

Meeting minutes

Meeting details: WBBATSIHSN – Hervey Bay

Title:	WBBATSIHSN – Sista Girl Theme
Date:	7 th October 2009
Start time:	10:15am
Venue:	Department of Communities, Main St Hervey Bay
Chairperson:	Shelly Howden/ Manny Hegarty
Minute taker:	Shelly Howden

Attendees:

Name	Position title and workgroup
Julie Gee	DEEDI
Chrissy Young	USQ
James Briggs	Population Health
Patrina Birchall	Youth Justice
Veronica Parsons	Community Health
Neena Walker	IWC Bundaberg
Lee-ann Broome	IWC Bundaberg
Ara Harathunian	IWC Bundaberg
Jenny Springham	Q Health
Clowry Kennell	Government Coordination
Rhonda Harwood	USQ
Cara Rothery	Office for Women
Manny Hegarty	ATSI
Jodi McConnell	Kalang Respite
Delphine Howden	Kalang Respite
Lelani Clarke	Kalang Respite
Marj Speedy	Sista Girl Network – Wide bay Womens
Shelly Howden	ATSI

Apologies:

Name	Position title and workgroup
Brenda Williams	Centrelink
Wayne Mulvany	IWC Bundaberg
Felicity Pollard	Community Health
Joyce Bonner	Korrawinga
Di Healey	DEEWR
Sue Domic	Department of Communities
Cheri Yavu-Kama Harthunian	CQ University
Shane Nelson	Kahwun Wooga
Coral Walker	Q Health
Nancy Cook	Emergency Services

Review and accept previous minutes:

Discussion	Outcome
Previous minutes distributed to the group and discussed	Previous minutes indicated that the next meeting (7 th October) should focus on how the WBBATSIHSN can support the Sista-Girl Network, therefore the reason for today's meeting.

	<p>has been done, including contacting Llewellyn Williams from FaHCSIA to find out what were the outcomes.</p> <p>Discussed the Indigenous Women's Leadership Program that was held in Cherbourg on the 1st May 2009. The feedback was positive but it could have been better if more people were involved. Also participants thought that they would complete the program and were disappointed to find out that they had to continue at TAFE.</p>	<p>Llewellyn to f/up</p> <p>Cara to f/up on Cherbourg outcomes.</p>	
3	<p>Sistagirl Network Overview</p> <p>The network started many years ago with discussions that Jenny Springham had with other women regrading how women could be engaged and meet on a regular basis. At the meetings women started coming from Cherbourg, Murgon, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Childers, Bundaberg, Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Gympie and so the Sistagirl network was formed.</p> <p>When Jenny moved over to Stronger Families then Sistagirls became a project. Later on Jenny moved and funding ceased, Sistagirls faded out a bit. In the past though it was very strong and active with Older Sistas, Younger Sistas, The Murri Chicks talking Up events facilitated by DATSIP Manager at the time Delilah. Then Little Sistas, Little Brothers was formed. (please see attached information on Little Sistas/Little Brothers)</p> <p>Manny discussed the identification of funding to support the Sistagirl network and he will meet with Jenny, Marj and other women in the network in approx. October to further explore. Manny also advised that he would like to see the Sistagirl network influence government, non-government and philanthropic organisations to access funding for our people. Information will be taken to the next RMCN.</p>	<p>Manny to further explore funding.</p>	<p>Jenny/Marj</p> <p>Manny</p>
4	<p>Future Sistagirl Business</p> <p>Many people advised that they would like to be involved in supporting their local Sistagirl cluster and talked about future needs in the community e.g. community forums on DV, parenting, teenage pregnancies etc.. and suggested that local guest speakers could be involved and mentor younger woman in the community.</p> <p>A planning day has been suggested to bring interested parties together but also the need to review past forum reports, including the DV forum report that was previously held in Hervey Bay. Manny to further discuss with Rhonda the option for someone to review past documents.</p> <p>Shelly also advised that another reason we are focusing on Sistagirls is because this is an action that needs to be</p>	<p>Manny and Rhonda to discuss documentation review.</p>	<p>Manny</p>

	<p>reported to in our reports to the Wide Bay Burnett Human Services Group of which we are a sub-group of. In the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Plan 2007-2026 a policy action highlighted on page 86 of this document focuses on, supporting the Sistagirl network to ensure issues raised by young Indigenous women are considered in planning processes.</p>		
5	<p>Future Plan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manny, Marj and Jenny to meet to discuss possible Sistagirl funding allocation. 2. A Sistagirl network meeting to be held on the 21st October in Hervey Bay to develop/elect a regional working party. 3. Individual cluster meetings to be held in the future to form a new cluster membership base. 4. Future individual cluster activities and workshops e.g. Sistagirl forums to occur based on focus areas with local members, role models and guest speakers on relevant topics. 5. Manny and Rhonda to discuss forum reviews from the 2004 Leadership workshop and previous forums. 6. The Office for Women to assist with the sourcing of funds for a network coordinator and part time cluster coordinators. <p>Meeting closed 12:30pm.</p>		<p>Manny</p> <p>Shelly to arrange</p> <p>Manny/Rhonda</p> <p>Office for Women</p>

General business:

Agenda items for next meeting:	TBA – Review of Sistagirls outcomes
Next meeting:	Thursday 5 th November - TBA