



SERVICE USER ENGAGEMENT TRAINING SUB-GROUP

Held: Monday 23rd February 2009

At D.A.A.T Phoenix House, White Lodge Business Estate

Minutes

Present:	Apologies:
Helen Allan Shaun Sam Malcolm Tom Marie Donna Michelle	Katherine & Annie DIP (Drugs Intervention Programme) Matt Richards – TADS Tony Oram (Part-Time) Roni

Item	Subject
1.	Acceptance of minutes from previous meetings of the Service User Engagement Group (including any confirmation of any part of the minutes exempt under the Fol Act) The minutes of the meeting held on 26 th January 2009 were approved as an accurate record on the meeting.
2.	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 26th January 2009 There were no matters arising.
3.	DIP – Relapse Prevention Annie and Katherine from the DIP attended the meeting to continue discussing the Relapse Prevention Programme paper. This was discussed amongst the group and finalised on the day.
4.	TADS – Relapse Prevention Matt Richards outlined the Relapse Prevention training that he facilitated for TADS and told the group that they were welcome to attend the training. He also offered a good opportunity for members of the group to become co-facilitators of this training and receive a small remuneration for doing so. The proviso being that they attend the training first as delegates. Anyone interested was asked to contact Matt on Norwich 786786 to register an interest.
5.	Feedback from Voices for Choices Conference Tony Oram joined the meeting.

	<p>Helen, Allan and Tom felt that the conference was a large trade fair with items being sold that glamorised drug taking i.e.designer style needles and groovy spoons.</p> <p>They all felt that the best part of the conference was the question and answer session at the end.</p> <p>Tom did ask for a definitive answer on needle exchange facilities for the under 18s and was told this should be forthcoming in the new NICE guidelines which should be coming out soon.</p> <p>Allan felt that most service users were left to organise themselves. The one item he felt was particularly interesting was the talk about cutting down on alcohol rather than cutting out altogether.</p> <p>Allan did say that considering Birmingham was very much a multi-ethnic area that the conference did not reflect this.</p> <p>Tony said that he and Mike were in discussion about training for Jobcentre Drug Advisors and the group felt that service users should be included in the setting up and delivery of this training.</p> <p>Tony also said that it was possible that a sum of £10,000 could be made available to the service users group for developing groups county-wide. The group were asked to consider ways in which to develop service users groups and other propositions for the money. An hour of the next meeting would be set aside to discuss this and Tony agreed to write a report on possibilities for this development to start off the discussion. Tony told the group that in the future he would like to see a service user on each of the Partnership groups.</p> <p>Action: Tony to put paper together with regard to £10,000 for developing service users/groups. Group to consider options for this development and bring to next meeting.</p> <p>Some suggestions were a service user website; a liaison person who could get in with the bigger services.</p>
6.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Roni told the group that the film making training would take place on 27th March at Phoenix House.</p> <p>Malcolm said that Move-on East were looking for volunteers but when he contacted them he was told that anyone with convictions would not be able to apply. Mike to see if this meant 'spent convictions'.</p> <p>Action: Mike to clarify situation about convictions for people wanting to volunteer for Move-on East.</p> <p>Tom said he was continuing to do the Living Library and that they were still looking for books.</p>
7.	<p>At the next meeting, we need to decide where the group is to go next. This meeting will be held at 2pm on 16th March 2009 at the DAAT Phoenix House, Hall Rd, Norwich</p>

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