

Executive Committee

Date: 22/03/2011

Time: 18.00

Location: Ladywell Leisure Centre

PRESENT: Val Fulcher (Chairing), Graham Trice, Paul Connelly, Jane Keane, Philippe Granger, Rosie Fooks, Sally Niblett

In attendance: Miriam Long. Public Attendance - Tony Sullivan

		Action
1	Minutes, matters arising & amendments to the agenda	
	<p>Apologies: Martin Howie, Sue Parks, Elsa Pascal, Brian Fisher, NICE representatives. Absent - Kate Rogalska, Geraldine Richards</p> <p>The minutes were approved pending slight amendments on page 4 regarding members update from Graham Trice: 80 is the new 50. There were no matters arising. The agenda item NICE presentation has been postponed to the May meeting.</p>	
2	LINK Transition Arrangements	
	<p>London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) funding has been confirmed as £100k a reduction of £75k. ML reported funding carried over from previous years as approximately £30k, to be confirmed after 31 March. The Host is considering budget savings including negotiating lower rent at Ladywell Leisure Centre and looking for other low cost premises. ML to contact LBL regarding council premises.</p> <p>A meeting has been arranged to discuss the 2011/12 contract on Tuesday 29 April with Sandra Jones and Ed Knowles. Martin Howie will be representing the executive committee, ML and Tim Hayward Smith will be representing the Host.</p> <p>ML reported that she had met with Salena Mulhere, Support Manager, Healthier Communities Select Committee (HCSC) to discuss potential for joint working with the committee and invited the committee to attend the next LINK committee meeting on 19 April. VF and PG to lead the meeting as LINK reps on the HCSC.</p> <p>Pathfinder HealthWatch: The DH are inviting local authorities and LINKs to submit pathfinder proposals. ML reported that she had sent information to LBL and the PCT. The executive agreed that Lewisham LINK is in a good position to achieve pathfinder status as we have developed resources such as the database and enter and view training.</p> <p>The executive formally thanked ML and the Host team for their commitment and support particularly during these difficult times with the threat of redundancy or reduced hours.</p> <p>Members discussed the election process that is due to commence in April and agreed to inform ML if they are willing to stand by the next meeting on 19 April. ML to write to members not in attendance.</p>	ML

3	Quality Accounts	
	<p>ML to send DH guidance on responding to quality accounts to the executive committee. The Host will analyse LINK data on NHS Trusts to use in responding to the accounts. ML explained that the Care Quality Commission (CQC) had recently requested data on SLAM inpatient care which was duly sent. ML to send copy to the executive.</p>	
4	Enter and View	
	<p>RF reported back on the 2nd visit to Mat 5, Lewisham Hospital. The first visit took place during the rest period and visiting time so we were unable to talk to many mothers. We were able to talk to most of the mums during this visit and the feedback was mixed. There were no serious issues but the visit did highlight the need for consistent breast feeding support and the fact that the use of mobile phones in the ward was disruptive to some patients.</p> <p>GT suggested that we ask the hospital for their policy on the use of mobile phones.</p> <p>RF also fed back on the enter and view training which was very helpful. JK would also like to attend the training. ML said another session will be available later in the year.</p>	
5	Members & Hosts Update	
	<p>VF: Carers Lewisham has funding due to a legacy and Marie Curie, dementia strategy and have recruited a dementia support work supporting carers of people with early onset of dementia including end of life care wishes and enduring power of attorney.</p> <p>JK: There are positive developments regarding the New Deal for Communities Healthy Living Centre including a GP surgery. The 170 Community Project has 10 projects over 4 sites but with a 3 month reprieve on reduced funding protective redundancies have been issued to staff. The organisation is considering forming a social enterprise and tendering for contracts.</p> <p>PC: The Lewisham Diabetes Support Group is holding its AGM on 6 April, 7.30 at the Lewisham Methodist Church. PC is giving talks on diabetes to community groups. The PCT Health Improvement Team including Health Trainers are becoming part of Lewisham Health Care Trust.</p> <p>PG: Rushey Green Time Bank are being flooded by people wanting to join the time bank and are looking for funding and larger premises to cope with the demand. PG has been voted a London Leader due to his track record with RGTB. The time bank is delivering a sustainability project: Bring and Fix event, people coming together to help each other at St. Laurence Community Centre, Catford on 9 April 10 - 4pm.</p>	
	The meeting ended at 19.30. Next meeting: 19/04/2011	