

## LANCASHIRE MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD (LPB)

Minutes of Meeting  
Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008

### Present:-

Waheda Ahmed	Carer – Lancashire BME	Ian Clift	Carer – North Lancashire
Rebecca Davis	LPB	Judith Griffin (Co-Chair)	NHS Blackburn with Darwen
Brian Gumbley	Service User – Central Lancashire	Rod Hacking	Service User – North Lancashire
Maureen Hindle	Service User – East Lancashire	Janice Horrocks	LPB Team
Richard Jones (Chair)	Lancashire County Council	Dr Christina Lyons	LPB Team/UCLan
Valerie Minns	Carer – East Lancashire	David Peat	NHS East Lancashire
Andrea Phillips	NHS Central Lancashire	Angela Radcliffe	Carer – Fylde Coast
Stephen Sloss	Blackburn with Darwen Council	Wendy Swift	NHS Blackpool
Dave Tomlinson	Lancashire Care F. Trust		

### In attendance:-

John Boyington	NHS North West	Pat Rolph	LPB Team
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### Apologies:-

Grainne Cuerden	LTS Consortium (Rethink)	Ian Cumming	NHS North Lancashire
Dr Ellis Friedman	NHS East Lancashire	Paul Hopley	LPB Team
Phil McGladdery	Service User – Fylde Coast	Kevin Parkinson	NHS North Lancashire
Steve Pullan	Blackpool Council	Shirley Saunders	Lancashire Care F. Trust
Mike Sinnott	NHS Central Lancashire	Marjorie Twist	Carer – Central and West Lancs.

## Introductions

Judith welcomed Waheda to her first meeting as the board's new BME Carer Representative for Lancashire. Judith also welcomed John Boyington, Chair of the Mental Health Commission for NHS North West to the meeting.

### 1. Mental Health Commission Report presentation

John Boyington delivered a brief presentation to members on the Mental Health Commission's report produced in October 2008. Slide presentation handouts were tabled at the meeting (electronic copy available).

After the presentation a discussion took place, the summary of which is as follows:-

- Concern was expressed over the appendices to the report being available in electronic form only. John advised that paper copies could be obtained on request and if the demand for these increased, consideration would be given to arrange for printed copies. It was agreed that the Partnership Team would arrange for printed copies to be forwarded to members who did not have internet access or on request.

#### **ACTION: Partnership Team**

*(Actioned: 23/12/2008)*

- More accountability required on how to move services forward as highlighted in the report.
- The Partnership Board is due to discuss proposals for a new commissioning framework later in the meeting. John advised that he was yet to see an example of a commissioning partnership working well.

- Third sector tendering needed to show good quality and value, not just how much money it can save.
- Clear targets are required to commit to but at the moment there is nothing specific to move forward with. Lancashire Care Foundation Trust welcomes the Partnership Board remit to cover this.
- A draft proposal of the NHS NW Mental Health Improvement Programme is due to be circulated today for comment, with a three week response period. This timescale was felt unrealistic due to the forthcoming holiday season. It was agreed that through Janice, the Partnership Team would obtain copies of the proposal and circulate electronic and postal copies as soon as possible.

**ACTION: Partnership Team**

*(Actioned: 23/12/2008)*

On behalf of the Board Judith thanked John for being in attendance and delivering his presentation to members, at this point John left the meeting and Richard took over as the Chair.

## **Apologies**

The minutes of the previous Partnership Board meeting held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008, were agreed as an accurate record.

## **2. Matters Arising**

- **Social Enterprise Pilot**

A written update on NHS North Lancashire's social enterprise pilot had been circulated to members for their information, with the minutes from the previous meeting.

- **Rethink Crisis and Respite Service Model**

Valerie advised that there had been some movement on this work, with Maureen, Service User representative for East Lancashire, having visited an example of a third sector run crisis service in Rotherham and producing a report of her findings. A discussion followed regarding the frustration felt over the length of time it was taking to implement a new commissioning framework allowing these services to be put into place.

Rebecca apologised for the amount of time taken on this large piece of work being undertaken, explaining the process in working with the Directors of Commissioning and the need to work out capacity for people using services. It is hoped that this part of the process will be completed by mid February 2009. Richard acknowledged the frustrations felt but highlighted the need for this crucial part of the process to be carried out effectively in order for the reinvestment in new services to take place. An estimated timescale of two to three months would be required to apply the new models before these could be tendered to the third sector.

### 3. LPB Programme Progress Report

A copy of the Board's programme progress report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting for information.

- **BME Training Development**

Janice advised she had been meeting with Equality and Diversity Leads and BME Community Development Workers to look at how to develop a new 'Delivering Race Equality' training package. The Partnership Team had submitted an application to host a six to nine month secondment post to co-ordinate the training. If successful, the post would be funded by the Knowledge Transfer Partnership government sponsorship scheme, similar to that of Michelle Lyon's post as the team's Third Sector Development Officer.

- **Engagement Guide**

Following the launch of the Partnership Team's engagement guide, Janice advised that the team had been approached by the Department of Health who expressed an interest in the guide, and this would be used as an example of good practice on their new national website regarding community involvement and engagement.

- **Team Publications**

Janice and Christina advised of some written articles produced by the team which were in the process of being published in national journals, further strengthening the profile and work of the Partnership Board. It was agreed that members would be kept informed of relevant articles when published with copies to be circulated for information.

**ACTION: Partnership Team**

### 4. Site Selection Feedback

Dave Tomlinson advised members of some background information with regards to the new inpatient site selection process. With four sites being reviewed, three within the original Lancashire consultation area covering central, east and the Fylde Coast, with a fourth site joining the process in north Lancashire.

Discussions took place over the preferred east Lancashire site still under review subject to planning permission in Hapton, Burnley. An application has been submitted to Lancashire County Council seeking alteration to junction 9 of the M65 to expand this from a half to full junction to support easier access to the newly proposed site. Concern was expressed over whether the site would still be appropriate if this transport link improvement could not go ahead, but Dave advised that even without this improvement the Hepworth site remained the preferred option subject to planning permission.

The new Lancaster site selection was discussed, with the Royal Albert identified as the preferred option subject to planning permission. Dave advised that permission had almost been reached over the Blackpool site, with planning permission sought for Preston adjacent

to Ribble. Judith advised that Rebecca's work with commissioners on crisis services would continue to be taken forward despite the site selection process.

Further discussions took place regarding affordability and resources during the cross over of services. Dave advised that Directors of Finance are trying to agree the principles for this. Richard commented that it would be useful to receive feedback for the next meeting on how costs can be reduced to release necessary funds with confidence, with information needing to come back to the Partnership Board.

**ACTION: Rebecca**

At this point David Peat gave his apologies and left the meeting.

## **5. LPB 'Refresh the Vision'**

Janice thanked Rebecca and Valerie for their help and assistance in making sense and re-writing the document, draft copies were tabled to members for approval. Members agreed the new vision would be an ongoing statement about the Partnership and its work. The document was approved and authorised to go to full print for distribution.

**ACTION: Partnership Team**  
(Instruction to printers: 06/01/2009)

Richard advised that in light of this document and the Mental Health Commission's report, decisions needed to be made on which issues should be taken forward in 2009 to 2010. A process was now required to be put into place by the Partnership Team, to look at how many of the twelve identified points should be put into action i.e. training for staff, service users paid employment. It was agreed the decision on this should be carried forward to the next meeting agenda, after a mini consultation with members to be carried out by the Partnership Team.

**ACTION: Partnership Team**

At this point Wendy Swift gave her apologies and left the meeting.

## **6. Update on development of Commissioning Board**

Rebecca advised this issue followed on well from the previous item, in respect of how making decisions to improve commissioning is top priority. World class commissioning competencies are not just for adults of working age, but there is not an arena set to bring this together. Rebecca advised the need for a new commissioning board to meet quarterly, having already spoken to NHS North West, primary care trusts, Judith, Richard and Stephen. A new board could have been convened earlier if there had been the opportunity to do so, but it is hoped a new board will be established by March 2009. From comments received, a mix of people is required, cross cutting with definite links to children's services, to bridge the cross over of services for sixteen and seventeen year olds. Terms of reference for a new commissioning board should be brought back to the next meeting.

Judith advised that links should be about qualitative and good experience, a real push from government to drive up and move around acute services, and to penalise those who are not.

To look at how this group achieves that sense of quality, members may wish to link this in to the next meeting.

A discussion took place in respect of agreed new NHS providers with scheduled contracts, that LCfT have volunteered to go on a new contract, and how the Partnership Board ensures qualitative services are provided with a quality improvement programme, an agreed statement. Brian and Valerie both commented on the voluntary sector's work and that a small view should not be taken on their capabilities, with the involvement process still requiring improvement. Valerie raised the issue of service user and carer involvement, being meaningful and not just tokenistic, although acknowledging the Partnership's good engagement practice, improvements are still needed elsewhere. Examples were given of different areas of engagement including Partnership service user and carer representation, the lack of consultation at local level, and the need for empowerment.

### **Any other business**

- Ian raised an issue around the 'fit for work' programme with some people unable to represent themselves and the need for advocacy. Judith commented on the Condition Management Programme's work helping people back into employment and a further discussion took place around other examples of support.

Richard acknowledged the various range of issues around the table some of which could be challenged here, and suggested the issue of involvement may need to be one of the Partnership's priorities. With local authorities being asked to deliver one user led organisation on the 'putting people first' initiative, real challenges lay ahead to improve public services with a need to prioritise.

- Janice advised members that she would be taking up a new post and leaving the Partnership Team, due to a career opportunity in Blackburn with Darwen. Janice will continue to work with the Board during a transitional period and will be present at the next meeting. Richard thanked Janice for her help and support and being instrumental in the Partnership's development and wished her every success in the future. Richard advised that support would continue around service user and carer involvement and the Board would not be stepping back from that, but the Board will need to look at the shape of the remaining Partnership Team. The Partnership journey will still continue and this will be discussed as an item on the next meeting's agenda. A meeting has been arranged on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 for Richard, Judith, Rebecca and Janice to discuss this transition.

**ACTION: Richard, Judith, Rebecca and Janice**

**Please note the change of date, time and venue for the next meeting which will now be held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30pm – 3.30pm and will take place in Meeting Room 16 (ground floor) at Lancashire County Council's offices, East Cliff, Preston PR1 3EA.**