

Somerset Carers Partnership Board

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2013 at Compton Dundon

Present:

Neil Richards carer, Chairman
Helen Weldon Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group
Sue Holmes, carer
Margaret Worth carer
Gareth O'Rourke, SCC Group Manager Adults & Health Commissioning
Caroline Toll Carers UK
Caroline Mead Somerset Partnership NHS Trust
Richard Pitman Compass Disability
Liz Churchill Compass Carers
Vicky Chipchase SCC Contract Manager Carers Support Service
Jon Goodwin SCC Adults & Health Commissioning
Julie Chandler SCC Adults & Health Commissioning
Jo Sylvester SCC Young Carers
Steve O'Neill SCC Young Carers
Sheila Burridge SCC (minutes)

Part:

Gary Newton Total Advocacy

Apologies:

Carolyn Harrison carer
Amanda Payne Somerset Drugs and Alcohol Partnership
Dick Acworth, carer
Eddie Godfrey carer
Margaret Grizell
Fiona Hawker

Key: SCC – Somerset County Council

Item		Action
2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Action SB to contact those carers on the board to confirm their interest in remaining on the board. CT advised it was likely Barry Brown (a carer) may be interested - CT will chase</p> <p>Healthwatch VC had followed this up - as yet no volunteers had come forward</p> <p>The board agreed the last minutes were correct and could be published</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>CT</p>

3.	<p>Presentation: Total Advocacy Gary Newton, Total Advocacy Partnership Manager gave a brief introduction and overview of the service. The service is for over 18s with a focus on intervention and prevention. The contract recognises unpaid carers as a group who should have access to advocacy support</p> <p>It was suggested an article be put into the ASC newsletter The Loop. Also GN confirmed he would be happy to attend carers groups or other organisations' meetings to offer this same talk. GNewton@a4e.co.uk</p> <p>TA is currently working with Compass Carers - where the volume of referrals from unpaid carers has increased.</p>	
4.	<p>Terms of reference and frequency of meetings These were agreed.</p>	
5.	<p>Board membership Action CT will speak to Jan Knott from the Taunton Carers UK group to check her interest. Action NR to produce an article for the Compass magazine. Action VC to follow up finding a representative from the Drugs & Alcohol Partnership Action LC to pursue a GP Champion rep by advertising this in the next GP Champion newsletter Action GOR to contact Age UK for a representative</p> <p>Carers membership - ideally looking for a pool of up to 7 carers. JS suggested she may know a young carer who may be interested. Action NR to send the role description to JS</p> <p>There was a suggestion that NR could attend carers support groups to talk about the role of carers on the board. NR confirmed he was happy to do this.</p> <p>RP suggested that following each CPB meeting a short summary of the key discussion and action points could be published for circulation at carers groups etc.</p> <p>VC suggested that some of the scheduled business meetings could be run in the form of workshops and be opened up to more (non board member) people</p> <p>GOR suggested that parish magazines are well read and could be another source for advertising the board. The Community Council for Somerset is the access point for parish magazines</p>	<p>CT</p> <p>NR</p> <p>VC</p> <p>LC</p> <p>GOR</p> <p>NR</p>

6.	<p>Election of Chair and Vice Chair The role of chair and vice chair were proposed and seconded at the AGM but needed approval from the full membership. NR as chair and DA as vice chair were both confirmed</p>	
7.	<p>Feedback from Personalisation workshop GOR reported that the overriding issue was that carers are not getting assessments. It would therefore be difficult to make any recommendations regarding how to spend the one off money if carers are not able to access good quality assessment. CT urged we must feedback to those people who had attended the workshop to update them. It was suggested the CPB sends a letter to the SCC Lead Commissioner (Clare Steel) together with the report produced by Compass, drawing their attention to the recommendations Action RP to amend report frontsheet to read 'prepared for the CPB' Action NR to discuss with DA (as he had attended the workshop) Action copy of letter and report to be sent to workshop attendees (Mandy from Compass can do this)</p>	<p>RP NR / DA Compass</p>
8.	<p>Carers joint action plan VC/FH had updated the plan and VC talked through it. Young Carers section - SO suggested he could bring to the CPB those issues/comments raised at the Young Carers Forum Equality Impact Assessment - GOR advised these are undertaken as part of any decision making process and are published (therefore available to be read by this group) Action SB Joint Action Plan to be a standing agenda item</p>	<p>SB</p>
9.	<p>Update on review of day care service Draft residential/nursing spec Any comments please feedback to Julie Chandler Help in crisis service JC reported the service is underused CM reported difficulties accessing it and suggested the referral process needed clarifying Action CM to send JC the details</p>	<p>CM / JC</p>
10.	<p>Update from Carers Support Service The evaluation report had been circulated and the group agreed it was both interesting and informative</p>	

11.	<p>Any other business CM advised that SH would receive Somerset Partnership recognition for her services to carers</p>	
12.	<p>Topics for next meeting Any suggestions to NR</p>	
13.	<p>Dates of next meetings: Wednesday 15th January 2014 Wednesday 9th April 2014 Wednesday 9th July 2014 10.00 – 1.00 Compton Dundon Village Hall</p>	