

## DALBY INTERAGENCY MEETING

Held at the **MYALL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY NETWORK CENTRE**  
20<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

Meeting Chaired and opened by Carolyn Tillman at 12.05pm

Attendance: Wendy Ambrose (DISCO); Maree Byrton (St. Vincent de Paul); Lyn Clancy (MYCNC); Gina Campion (R Health, Chinchilla); Sue Fisher (Bluecare); Renai Griese (R Health Kingaroy); David Griffin (The Salvation Army); Charlene Hall (Western Downs Regional Council); Fran Hardy (ADFQ); Neal Hayman (Police Liaison Officer); Ingrid Hubner (Ozcare and Ministers Fraternal); Annette Jasinski (Lifeline Dalby); Trish Ledington-Hill (RHealth Chinchilla); Nancy Nixon (Learning Network Qld); Cheryl Outen (ATSILS); Damien Plackett (DoC Disability Services); Leigh Plummer (DoC CSO); Kim Raine (TASC); Narelle Roseberry (Lifeline Retail); Jayne Swift (Ozcare); Carolyn Tillman (WDRC); Raelene Ward (Consultant Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health Qld); Tracey Wehrman (Centrelink); Melanie Whybrow (St. Vincent de Paul); Beth Wood (Western Downs Skills Project); Kerrir Zeller (R Health Kingaroy);

Apologies: Le-Ann Callaghan (DISCO); Dalby Crisis Support; Betty Noble (Ozcare); Penny Parker (Q Health); Norman Wotherspoon (Centrelink).

Carolyn Tillman opened the meeting at 12.05pm, welcomed all and invited those new to the Interagency to address the group. Interagency special guests today are representatives from St. Vincent de Paul, The Salvation Army and Lifeline who are going to advise the group of the work they do and identify where their funding can be utilised.

Maree Burton - St. Vincent de Paul see a number of consumers who require assistance with fuel and food or food vouchers as well as helping with emergency accommodation. This organisation also has a retail store in Archibald Street open to all on Monday to Friday 10am to 4.00pm and Saturday 9am till 11.30am. Welfare assistance Monday to Friday 9.30 till 12 noon and Saturday 9.30am till 11am. Phone 4662 3497.

David Griffin – The Salvation Army has a welfare and community services and retail outlet in Stuart Street Dalby which is open to all. The hours for the shop are 9am till 3pm Wednesday and Thursday and welfare assistance can be provided from 9am till 12noon on Wednesdays. Phone 4669 6393. This organisation provides assistance with 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothing and goods. On a 'needs basis' food vouchers, help with electricity payments, and fuel vouchers are available. They can also help with emergency accommodation.

Narelle Roseberry Lifeline Shop in New Street Dalby is open from 9-5 Monday to Friday and Saturday 9-12noon. This is a retail store selling clothing and household goods. Phone 4662 1177. For other Lifeline assistance refer to Annette Jasinski.

Annette Jasinski – (Lifeline Dalby) is running two programs through the schools – Tree of Life and Parents Under Pressure. Counselling is available by appointment and referrals are welcome. Clients may self-refer.

Wendy Ambrose (ADFQ) attends clients in Dalby, Chinchilla, Miles, Wandoan and Taroom.

Lyn Clancy – MYCNC wishes to remind all services that they may place meeting or other important dates on the Council Website as well as the MYCNC website – phone Lyn with details. Please check MYCNC website for MYCNC latest.

Gina Campion – (R Health) the Lighten Up and Living Strong programs are now part of Lifestyle Modification Program (accredited by Government and which has its own Medicare number) - this gives doctors an incentive to refer people at risk of diabetes into a Lighten Up or Living Strong program and the facilitator can obtain funding to present the program. For further details please contact Gina as per contact details.

Sue Fisher – (Bluecare) gave information on their respite program where they have 3 young adult clients with disabilities living at the Ag College for 2 nights per week – this gives the client an indication of living out of home and the carers at home a break – clients eat in the dining room and mix with the students. They also take their other clients on respite, to visit to such places as the Leagues Club so they are continuing to mix with the community.

John Forrest (Centacare) – is now visiting Dalby each Tuesday and has a broad range of clients. Requests more referrals as he is looking for more programs to run – Centacare currently has a Counsellor in Chinchilla - are running programs around DV prevention such as Safe Families Program in Roma – Focus Program in Toowoomba and Father & Son in St. George.

Renai Griese (R Health Kingaroy) – GP support and programs for GP's and nurses – a chronic disease program is available fortnightly in Dalby to improve consumer quality of life and avoid hospital intake. It is hoped this program will be self-sustaining – it is a form of case management but care co-ordination is provided. Referral is via health care professionals. The care co-ordination is a nurses position.

Kerrie Zeller (R Health Kingaroy) – provides update lessons to GP's from Kingaroy to Murgon to Dalby – meets with local doctors, hospitals and nurses.

Charlene Hall (WDRRC) – contact for any assistance

Fran Hardy (ADFQ) – carries our alcohol and drug clinical assessments and case management in Jandowae, Bell, Tara and Dalby.

Neal Hayman (PLO) – is working with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the QPS – he is a boxing coach and started a boxing club at Bunjeeba – boxing as a sport enhances self esteem and confidence – Neil is currently liaising with the High School to join with the PCYC and will be working with a range of different youth. He is looking for competition head gear as the boys are not allowed to box without it so if anyone can help out please contact Neal or the Police Station directly. Referrals are through the Police Station or Bunjeeba.

Ingrid Hubner (Ozcare and Ministers Fraternal) – will be standing in for Jayne while she is away – for anyone wishing to access the Ministers Fraternal, one way of doing so is by contact Ingrid on her yahoo address.

Trish Leddington-Hill (RHealth Chinchilla) – is working through the Western Downs Healthy Communities network to ascertain social determinants of health and

to improve quality of life – would like to work in partnerships – should anyone have any ideas along those lines, please do not hesitate to contact on number on Contact List.

Nancy Nixon (LNQ) – is a government organisation fully funded to get people back into the workforce – also provides general interest courses – they are a branch of TAFE.

Cheryl Outen (ATSILS) is happy to report that crime is still down – she makes great use of the Salvation Army and the new Police Liaison officer.

Damien Plackett (DoC Disabilities) provides support to individuals and families – is making great use of the Sportsability program to mix people with different needs and contributions – this program is proving very successful as all the family are able to join in.

Leigh Plummer (Department of Communities) – acts as the CSO to support service providers – advised that the Homelessness Forum has been postponed but requests that we continue to collect the stats for eventual presentation. For your information, March notes regarding this matter were as follows:

*.... We need to provide figures on the number of people requesting housing, requesting more secure housing ie caravan to house, whether they are families, singles, single parent with children – are they repeat applicants – number of food vouchers etc. Also, if comfortable to do so, are they looking for housing due to DV issues.*

If you are able, would you please bring along these details from your service to the May meeting.

Kim Raine (TASC) – attending on clients in Dalby each Dalby Interagency day or face to face or VC by appointment.

Jayne Swift (Ozcare Dalby Supported Accommodation services) – has Womens refuge accommodation for homeless families – still waiting for the 2 houses – the refuge accommodation is only for people from out of Dalby – women in the refuge can access help from DV Connect - one house is becoming vacant. Homelessness Forum Stats provided by Ozcare to date were fairly quiet there were 4 single people, 4 from women suffering DV and 17 people from substandard accommodation.

Carolyn Tillman (WDRC) – Reported on the extremely successful “Bring on the Noise” Music Tour through Tara, Miles, Wandoan, Chinchilla and culminating at the successful Unleash Event concert in Dalby. Numbers in all towns were up.

Tracey Wehrman (Centrelink) – please contact if you wish more information on the new scholarships which started on the 1<sup>st</sup> April for Relocation and Start Up – visits Centrelink Dalby every Tuesday to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people with Centrelink business..

Meeting closed at 1.10pm

***Next meeting will be held at MYCNC on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at noon.***

Attach – Members Contact Details

