

**Brighton and Hove Learning Disability Partnership Board
Minutes of Meeting 18th May 2009**



Present:

Diana Bernhardt..... Lead Commissioner for Learning Disabilities (Acting Co-Chair in Cllr Maria Caulfield's Absence)
Matthew Hellett Co-Chair
Sarah Watson Link Group
Margaret Forbes Link Group
Andy Meadows Link Group
Sarah Pickard Link Group Support
Claire Peligry..... Carers Link Group
Chris Lau..... Carers Centre
Eva Jarvis Taking Part in the City Sub Group Chair and PCA Sub Group Co-chair
Mark Hendriks A Place to Live Sub Group Chair
Maureen Pasmore Work & Skills Sub Group Chair
Naomi Cox..... Manager ILDS and PCA Sub Group Co-Chair and on behalf of Work Force Dev Sub Group Chair
Geraldine Hoban..... PCT
Karen Kingsland..... LDPB Development Worker
Sue Winter Amaze
Debbie Collins Carers Link Group
Andy Staniford Housing Department
Nicola Lytle Carer Link Group Support
Heather Hayes..... Carers Link Group
Joan Hicks Carers Link Group
Cath Scott Healthy Lives Group (for Steve Hook)
Ingrid Ashberry Speak Out (for Liz Yeats)
Jean Collins Valuing People Regional Lead









Sorry Couldn't Make It:

Jenny Brickell Transitions Forum Rep
Suzanne Conboy-Hill Sussex Partnership Trust
Tim Wilson Workforce Development Sub Group Chair
Betty Vincent Link Group
Steve Hook..... Healthy Lives Sub Group Chair
Cllr Maria Caulfield Co-Chair
Graham Lee Interact
Martin Billings..... Link Group
Sheridan Lynch Provider Forum Representative
Liz Yeats Speak Out

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Members of the Public – 16

Minute Taker: Sandra Edwards – PA to Naomi Cox

1. Introductions and apologies	
As Above	
2. Chairs News	
Diana told us how the Sub Groups from the Partnership Board showed the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee what the Partnership Board does at their meeting on the 7 th May. The Committee said it was extremely helpful and informative.	
<p>Matthew told us that Maria came to the Big Meeting and told everyone what is being done to help people speak out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Lead Commissioner is going to get the homes that are good at listening to people to share their good ideas with other homes. 2. Some of the bosses of some of the services will come to a Big Meeting 3. In the next few months Care Managers will have review meetings with people who live in the homes where we think complaining is difficult. 4. At the review meetings the Care Managers will help people think about ways to have more choice and control about the things they do and where they live. 5. The Partnership Board has worked hard to get more choices for people. There are more options about where to live now than there were a few years ago. Care Managers will make sure people know about their options and choices. 6. Some people will get help from advocates for their review meetings with the Care Managers. 7. We are going to pay the Link Group to visit some of the traditional residential care homes and talk to the people who live there. We will talk about making choices. We will talk about speaking up. We will make sure people 	 <p>Listen & Share Ideas</p>     <p>It's Our Choice!!!</p> 

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get listened to.

8. We want people to be in control of their lives. We want people to have more choice and more control. We are glad people told the Partnership Board about this problem.



Speak Out!!



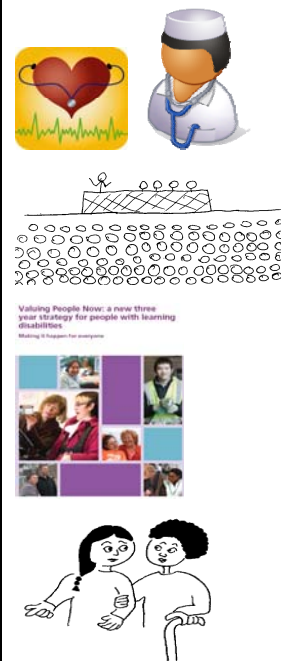
Diana told us that the Regional Health Network is now called the Health Quality Forum.

It will report to the Valuing People Now Regional Board that makes sure that things are improving for people with learning disabilities and their families in the South East.

We need to make sure the right people go to the Health Quality Forum from Brighton and Hove. This must include a person with a learning disability and a family carer.

Can you think about whether you or someone you know would like to be involved.

Contact Steve Hook / Healthy Lives Sub Group for more information. (steve.hook@brighton-hove.gov.uk)



Information Sessions

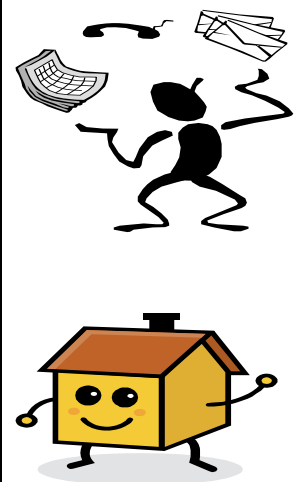
20th July

Work & Skills – Work & Skills Sub Group will lead the session – Maureen Pasmore told us there will be a workshop in this information session and that they need people to be involved in this.

This session will be held at Hove Town Hall.

21st September

Housing – A Place to Live Group will lead the Session



3. Minutes of Last Meeting and Action Update

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Board discussed the item regarding St Gabriel's.
At the last meeting the votes about St Gabriel's were:
7 Agreed
7 Not Sure
2 Did not agreed
Members had discussed that this did not mean that St Gabriel's was approved.

Action: the minutes from March will say the above.

The Partnership Board had not talked about what 'voting Not Sure' actually means. In other meetings this means the vote does not count (abstaining).

Action: The subject of St Gabriel's will be brought to a future meeting for a fresh vote.

Diana told us that there will be another information session so that people can fully understand what it is all about

Sussex Partnership Trust wanted to find out what people think about the services they provide but they did not give us very much time to tell them. We did feedback to them and told them that we need more time in the future.



NEW VOTE NEEDED



4 Link Group Feedback



Link Group Big Meeting

Andy Meadows told us that he will be part of the Communications Advisory Group – He told us how people with Mild learning difficulty find it difficult to fill in forms -Not enough space to write in boxes and not enough support to help fill the forms in.

The Link Group told us what they talked about at the Big meeting. They talked about complaints and whether things have changed. Good news is some people's homes are getting better at giving choices.

Bad news is that there is no change at some homes. Some people are not allowed to help each other at home.



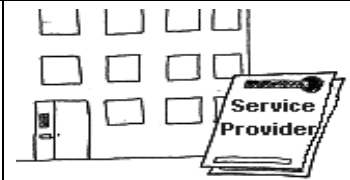
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Some people are not allowed go to the kitchen even though they're sensible and able. One person told us that his house had a meeting of residents. Staff told them they are not allowed to tell tales outside about their house. Staff said it will get back to them if residents say anything. The staff told residents that they are rude to staff.

This could be a Safeguarding issue. Naomi said that we need to know the name of the Care Home so that this can be addressed correctly.

Action: Naomi will follow-up

Ingrid reminded us that the outcome in some respects has changed for the better and this was very positive.



5. Carer's Link Group Update

Chris Lau gave us an update on the Carer's Link Group. He told us that there are 2 new carers joining us at the meeting now; Heather Hayes and Joan Hicks. Reg Biggs will not be coming to the Partnership Board meeting anymore.

They will now have the carers meeting 2 weeks before the Partnership Board meeting to talk about the subjects that are going to be discussed. They will have an opportunity to look at the papers for the meeting. Carers will be offered more training with modern technology and will be having more consultation with Amaze. The regular LDDF reports will be returned to the Partnership Board.

The Carers Link Group Listening Lunches will be: 2nd July, 14th September and the 28th October from 11 am to 2pm at the Community Base – 113 – 117 Queens Road.



6. Development Worker Update - Karen Kingsland



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Karen talked about the confusion at the last meeting when it came to voting. There has never been a problem before. At Chairs Planning they came up with some ideas on how things could be clearer.

The Agenda will tell us if there is going to be a vote and information will be sent in advance. We will know what the question is and we will check that everyone is ready to vote. At least 50% of the members need to vote. If people are not ready and need more time then the vote can be delayed. Only a Yes or a No will be counted.

Karen told us that some reports are going to be sent by email this time:

- Keeping People Safe
- Last Year's LDDF Projects
- Person-Centred Plans Audit



Or More Time needed?



7. LDDF – Voting on Bids

Today we approved the following

i) PCA Group – Choice & Control Money £18,211.50

19 Members Voted:

19 Members agreed with the sub group.

ii) Transitions Forum – Transitions Money £22,200

20 members voted:

20 members agreed with the sub group.



9. LDDF Policy Changes

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Karen suggested changes to the policy to make it better.

- i) A vote took place on whether the LDDF policy should say that information should be given in advance.

19 out of 20 members agreed this was a good idea.

1 out of 20 members did not agree to this.

It was decided that Karen will organise an information session over the next month where people can display the areas of their work and Members of the Partnership Board can see what it is about.

(the information session will be on 6th July)

- ii) A vote took place on whether the sub groups should decide how to spend the money:

21 members voted and 21 members agreed that this should happen.

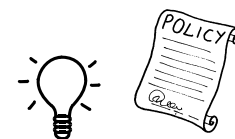
- iii) A vote then took place on whether there should be a deadline of the 1st April for sub groups to let us know their decisions:

14 members did not agree to this.

1 member was not sure.

4 members agreed with this.

Action: Karen will make the agreed changes to the LDDF policy



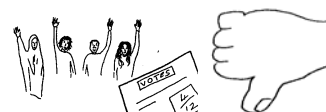
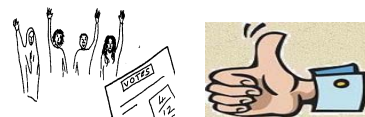
Change



Information Session
about areas of Work

At Hove Town Hall

6th July 2009 –
Morning



10. Jean Collins gave a presentation on Valuing People Now

Jean Collins shares her position as Valuing People Regional Lead with Jo Poynter.



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11. Make it Happen Plan

Karen told us about the “Make It Happen” Group. There will be a Make It Happen Plan. The plan will have a list of the objectives; the 3yr Financial Plan; and Action Plan; and a list of what each sub group are doing. It will be on the Website soon.

The plan will help with the Annual Report for the Regional Programme Board.

Jean Collins told us there will be Guidance for the Partnership Board coming out in Mid June which will include a structure for the annual Report – the heading will respond to the priorities in Valuing People Now and the emphasis will be on statistics. We plan to write our annual report in July.

The Make it Happen group is Sub Group Chairs, Care Management, Commissioning Team and Forums representatives.

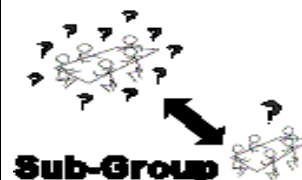
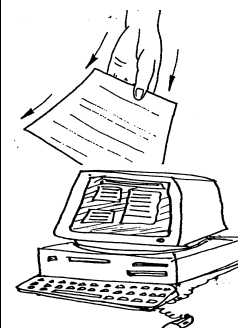
There was discussion about more representation for people with complex needs. Jean Collins told us that the resources for us to use are the actual members on the Regional Board Programme and that Sue Carmichael will be that person – Jean also suggested that we contact Voice 4 Kent to find out how they are getting on with everything and to get more info.

Matthew asked whether we can visit the National Regional Board to see what they do – Jean advised us that they have not yet met but when they do she will suggest that it is open to have other Partnership Boards visit to see.

Karen said that a review of the Partnership Board members will be part of the new guidance.

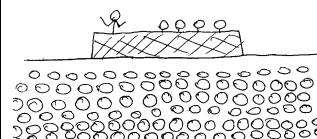
Action: Chairs Planning and Make it Happen groups will look at the Guidance notes when it comes out in June.

Equality Impact Assessment will be included in Make Happen Plan.



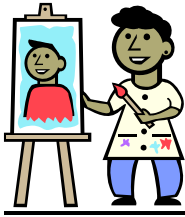



Valuing People Now

Valuing People Now: a new three year strategy for people with learning disabilities
Making it happen for everyone



13. Any Other Business

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<p>Sue from Amaze told us about an Invitation to see the work that the Art Group have done.</p>	
<p>Naomi told us that the Department of Health has just opened a 12-week consultation process that will feed into an Autism Strategy that will be backed with funding and statutory guidance. The document can be downloaded at www.autism.org.uk/dhstrategy</p> <p>The Department of Health are holding 4 large regional consultation events and are also publishing a pack to help Local Authorities to hold their own consultations. There will be an information pack about this and as soon as we have this we will provide an information session about this.</p>	 
<p>Naomi gave us an update on the new Westbourne site which will be the new Short Breaks Building who are moving from Pioneer House. They will call the building Beach House.</p> <p>There are 2 houses being built. One is 5 flats the other is a shared house and the Care Providers will be Southdown and Grace Eyre who are working with Tenants and Families to ensure the best care is provided. The Grand Opening will be in November.</p>	<p>Short Breaks are moving in November and will be called Beach House.</p> 
<p><u>Dates for 2009</u></p> <p>Hove Town Hall – 10.00 am – 1 pm (if everyone could arrive at 9.45 am and get a drink then it will help to start the meeting on time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates – third Monday of every second month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th July - Committee Room 3 • 21st September - Committee Room 3 • 16th November - Committee Room 3 <p>Information Sessions after each Partnership Board Meeting – Lunch will be provided.</p>	