



Brighton & Hove
Learning Disability Partnership Board
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UUWork and Skills Group
Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2011

Present: Maureen Pasmore (Chair, BHCC Supported Employment)
Neil Holmes (Care Co-ops)
Chris Bland (Grace Eyre Foundation)
Cherrie Thaxter (Minute taker)
Suzette Attwood (BHCC Volunteer Work Project)
Jacqui Streeter (Local Authority Day Services)

Apologies: Diana Bernhardt (BHCC)
Liz Hall (Carousel)
Sue Goodwin (BHCC)
Yvonne Elliott (City College)

Minutes of last meeting 7 December 2010:

Matters arising:

Page 2: the Transition Forum meeting was cancelled so Maureen has no update.

Maureen talked about Work Choice. There is no new information at the moment.

Maureen had the chance to tell the Department of Work and Pensions what she thought of the change from Workstep to Work Choice. Maureen said that things could have been better organised especially for the clients.

Minutes agreed.



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Work and Pensions

Committee members reports

It has been difficult to fit in all the news that the committee members want to tell everyone at each meeting. This time most committee members sent a typed report so everyone can read this first. It was difficult for everyone to know what to put in the report. Everyone talked about the best way to do the report next time. Everyone decided that a template would really help. A template is a form that tells you where to put the different bits of your report. It will include things like:

- The number of people using each service
- The latest news on what's happening
- If new people have joined or left the service

Actions:

1. Maureen to prepare a template for everyone to use.
2. Sue to do a report on what's been happening in Supported Employment in the last few months.



Our Employment Plan Priorities

Everyone talked about the Employment Plan. Everyone likes the plan which has lots of good ideas. The next step is to decide the most important things to do first. These are called the priorities. First we asked ourselves some questions:

- How many people in Brighton and Hove have learning disabilities and need help getting a job?
- Do enough people know about the Employment Plan?
- Should we invite people who we think can help to our future meetings?



- How can we help other people to help people with learning disabilities get jobs?
- How will changes in benefits affect people getting jobs?

Some matters and future actions were agreed and included:

- Focus on young people
- Use resources carefully to avoid duplication (people doing the same thing)
- Prepare an action plan

Future Actions

- Develop a CV for young people to show all their qualifications
- Give guidance about what skills and training courses are needed for work
- Set a launch date to tell lots of people about our plan

Actions

- Maureen to send a copy of the new benefit criteria to everyone
- Maureen to send out further details about the points and actions agreed on the Employment Plan priorities



Review of LDDF funded projects – Share & LDTN

Maureen thinks there will be money available in the new financial year that starts on 1 April 2011. This money will not be “ring fenced.” This may mean that funds will not be given out in the same way as before. It is possible that SHARE and LDTN will not have money given to them to carry on with their projects. Nothing has been decided yet. Everyone talked about this and if it will be possible to get money from somewhere else to help SHARE and LDTN carry on.



<p>Review of what to feedback to LDPB Everyone agreed that Maureen should talk to LDPB about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The work done on the Employment Plan - LDDF - The future of SHARE and LDTN - The way the group promotes collaboration (people and groups working together) and partnership working. 	 <p>Brighton & Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board www.brightpart.org</p> 
<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jacqui told us that Day Services is changing its name to Day Options. There will be a new brochure produced in April. This will explain the changes that are happening. - Chris told us that there is going to be a structure change in Grace Eyre. This will start in April. - Neil said that the relocation of Care Co-ops is going ahead and the agreement papers have been signed. There will be lots of building work going on for six months at the new site. This will be so all the services offered can work at their best. - Maureen said that the Council's Supported Employment team will probably be moving to Mantel House in Brighton. - Suzette had no news to report. 	<p>DAY SERVICES →→ →→DAY OPTIONS</p>    <p>Supported Employment Team</p>
<p>Next Meeting: Future dates:(Venues: all at Castleham) Thursday 7 April 2011 Time 10-12.00 Tuesday 7 June 2011 Time 10-12.00 Thursday 4 August 2011 Time 10-12.00 Tuesday 4 October 2011 Time 10-12.00 Thursday 1 December 2011 Time 10-12.00</p>	

