

Minutes of Private Practitioners Meeting

Tuesday 10th August 2010

At Kookaburra Cafe, Paddington

Those in attendance:- Margaret Beckman; David Formby; Nicole Kinnaird; Margaret Byrne; Joan Abbott; Heather Lord; Christine Pronger; Judith Merari-Lyons; Allison Cusack; Allana Dillon; Rosemary Harper; Rashida Riaz; Rosemary Harper; Liz Fallon.

Apologies were offered by Doug Burke; Sharon burke; Jude Covell; Karen Gosling.

Meeting opened at 7pm with a reading and acceptance of the minutes from the last meeting.

General Introduction - All shared some aspect of their PP and their location.

Information was given that Associate Professor Donna McCauliffe was looking to create a register of experienced social workers who could provide supervision for new social workers from Griffith university. This would be a paid service. ; Judith Merari-Lyons offered to give Donna a list of those interested and some attendees passed on their email addresses.

Update to the Better Access Medicare program.

- There will be no decisions before the election.
- Perceived that there was a low energy input from most social workers
- A recent teleconference encouraged energy
- Nicole Kinnaird responded to the questionnaire and has an article in the North-west news which covers the seat of Ryan.
- Anastasia is our publicity officer on 0864654668
- It was noted that the exclusion of the social workers was in the budget proposals but these might not get passed.
- It was noted that the Anglican Bishop Robertson personally presented a petition to Parliament.

The meeting wished to acknowledge and express thanks to Doug and Sharon for their great energy and work on our behalf.

General discussion followed related to how Doctors referred to Social Workers and the challenge of competing with psychologists.

General networking discussion issues raised.

- Where are we regarding registration? Perhaps we could get some feedback from Sue Cummins.
- Alternatives to Medicare – varying our client base.

Super clinics – What do they mean for us?

Meeting finished at 9pm

Next meeting 12th October @ kookaburra Cafe