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| Name of Subgroup:  Day Opportunities; Employment, Education & Training |
| Date & Time:  17th July 2014 9.30 am till 12.30 pm |
| Venue:  Farley Hill Community Centre |
| Who came:  Alan Fletcher (Healthwatch), Julie Woodhouse (Yawn Life), Anna Clough (LBC), Carla Mutter (Mencap), Ann James (Barnfield College), Yvonne McKinlay (POhWER), Tracey Brennan (LBC), Val Sheridan (LBC), Michele Marvin (LBC)    Who let us know they couldn’t make it:  Diane Walsh (LBC), Craig McSorley (Service User – Co Chair), Marilyn Orridge (DWP), Wendy Cook (Central Bedfordshire), Kerry Rees (LBC) |

MC900442022[1] Everyone introduced themselves to the group.

\*Alan Fletcher asked that someone who deals with recycling was informed that there was not a glass recycling facility within the area of the shops at Farley Hill.

MC900299547[1] Previous minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting - held on the 27th February 2014 – were agreed by all present and signed off as an accurate record of the meeting.

Feedback out of these minutes is as follows;

* Transport Review; this is still on-going and the final outcome should be known in October and will be brought to the group when available.
* Alan asked about short mat bowls as an activity that individuals may be interested in. Members of the group said that this is currently available at Chaul End Centre, for a cost of £3 per session. To find out more information on these sessions phone Chaul End Centre on: 01582 557155
* YAWN said that they have contacted Inspire and asked about public swimming sessions being available; Inspire will look into this and try to set more up for during the summer break.
* POhWER are working on customer engagement and looking into the numbers for attendance at Partnership Meeting and Subgroups.
* Feedback on Learning Disability Week 2014: There was some very positive feedback on the events that were put on for Learning Disability Week; the members training was not well supported and this is has been fed back to those concerned.

Action Pad:

The action pad was updated with agreement from those present at this meeting and the delivery plan will be looked at as an agenda item for this meeting.

Agenda Items for today

Update on Transformation of Day Services:

The information on the new build at Stopsley, which includes the day care needs and the respite unit, goes to Executive on the 30th July. There are two feedback sessions booked for later on today (17th July) and all of the information will be available to the public on the council website 10 days before the executive meeting.

 Update on the Review of New Horizons:

Time lapses with this review have been significant due to receiving the expressions of interest, 2 providers are still to have their visits. Tracey said that people will be informed when the decision has been made around whether this will remain an in-house service or go out to a private provider.

Update on Vocational and Community Activities:

* Anne James from Barnfield College told the group about the Pathfinder Team; they start at 16yrs and go up to 19yrs.

The team is based on the New Bedford Road site and support the development of independence skills, community skills and citizenship skills. They also have vocational options to trial work based opportunities in small groups, they try to do this by getting students off site but find the cost of transport is often a barrier.

Due to the age group they take many referrals through schools and have close links into the Transition Team, all levels of learning disability are referred. They are also looking into restarting courses for more mature students with a learning disability.

* Carla Mutter spoke to the group about Mencap’s ‘Work Choice Programme’. This programme supports adults aged 24 and over to find work placements based on 8hrs per week. They run 1:2:1 and group sessions and most of their referrals come through the job centre. This group covers people who do not meet the care management eligibility criteria so the effect on New Horizons is minimal.

Community Activities:

Some extra activities were trialled during LD Week with Tennis Groups, Cycling and a Climbing Wall being some of them: Public Health money is still funding these trial sessions.

FootGolf is now up and running at Stockwood and Music 24 and 1st Note are still available at The Hat Factory.

\*\*FootGolf - You simply replace a club and a golf ball with a football. For more information call Stockwood on; 01582 413704

* Julie Woodhouse spoke about YAWN/YAWNLIFE and how and why they were set up, for those who were new to the group. They are now coming up to their 1st year anniversary in August with 27 people on their books, the majority if these have a direct payment and they also have some self-funders.

 The Delivery Plan:

The group went through the section on the delivery plan that relates to this subgroup. All amendments that were agreed will be made on the master copy of the delivery plan.

**** Any Other Business:

* There was some discussion around Hate Crime and the Keep Safe presentation that was given at the Partnership Meeting.

The Joint Commissioning team will be looking at a the Keep Safe Campaingn with Laura Chalmers, Community Safety Officer (01582 394194)

* The question was asked as to if we need another information session on Direct Payments?

Tracey agreed that this was something we could do, to support people to have a better understanding of the systems available, but we would need to know what part of the process/system people want more information on.

It was suggested that Julie could ask the carers that come to her group and maybe Diane could ask other carers groups what it is they would like more guidance on.

* We looked at the questions we might want taken to the Voice groups. It was decided that as Yvonne was going to do a questionaire for people that attend Voice groups there may not be capacity for more questions. This questionaire will be asking about attendance at the Partnership Meetings and the subgroups so it will benefit this group as well as others.
* Alan Fletcher spoke about HealthWatch Luton as they are now 1 year old. There are over 150 HealthWatch groups around the country and the Luton branch have been chosen as only 1 of 10 of these groups to be asked to go to a photoshoot for their national magazine. This is a good indication of how well the Luton branch operates.



The date of the next meeting has been agreed as:

Date: Monday 3rd November 2014

Time: 9.30 am till 12.30 pm

Venue: Farley Community Centre