



SERVICE USER ENGAGEMENT TRAINING SUB-GROUP

Held: Monday 24 November 2008

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

Minutes

Present:	Apologies:
Roni Mike H Helen Kate(Drug Intervention Programme/ prisons in reach) Lee Rodney Malcolm Vicki Tom George	

Item	Subject
1.	Declaration of Interest <i>(if required)</i> None
2.	Apologies for absence and introductions No apologies were received
3.	Acceptance of minutes from previous meetings of the Service User Engagement Group (including any confirmation of any part of the minutes exempt under the FoI Act) The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.
4.	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 13 October 2008. Carole (Contract manager) came in last time & it was agreed service users should be involved with the contract. Daniel Harry is writing an Alcohol Strategy. Discussion about service user groups starting up all over county. Update on current training.
5.	Rodney spoke to group about the work of the W.A.R.C (Weavers Addiction Recovery Committee), explaining that they meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Weavers Centre from 10.30am-12.30pm. He explained the group acts as a go-between with the Trust and Service users, bringing points to notice that service users feel could improve the services offered. He mentioned the group are currently working on updating a DVD about drug and alcohol abuse which is to be used in schools in Norfolk.

6.	<p>We went round the table to update the activities everyone has been participating in.</p> <p>Vicki is doing a substance misuse course at U.E.A and has been invited to take place in some research, which she will be taking up. Recruitment for the service user group in Yarmouth will now be delayed till early in the New Year. She has also been offered a work placement alongside Denise Hockridge, which will involve half a day working on reception and half a day working with the service user group. Lastly she has also been asked to sit on an interview panel.</p> <p>Tom and George are both currently participating in a relapse prevention group at T.A.D.S with a view to helping to teach the course to other service users. They both attended a Hepatitis Support Group Conference recently, in Leicester.</p> <p>Lee is involved in the service user group at the Matthew Project and looking at further training.</p> <p>Malcolm is doing mentoring run by an organisation called SOBER, which may lead to work with probation. He is also doing GCSE in English and Maths at City College. He is working with Narcotics anonymous, visiting the treatment centre out at Mundesley.</p> <p>Helen is doing probation mentoring and also being considered for voluntary work at the Junction in Cromer.</p> <p>Mike H is halfway through a city college course pursuing a teaching qualification.</p> <p>Roni updated the group on the Health Trainers. They have premises in Thetford/Kings Lynn but currently none in Norwich. When they do acquire premises here, they will be advertising for health trainers to work for Sue Green.</p> <p>Carole Taylor has offered to go on a harm reduction day in Cambridge.</p> <p>Vivienne Maskerey will be revisiting the group in January to give the group feedback on the research we done with her.</p> <p>Shaun and Steve want to set up an N.A. Support group in Thetford.</p> <p>Mark Ash from The Matthew Project has e-mailed Mike as he would like to tap into service user knowledge of other service user groups in the County. If you know of any such groups, please contact him either face to face or via telephone or e-mail</p>
7.	At the next meeting, we need to decide where the group is to go next.
8.	<p>Date, time and venue of next meeting</p> <p>2pm on Monday 26th January 2009 at the D.A.A.T</p>

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