



Child Safety Planning and Partnerships Network

A joint initiative between the Department of Child Safety, government and community stakeholders

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This communique provides an update on the progress of the Child Protection Statewide Partnership Taskforce and Zonal Planning and Partnerships Networks. For more details visit the website at: <http://www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/partnerships>



Update from October Taskforce Meeting

The Taskforce held its 14th meeting on 14 October 2005 in Brisbane. Items of discussion included:

Taskforce Workplan

The Taskforce agreed that the workplan is to be a standing agenda item. It will be updated following the Taskforce review early in 2006.

Budget - Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers Resources

In principle support is given for any identified budget savings to be redirected on a non-recurrent basis to fund zonal planning and partnerships activities.

The Taskforce agreed to contribute to the development of a Zonal Profiling Database. The database is being developed in partnership with the Department of Child Safety and the Office of Economic and Statistical Research. The Taskforce requested that access to the database be further examined.

Funding Information Paper

Placement Services Funding for 2005-06 was announced on 1 October and submissions close on 14 November. Applicants will be notified of outcomes during December.

Cultural competency criteria used to assess non-Indigenous agencies delivering services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and families, will be discussed at the February meeting of the Taskforce.

Strategic Framework for Child Protection

The Queensland Strategic Framework for Child Protection is being reviewed.

An extensive three month formal consultation period is being planned for early 2006.

Once feedback has been received and consolidated, the draft document will be submitted to the Taskforce.

Service System Planning Framework

The Service System Planning Working party reported back to the Taskforce with specific proposals of the scope and draft of the Queensland's Child Protection and Care Services Consultation Document.

The redrafted consultation document is to be returned to the next Taskforce meeting for sign-off.

Update from Zonal Planning and Partnerships Networks

Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officer Appointments

Claire Rodwell has been appointed as the ZPPO for the Brisbane South and Gold Coast Zone and commenced duty on 17 October 2005. Interviews for the Northern Zone have been completed and a decision is expected shortly. Interviews are to be held for the Logan and Brisbane West position within the next couple of weeks.

Child Protection Local Planning and Partnerships Workshops

Brisbane North and Sunshine Coast Zone will be holding workshops as follows:

27 October 2005 : 9:00am – 3.00pm
Gaythorne RSL, 534 Samford Rd, Mitchelton

28 October 2005 : 9:00am – 3.00pm
Morayfield Community Complex, Morayfield Rd, Morayfield

3 November 2005 : 9:00am – 3.00pm
Goodlife Community and Recreation Centre,
100 Buderim Pines Drive, Buderim

Next Taskforce Meeting

The next Taskforce meeting is on 18 November 2005.

Agenda Items to include:

- Taskforce Workplan
- Service System Planning
- Quality Assurance Consultations
- Referral for Active Intervention
- Taskforce Review Proposal
- Zonal Planning Templates
- Zonal Planning and Partnerships Quarterly Report

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