

listing of applications received would take place next week with interviews being held on 12th March 2008. Judith asked for a volunteer service user or carer representative to join the interview panel to which Rod kindly offered. It was agreed that further information regarding the interviews would be forwarded to Rod via Janice.

ACTION: Judith and Janice

- **Ivan Lewis Event** – Judith thanked everyone who had attended and the Partnership Team for their help in arranging a well organised event. Stephen Sloss commented that the event had been very successful in putting the Partnership Board on the map at cabinet level. Rod thanked Pat for helping to produce the service user and carer representatives' newsletter in his absence, which reported on the event. It was advised that details of the Ministers speech and question and answer session would be made available on the Partnership Board's website. www.lancashirementalhealth.org.uk

2. LAA update and links/implications of 'Vital Signs'

Janice advised members that discussions had taken place with Lancashire County Council, Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool Councils Local Area Agreements (LAA's). A briefing report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting giving details of two responses received from Preston Strategic Partnership and Fylde Borough Council/Fylde Local Strategic Partnership for their indicators submitted to the LAA's. This is an ongoing process with continuing discussions taking place for up to a maximum 35 indicators to be included, and should be signed off during the summer of 2008. Judith advised it was early days to understand the PCT 'vital signs', but the key issues being; how much will PCT's engage with stakeholders, and the work in progress at local level.

Janice advised that clear statements on expectations should be included in refreshing the vision of the Partnership Board. A discussion continued in respect of examples of how mental health could be included within indicators not necessarily specific to mental health, and the value of targets nationally and locally. Concern was expressed by some members over individuals who may not be in a position to attend service user and carer engagement meetings and are unable to put forward their views. It was agreed that the Partnership Board needed to set an example on the importance of engagement and that all issues discussed should be taken away by members of statutory organisations.

3. Programme Updates

A written update had been circulated prior to the meeting, therefore only comments made during the meeting are noted.

- **Wellbeing Programme**
Janice advised that a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Mental Health Indicators event for health and social care staff had taken place on Wednesday, 13th February 2008 (sponsored by the Partnership Board). Hilary advised that the event was well attended and proved to be a very useful day.

Judith advised that she was aware of work being done at local level but had not previously been aware of this event taking place and hoped Blackburn with Darwen had been represented. Janice confirmed some of the delegates in attendance, including public health and commissioning managers, with the objecting being to come out with a plan for a template in order to predict future needs, to be shared across all organisations.

- **System Transformation – Refresh the vision**

Janice produced the first draft of an engagement document and advised members that if a final report was to be ready in time to bring back to the Partnership Board meeting in June a decision on process and focus was needed today. Janice commented that members may wish to broaden their remit as previously incorporated services for ages 16 and above only.

It was agreed that all ideas needed to be taken into account and that time should be given to working together on refreshing the vision as a Partnership Board. Judith suggested that members should meet in April as a workshop group with a facilitator. Wendy questioned whether they should be looking at just a Lancashire wide document, or by locality, looking at an overview common to each area with a sub document to refine local issues. Judith agreed that people would be looking at this locally but that this was a fairly unique situation by all members coming together as a Partnership Board and there was a need to share good practice.

It was agreed that the next Partnership Board meeting would be held solely as a workshop and to obtain all members confirmation that they would have a representative present.

ACTION: Janice

4. NHS North West Commission

Judith welcomed John Boyington, Chair of the NHS North West Commission to the meeting and invited John to open the discussion with members.

John thanked Janice for circulating a paper prior to the meeting giving information about the Commission and advised on two further issues he wished to include:

- To extend the non illness agenda to incorporated mental health wellbeing.
- The Commission's reason for looking to refresh the vision is due to the lack of consistency across the North West.

With the introduction of the National Service Framework approximately 7 years ago, John advised this should have happened a few years sooner and he believed that the Commission should be doing this both for the North West and nationally. With significant issues around government and targeting, it was important to set out more time to listen to people with the most important views being those of service users and carers.

A question and answer discussion took place, the key points of which are listed in within document '*LPB/Minutes/15.02.08/Item 4 notes*' (available on request).

John invited members who had any further queries to contact him at mh.commission@northwest.nhs.uk .

Any other business

With regards to the agreed workshop at the Partnership Board's next meeting in April, it was agreed to invite the Local Authority Directors of Children's Services.

ACTION: Janice

Janice advised members that due to an under spend in the Partnership Team's budget for 2007-2008, a one year secondment opportunity with UCLAN had been secured for one of their members to join the Partnership Team one day a week to assist with research analysis for the outcome and BME work.

Also as a consequence of admin capacity shortfalls, an advertisement would be placed for a new part time admin post targeted for a service user to join the team one day a week on a six month fixed term work experience contract, incorporating training opportunities. Assistance would be sought from a representative of the Condition Management Programme with the recruitment process.

Date and time of next meeting, Friday, 18th April 2008 at **1pm – 4pm** to be held in boardrooms 1&2, at Central Lancashire PCT, Jubilee House, Leyland.

Please note the change of start and finish times for the next meeting to accommodate the Partnership Board's visioning process.