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## Coonamble Inter Agency Meeting

10am Wednesday 6 May 2020

Zoom meeting

MINUTES

Meeting open – 10:06am

- Attendees:** Cathy Wheelhouse (CNC), Sophie Cullen (Shire), Sheri Ewers (CPS), Sam Conn (REDI.E), Nina Sands (Shire), Kate Mudford (Inter Relate), Cheryl Parker (Inter Relate), Deanne Dixon (Coonamble High School), Andrew Drummond (Coonamble High School), Terrie Parsons (Coonamble High School), Lorna Lefebvre (Meals on Wheels), Treenae Ellis (McKillop), Annette Thompson (CPS)

**Apologies:** Anna Minney (NDIS), Flick Keady (Coonamble Children Services), Keeley Harrison (Community Corrections), Kim Cohen (Australian Unity), Kate Davidson (Unity & Justice)

- Acknowledgement of Country** – Cathy Wheelhouse

- Minutes from previous meeting 4 March 2020 read and found correct.**

Sheri Ewers Second Cathy Wheelhouse

- Correspondence** as per emails from Cathy.

- Business Arising from Last meeting** none

- General Business & Upcoming Events**

- Western NSW Community Legal Centre to book an appointment contact 1800655927. or [LegalHelp@wnswclc.org.au](mailto:LegalHelp@wnswclc.org.au)
- Lifeline Financial Counselling Contact Warwick to book an appointment contact [wharrison@lifelinecentralwest.org.au](mailto:wharrison@lifelinecentralwest.org.au)
- Legal Aid Clinic ring 68854233 for an appointment
- Drug and Alcohol referral Helpline 1300 887 000 – referral from as per email.
- 2 outcomes Inter Agency will report to the TPG this month are – Coonamble District Services Update (google doc) & group initiative (BAKE OFF) of REDI.E, McKillop & Mission Australia.
- Case Scenario – decided to hold off until face to face meetings for the case scenarios

- Inter Relate – still operating, currently working from home taking online referrals. Please pass on their mobile numbers to any family that needs assistance.
- Coonamble High School (Wellbeing) – Terrie Parsons has taken over the role as Head Teacher – Wellbeing. Students will be returning to school 1 day a week from next week 11 May. Services are still able to access the school and for those services who are still unable to face to face there has been a computer and phone set up in the wellbeing area of the school for this purpose, the camera is due to arrive soon, so phone calls can be arranged until it arrives. Contact Andrew or Terrie to arrange this.
- Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre – Cathy has been looking into Foodbox, and is looking to get some boxes for Coonamble. If you have any need for these for your clients please contact Cathy.
  - Cathy also has the new TPG logo sticker if you would like one to display at your business please let her know.
- Coonamble District Services Update – Please continue to update any changes your services has by COB Mondays in the google doc so it can be shared to the public Tuesdays.

**7. Community Concerns - none**

**8. Meeting closed 10:26am**

**Next Meeting 3 June 2020 at 10am**

**Attachments: email from coonamble Childrens Services**

I will be an apology for the Inter Agency meeting today as I am on community radio (9-12) every Wednesday. I understand that there are community concerns surrounding the timing and possibility of reopening of the Coonamble Children's Services childcare centre. Please advise that the Committee are currently working in collaboration with another organisation to facilitate a recruitment program, in anticipation that this will attract an appropriately qualified and experienced person (Early Childhood Teacher) to the position of Educational Director at the Centre which will allow the service to fulfill the legislated requirements in regards to staffing and allow the Centre to reopen. I look forward to providing an update at the next Interagency meeting.

Kind regards,

Felicity Keady

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Email Anna Minney NDIANDIS updates:

- NDIS still not travelling and are completing reviews of plans via the phone
- If anyone needs more support during COVID19 we can review plans – please get them to contact the Dubbo office 0459 871 858
- The minister has announced additional time limited measures to support NDIS participants access supports through low cost Assistive Technology, i.e. laptops and Ipads. The policy will be in place until September 2020, with a review at the end of June 2020. This has been put in place to ensure those who are accessing allied health professionals can still do so online Participants should not spend more than \$750 on electronic devices needed to maintain existing services. In the case of computer tablets for telehealth and care or participating in online video classes, advice from AT specialists is that most NDIS participants will not need more than a standard tablet, which costs no more than \$600.

The guidelines around being able to use their funding for this is:

- it will **maintain funded NDIS supports** like a program, therapy or requirement (for example physiotherapy or Auslan interpreting provided via video conferencing), and
- the provider of supports **has confirmed in writing** the device is necessary to continue supports and services while maintaining physical distancing requirements, and
- it is the **lowest specification** that will maintain funded supports, and
- they **do not already have the item**, another suitable item or access to the item, and
- the item **has not been funded by another service system** (such as education), and
- the item or circumstances are **not specifically excluded**.

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