



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 November Taskforce Meeting

The Taskforce held its 15th meeting on 18 November 2005 in Brisbane. Items of discussion included:

Taskforce Workplan

Following presentation of the revised workplan, which incorporated updates and feedback from Taskforce members, it was agreed that there is a need to revisit the role of the Taskforce as part of the review. Strategies for Indigenous services were also identified as requiring clear articulation.

Taskforce Review Proposal

Comment and feedback was requested on the draft review process, which is proposing three stages:

- survey of Taskforce members;
- analysis of survey; and
- facilitated workshop at the February Taskforce meeting to establish clear direction for the future.

The Taskforce agreed that a draft survey should be circulated to members for comment, requesting suggestions on who should be included in an additional separate survey of external stakeholders. The survey is to be forward looking and positive, listing achievements and providing what those surveyed think should be incorporated in the mandate agenda for the next 12 months. Results of the survey are to be circulated to members prior to the next meeting. For more information contact Penny Creamer on 3224 8047.

Service System Planning Framework

The Executive Director, Policy and Programs, Department of Child Safety, is to convene a working party to finalise the consultation document. For more information contact Michael Walsh on 3224 8483.

Zonal Planning and Partnerships Quarterly Reports

The two newly appointed Zonal Planning and Partnerships Officers (ZPPOs) for the Brisbane South and Gold Coast and Northern Zones were introduced. The ZPPOs provided reports highlighting progress made and achievements in each of their Zones.

Zonal Planning Tools

A Zonal Planning Tool for use by ZPPOs was discussed. The Taskforce agreed to approve in

principle the aims, principles and focus areas for progressing the development of Zonal Planning Tools.

Quality Assurance Report Back on Consultations on Licensing

Broad support was given for the overall process pending the final service standards and consultation summary being submitted to the working party for endorsement and then to the Taskforce members out of session for their comment. For more information contact Marion Norton on 3235 9710

Integrated Client Management System (ICMS)

A briefing was provided to the Taskforce on the introduction of the ICMS Carer Directory which was to be released on 23 November 2005. Information presented included:

- ICMS background, vision and history;
- implementation schedule;
- Carers Directory stages and data cleansing;
- child protection stages and data cleansing; and
- ICMS Benefits for the department, practitioners, clients and service providers.

Prevention and Early Intervention

Mark Francis, Director, Child Safety Unit, Department of Communities, supplied an update on the broader work on the whole-of-government framework for Prevention and Early Intervention strategies and the allocation of the \$8.5million funding round process.

Next Taskforce Meeting

The next Taskforce meeting is to be held on 17 February 2006.

Future agenda items may include:

- Taskforce Review
- Cultural Competency
- ZPPO Quarterly Reports
- Budget
- Evaluation Focus Groups
- Strategic Framework for Child Protection

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