



MINUTES – Thursday 11 February 2016

12noon – 2.00pm @ Polytechnic West Midland Campus

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Apologies: Chris Byrne, Elise Jorgensen, Ross Worthom

2. Interactive Session Lydia de Mamiel (Polytechnic West)

- Planning session about what members want out of NEYON:
 - Networking with other services
 - Training needs/PD – identifying the needs of the group
 - Topical issues discussed
 - Partnership opportunities
 - Action groups to address issues
 - Advocate for change seen as needed in the region
 - Guest speakers (including external presenters)
 - Each attendee/service to provide a written blurb before each meeting; reduce meeting time spent sharing what each agency is doing
 - Speed-dating information sharing sessions
- **ACTION: Lydia will compile and discuss at coordinators' meeting**

3. Coordination Group Update

- There are new coordinator group members
- **ACTION: Coordinators group will work to align future meetings with the needs of the group, as discussed in the Interactive Session.**

4. Networking Coffee Break

5. Guest Speaker & Member Agency Presentation – Magali Oliver – HelpingMinds (formerly Arafmi)

- HelpingMinds support people caring for people with mental health issues.
- HelpingMinds services and programs include the following:
 - Education and workshops for young carers
 - Counselling
 - Peer support
 - Respite services
 - Support groups
- Referrals can be made by carers (self-referral), or supported through another agency
- For more information:
 - www.helpingminds.org.au
 - 08 9427 7100
 - info@helpingminds.org.au

6. Updates from Peak/Key Networks

YACWA:

- CEO Craig Comrie will resign in March.
- The YACWA Board will appoint an Acting CEO
- YEP Project Officer role is currently available

WAAYW:

- WAAYW is now Youth Work WA

7. Other Business / Info to Share

- Youth Outreach Services – Post Youth Connections
 - No further actions have been taken regarding this
 - A new program will be rolled out in Metro area (it has already been rolled out

regionally) to 'replace' Youth Connections, focusing on transitioning to the workplace.

- The RYDE program is now open
 - RYDE is a program for young people aged 16-25 to assist them to complete their log book hours, in circumstances where this would otherwise be difficult or not possible.
 - RYDE involves a consortium of agencies, including (but not limited to) Rise, Bassendean Youth Services, Foyer Oxford and Altone Youth Services.
- Polytechnic West are needing student placements for Youth Work and Community Services students.
 - Cert III practicum students will be doing 2 days a week over 10 weeks, taking on observation and support roles.
 - Contact Lydia de Mamiel at Polytechnic West
- City of Swan's HyperFest will be held on Saturday 20th February.
 - Perth's largest all-ages, drug and alcohol free music festival.
 - For more information, visit: www.hyperfest.com.au

8. Next Meeting:

Thursday 7 April 2016

12-2pm

Venue: EMRC, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Ascot