

Greenwich Learning Disability Partnership Board

4th December 2009, at Woolwich YMCA, Antelope Road, Woolwich, SE18

Co-chair of the Board

Pamela Nabelama



Pamela

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Peter Dudley, Robert Daniels, Don Kenny, Janet Croucher, Karen McNally, Josie Meade, John Allen, Ron Wooten, Laura Hayman

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Access to Employment

Priya Bose

Adult Services

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Claire

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Camden Society

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Community Link

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Daniel

Greenwich Community College

Daniel Marchant, Geoff Saunders

Greenwich Mencap

Liz Hannah, Jan Smith, Segun Sodiende, Madelene Metzger

Greenwich Neighbourhood Services

Ian Wall

Lodge Hill

Linda Umezio

Outlook Care

Jumoke Ibidapo

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

Kay Jones, Charmaine Wiggins

Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Sue Ludlow, Liz McGraph, Elaine Hurault

Sherard Road Day Service

Brenda Buckingham, Phillip Brennan, Susan, Evette Vaughan

Voyage Care

Helen Randall

Woolwich Dockyard Service

Beth Kemp, Andy Markey, Stephen D, Ravinder, Jodie P, Nicola C

Working with Words

James Bennett



James

1. Sorry from people who couldn't come to the meeting

Councillor Angela Cornforth, Nigel Evason and Terry McGuinness

Introductions

Alison Cuffy introduced **Luke Addams**. Luke is the new Assistant Director in Adults in Greenwich Council.

Luke said sorry that he had not been able to come to the morning's workshops.



Angela

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Celine will add: 'Leila said there was a need to have language interpreters at the Board to help service users who do not speak English'.



3 Work we had to do

Ref. item 5

Olympics and Paralympics: **Celine** said that following the last Board **Paul Martindill** had asked for more information around service users' needs. Celine will forward a list of questions to the Board for people to be able to feedback.



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Celine C

Ref. item 7

Mind, Body and Soul: **Dean Bogle** has spoken to day services about the new group.

People felt that the group should carry on. Dean aims to set up new sessions.



Dean

4. Feedback from workshops

"Your Health, Your hospital...What's new at the Queen Elizabeth, come and help us make things better!"

Sue Ludlow, Liz McGrath and Elaine Hurault held this workshop. The group looked at the changes in the hospital. Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary and the Princess Royal have joined together into one organisation called **South London Healthcare NHS Trust**.



The group watched a DVD called **Our Health, Our Hospital**. This DVD shows what someone might see and experience if they are coming to the Queen Elizabeth. We hope that copies of this DVD will be at the next Partnership meeting so people can take them away.

People split into groups. They made lists about how they thought things could be better.

Sue, Liz and Elaine gave feedback in the afternoon. They will give more information at the next meeting about what people wanted and whether anything has changed.



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"Speaking without words/ Communication skills"

Daniel Marchant, Geoff Saunders, Greenwich Community College

This workshop had looked at how people communicate without talking, use body language and showing feelings without words.

Greenwich College runs a range of courses including English for people with learning disabilities. You can phone **Daniel** at Greenwich Community College on **020 8488 4800 ext 3937**.



5 Safeguarding

Steve Maxwell, Anita Rickard, and **training group**

Steve and Anita told the Board about the work the Safeguarding training group was doing. The group has been meeting at the Forum at Greenwich.

They have been talking about rights and things that stop people from exercising their rights.

The group has been looking at:

- different types of abuse
- the different ways in which abuse could happen
- who people could tell if they are being abused.

The group also looked at men's safeguarding rights and what men feel is important to them.

These were things like:

- where you live and being safe there
- being able to decide what you want to watch on TV
- not being bullied
- being able to get safer sex information.

The group said that abuse sometimes comes from other service users.

The group is hoping to develop this work with more people if they get enough funding.



The Forum



Not being bullied

6 Employment Update

Helen Keys, Helen Smith and Priya Bose from Access to Employment did a presentation.

Access to Employment's work is based on **Valuing People Now**. This talks about the need for **more jobs** for people with learning disabilities.

Access to Employment will work with anyone with a learning disability who lives in the borough of Greenwich and is between eighteen years and retirement age.

Access supports people with CV's, interviews and job searching. They will help people settle into a new job if they need this.

They work with other organizations that help people find work, such as **GLLAB, Connexions** and **Job Centre Plus**.

53 people have been helped to find work and Access to Employment is looking for work for **23 people**.

They can help people find voluntary work or work placements.

Even though there is a recession, people were encouraged to look for work. Access to employment will carry on helping people find jobs. They will also talk about things like qualifications, traveling, fear of losing benefits and hours of work.

Email: aeagreenwich@thecamdensociety.co.uk or phone **020 8854 0300**

7 Good Learning Disability Partnership Boards - New Guidance

Alison Cuffy talked about the new guidance from the Department of Health '**Good Learning Disability Partnership Boards - Making it Happen**'.

The 6 goals from this guidance would form the work of a new group '**Learning Disability Partnership Board Senior Officers**' Group. This is set up to make sure that the Partnership Board works well and that service users benefit.



Valuing People Now



Interviews



The goals were based on **Valuing People 2009/10** and were around these areas:

- **Valuing People Now** and raising awareness about this
- **Good Partnership Boards** working well in all boroughs
- **better health care**
- **housing choices**
- **person centred planning; and personalisation**
- **job opportunities.**

A question was asked about whether there are plans to restructure the Board - the Learning Disability Senior Officers' group is looking at the way the board is set up. The group will make sure that the 3rd sector plays a part in making decisions.

8 Have Your Say

BME Self Advocacy Group: The group gave a presentation. **Cicilene Moseley** talked about recent things the group had done - like a celebration of **Black History month**.

The group ran a series of dance sessions.

Parenting toolkit:

A question was asked about what was happening with the **Parenting Toolkit**. **Luke** will look into this.

Information on the Board:

A member of the meeting asked whether people are told in advance about the Boards. **Luke** said that officers will be working towards getting more information out well before the meeting.

LD Board December 2010:

Tommy Weller said that he would like to play the keyboard at Board meetings again next year.



Valuing People Now



Action:
Luke



9 Any Other Business

Changing the way the board works

The Board was asked whether they would like to keep the way the board works **now**, or to have the business in the morning, and the workshops in the afternoon.

A **vote** was taken. There were about an even number of views on both sides. It was decided that the structure will stay as it is and will be looked at again in the future.

Have your say

The Board was asked about a new way of running the 'Have Your Say' part of the meeting. It was suggested that carers or support workers could support service users could write their questions or comments on a slip before the meeting. They could hand these in before the meeting.

The Chairs would think about the questions, read them out at the meeting and give their answer or decide how best the question could be answered or taken forward.

A member asked whether there could be a **video box** for people to leave questions. Luke said the board could think about this.

It was noted that **advocacy** has a big role to play in this.

A decision was not taken at this time, and the board will talk about this again in future.

10 Date of Board Meetings for 2010

Friday 19 March

Friday 11 June

Friday 17 September

Friday 3 December

Workshops: 11.00am - 12.00pm.

Business meeting: 1 - 3.00 pm.

Venue: Woolwich YMCA, Antelope Road,
Woolwich SE18 5QG



Vote



Have your say



Next Meeting



Friday
19 March 2010