

## ADULTS' SERVICES BME WORKING GROUP

### NOTES –30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Present:

Sharafat Hussein - CEMP  
 Claire Jones - Age UK West Sussex  
 Hasu Mehta - LINKs  
 Bekithemba Mhlanga - VSLDO, WSCC  
 Tim Wilkins - Alzheimers Society  
 Ratnam Nadarajah - Self  
 Katherine Beard - Independent Living Association

In attendance: Lisa Williams – Sussex Traveller Action Group (STAG)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Comments/Action</u>
1.	APOLOGIES	Apologies were received from Ruth Corden , Claire Jones and Rubina Shamim.
2.	NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011 & MATTERS ARISING	<p>The notes were approved as a correct record.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p><b>Note 2</b></p> <p><b>Expanding Membership of the Group</b> - BM to check with Rubina Shamim that the Portuguese Community is receiving e mail notes from the group's meetings.</p> <p>BM to contact Jazka Atterbury ( Gypsy Traveller Group ) and invite her to the next meeting. BM <b><u>TO ACTION.</u></b></p> <p><b>Local Healthwatch</b> – to circulate web link to all members. <b>BM to action</b></p>
3.	CUSTOMER RE – ASSESMENTS: CHANGES TO THE ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD FOR ADULTS SOCIAL CARE.	<p>Tim Wilkins introduced the item and gave a testimonial on how one couple had been negatively impacted by the change. It was noted that there are probable more stories of this type. The following issues were raised by the group :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why some individuals accessed with moderate needs are no longer able to access day care services even if they are prepared to pay for the services.</li> <li>• What has been the overall impact on places available at day care centres <b>RC to action</b></li> <li>•</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed concern on the capacity of the Third Sector to pick up and provide support and services for individuals in such circumstances.</li> <li>• That there is a need of recommunicating personal health budgets processes within and outside WSCC</li> <li>• Any assessment must look at not only the impact on those already known to the system but individuals who may become into the process for the first time.</li> <li>• Children with severe disabilities who have been assessed as eligible for continuing health care and/or continence care</li> </ul>
4.	FUTURE ACTIVITIES 2012	<p>Group to email suggestions either to BM / RC Appendix 1.</p> <p>Working with Customer group – the meeting agreed that before deciding on future engagement with the group , it would like to review the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The terms of reference for the Customer group</li> <li>• Name of the member responsible for this portfolio</li> <li>• Rolling agenda of the group</li> </ul>
5.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	<p><u>Gypsy Traveller Month</u></p> <p>This will be held in Middussex in June 2012, group to liaise with Lisa Williams on plans.</p> <p><u>4 Sight</u></p> <p>It was suggested that Amanda Evans, the Outreach worker for 4 Sight in Crawley be invited to the next meeting.</p>
6.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>The Group agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 February 2012 from 2-4pm in Maidenbower Day Centre.</p>

CHAIR