

Meeting minutes

Meeting details:

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| Title: | Wide Bay Burnett Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Human Services Network |
| Date: | 06 th August 2009 |
| Start time: | 10:15am |
| Venue: | Silver Lining Conference Centre, Wondai |
| Chairperson: | Manny Hegarty |
| Minute taker: | Clowry Kennell |

Attendees:

| Name | Department/Organisation |
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| Manny Hegarty | Department of Communities, ATSIP |
| Clowry Kennell | Department of Communities, ATSIP |
| Reg Jia | Department of Communities, ATSIP |
| Shane Nelson | Kahwun Wooga |
| Tim Nelson | Kahwun Wooga |
| Jenny Springham | Q Health |
| Julie Gee | DEEWA |
| Bronwyn Murray | CEO - Barambah Regional Medical Service |
| Kate Hams | Barambah Regional Medical Service |
| Mayleah Bemrose | DEEWA |
| Coral Walker | Q Health |
| Ara Harathunian | IWC |
| Diana Healey | DEEWA |
| Meg Coonan | DEEWA |
| Sam Murray | Mayor - Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council |
| Abby-Grant Taylor | DEEWA |

Apologies:

| Name | Department/Organisation |
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| Shelly Howden | Department of Communities, ATSIP |
| Cheri Yavu-Kama-Harathunian | CQU |
| Brenda Williams | Centrelink |
| Cindy Singo | SEQ Uni |
| James Briggs | Population Health |
| Wayne Mulvany | IWC |
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Review and accept previous minutes:

| Discussion | Outcome |
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| Previous minutes distributed to the group and discussed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Close the Gap” program open to the meeting for discussion. Meeting asked for a strategy to be developed and open the profile of the WBBATSIHSN and open further develop the membership. • Work closer with Health and existing networks |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up-grade skills, more training and place people in positions. • Look at scholarships, traineeships, provide support mechanisms//mentors, etc.,. • Minutes to be provide to RMNC etc |
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Discussion items:

| Item/item number | Discussion and conclusions | Action item | Person responsible |
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| 1 | Introduction by Manny Hegarty as Chairperson of the meeting and Regional Director of ATSIP. Acknowledgement to the Traditional Owners. Welcome to all members of the WBBATSIHSN. MANNY OPENED THE FLOOR TO DISCUSSION. | Introductions | Manny Hegarty |
| 2 | <p><u>SISTA-GAL</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sista-Girl Committee lacks membership • Lack of Women's services, gaps in services for women • Insufficient funding for women's programs • Yvonne Brams funding cut • More women leadership programs • Review "Cluster groups" • Membership support • Possible appointment of Coordinator for Sista-gal group • Push women's issues to the table • Change of focus to "support younger women" • Support from AYSIS for meetings • Concerns about Committee structure <p>Review of the Sista-gal organization. Manny to check with Michelle Howden and Delilah for funding for Sista-Gal 7 cluster groups.</p> | Organize "Women's meeting to increase membership for Sista-Gal. | Manny Hegarty |
| 3 | <p><u>WBBATSIHSN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Terms of Reference • WBBATSIHSN work for the future as we are being left behind. • Set up keys arrears • Focus on a "Vision or Goal for WBBATSIHSN • NGO's need see result from meetings • Benefits for NGO's • Direction for group + Health, Education, Employment and Women's issues. • WBBATSIHSN meeting need a theme for each meeting to encourage participation • WBBATSIHSN meeting be held monthly, next meeting to be held 7th October, 2009 at Hervey Bay. Michelle to meet with Jenny to arrange meeting theme "Women's Issues" (Invite to Peta from Office of Women to attend Hervey Bay meeting. | <p>Reg to action WBBATSIHSN promotion.</p> <p>Manny to meet with Michelle to discuss</p> | Reg Jia |

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| | <p>Discussions around table regarding lifting the profile of the WBBATSIHSN meeting to encourage Community members to attend.</p> <p>A reminder to all as well, that information on the WBBATSIHSN can be found by visiting: www.wbbhsn.org.au</p> | | |
| 4 | <p><u>EMPLOYMENT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q Build – Why aren't our people contractors? • What is your employment strategy? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local employment Coordinator needs to be appointed. 2. Develop employment Panels 3. Funding opportunities 4. Develop Business for Community • Support needed for Community to have experience/training in the application process. | Provide "Information Session" on and for the Community on programs | Manny Hegarty |
| 5 | <p><u>GUEST SPEAKER</u></p> <p>Mayor Sam Murray provided the group with an overview from the Community. The Mayor of Leadership programs and options for youth schooling etc (Private schools of the Community). Parents should be encouraged to provide support for youth if they want to attend private schools off the Community. Information sessions be arranged for speakers such as Chris Zara and Waverly Stanley to speak to parents and young people.</p> | | |
| 6 | Ara and Shane to provided copy of papers for minutes | | |

General business:

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| Agenda items for next meeting: | TBA |
| Next meeting: | 7 th October, 2009 – Venue and location TBA |