nic and Ross to do joint commissioning in August. <p>Other items to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ National Strategy – what’s impacting locally? ➤ Manchester Safeguarding Children’s Board ➤ Social Networking sites - how can we monitor this? ➤ Children’s Workforce Strategy ➤ Vulnerable Adults – Think Family Strategy 			
4.2	<p>Ross – Workforce development toolkit –workforce planning, VYM and MACC have all been working together to achieve this. Will be going live online next month. There will be a launch date after the focus group have tested it. We need to find out whether it’s useful. This will be a “live toolkit” and will be updated in response to what the VCFS need</p>			
4.3	<p>Patsy asked if there was any written guidance on preventative work – Nicola said that once there are clear objectives from the Think Family Strategy which covers this work, she will keep her informed of information and developments.</p>			
5. District Updates				
5.1	<p>District Co-ordinators and CAF coordinators posts have been disestablished. There are now six co-ordinator positions which are tied into Projects.</p> <p>Wythenshawe District update – Kate Wareham (District Manager). There has been one meeting since Kate took over. The three key priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Absence in schools, ➤ Teen pregnancies, reduce number of conceptions ➤ Early intervention through CAF <p>There are actions plans around each of the priorities</p> <p>Regarding the Partnerships (Deidre sits on this) this is a strong group and has been working well. No link up as yet between the partnership and the district wider leadership team which needs to be addressed. Two key pieces of work that keep coming up is the</p>			

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	residents wages project which is targeting people on low income and looking at the impact of low income has on a family. The other piece of work is Operation Keepsafe (a group of police, youth service workers etc) who will be going on the streets at the weekends to protect and engage with young people who may be at risk.			
6.	Information Sharing			
6.1	MAV - Over the next 5 years will be working with Every Child Matters framework. Will be working with schools and having an event in the city centre on 4 th July. We are looking for organisations who can participate in this event and around funding. Nic to email some ideas around funding to MAV. Safeguarding young carers and to get them involved.			
6.2	VYM AGM – this will be held on 24 th June and will focus on celebrating achievement in the voluntary sector. Any organisation that has achieved this could you let Ross know. The next VYM meeting is on 25 th May and will focus on teenage pregnancy and are all welcome to attend. The venue has yet to be confirmed. If anyone knows of any venues please let Ross know. The meeting on 8 th July will focus on Girls and Young Women.			
6.3	Reconnect. New Young parent group has been set up in Gorton and is based at The Angels Centre. Starts 29 th April. Flyers were circulated at the meeting. You need to have a teenager in the family to apply and don't have to live in Gorton to apply. Judith will email Nic the details so that it can be circulated in an email bulletin.			
6.4	YASP – we sourced over £225,000 last year for young people in Manchester which was almost the same amount that we received from the Joint Health Unit run the service.			
6.5	Routes – Jen has emailed current vacancies and wanted us to circulate the info as widely as possible.			
6.6	Family Action – Will give an update at the next meeting.			
7	Any Other Business			
7.1	Nic to devise a plan for the next meeting.			
8	Date of Next Meeting			
	Tuesday 1st June 2010 at 10am – 12.00 at MACC Offices.			