

DASL'S DIRECT PAYMENTS PEER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

7TH SEPTEMBER 2016

HELD IN 1ST FLOOR MEETING ROOM

'WE ARE 366', 336 BRIXTON ROAD, SW9 7AA

PRESENT

DC – Co-Chair, MN – Co-Chair, SW, MM, VLM, AK, MR, YT, Joseph Healy – DASL, Seán McGovern – DASL, Hortense Donaldson – Seán's PA

INTRODUCTION

The Co-Chairs opened the meeting by introducing themselves. This was followed by each member of the group then introducing themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joseph announced that Francesca had left DASL. DASL is advertising for a full-time Direct Payments Officer.

Sarah McGarry has started as a new Finance Officer for CYPS.

"NO PLACE FOR HATE" EVENT Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 'We are 336'.

There will be some Disability History Month events coming up in November and December.

DASL's AGM is on Friday 2 December from 11am to 1pm followed by lunch. The event will take place at 336 Brixton Road.

The London Self-Directed Support Forum will take place on 7th October.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

Sharon Stockman wasn't present at Lambeth Parent Forum, Pauline Morris did attend.

Skills for Care are asking for BAGET training certificates to be given out on completion of the training.

DP Charter – there has been no response from the two councillors on Lambeth's input to the Charter.

Action – Co-Chairs will contact the councillors.

Terms of Reference, it was agreed that the group hold their AGM in June and hold annual elections at this meeting.

Action – Seán to amend Terms of Reference to include these changes.

The speakers from the Transition team are only available in December.

Action – Ferisa will contact them.

Sarah McGarry and Pauline Morris from the CYPS team along with Councillor Jane Pickard will attend the October 5th DPPSG meeting.

It was agreed to invite a speaker on personal health budget speaker on 2nd November.

The group agreed to invite Jackie Meldrum and Jane Pickard to the January 2017 meeting.

It was also agreed to merge the DPPSG meeting with BAGET training in October, November and December.

REPORTS

The DP Team met with the new CYPS payments officer Sarah McGarry and her manager Pauline Morris. On request we sent them lists of outstanding CYPS cases waiting for payments and DBS checks.

Action – it was agreed by the meeting that a Motion calling for a rise in hourly rates for CYPS DP users.

Action – write to South London Press exposing the differences in the pay rates between adult and childrens DP users in Lambeth.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was proposed that the group is filmed at a future meeting.

Contact CYPS DP users to alert them to the October DPPSG meeting.

Disability History Month is running from 22nd November to 22nd December 2016; and the theme for UKDHM in 2016 will focus on the language used to describe disabled people and the language disabled people use to express themselves.

An amendment to the Charter was called for. The amendment asks for DASL DP team to contact current cases of those service users being handled by a DP officer who is leaving the position.

Action – It was agreed that Seán amends the Charter accordingly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the DP PSG is at 11 am on 5th October 2016.