

## Minutes

**Title of Meeting:** Mental Health Partnership Board

**Date of Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**Attendees:** Richard Gillard, Wilf Deakin, Marek Zamborsky, George Hunt, Gemma Halfpenny, Sandra Pearce, Debbie Buck, Tony Reynolds, Jo Reynolds, Alex – Pohwer, Felicity Stocker, Sandra Bentley, David Bentley, Sandra Rome and Andrea Thasan.

**Apologies:** Kaysie Conroy, Ayla Patton, Simon White, Joyce Tucker and Mark Harris.

No	Item	Actioned by
1.	George welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this is the first time the group has met since the 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2014. Over the last couple of months these meetings have been cancelled due to lack of agenda items and attendance. George explained that the purpose of the meeting today is to have a discussion on the meaning of this board and what the group expect from it.	
2.	<p><b>Topic 1:</b> <b>How can we get more people involved in this meeting?</b></p> <p>WD – The Older People’s Partnership Board is very successful, the BBC chair and OPPB co-chair meet on a regular basis to discuss future topics and to form the agenda.</p> <p>All agreed that it would be useful for this board to have a co-chair. MZ to have a look at the Job Description and adapt it for this group. Criteria to be set out and then will seek volunteers.</p> <p>At the end of every meeting the next agenda to be discussed.</p> <p>GH advised that a decision hasn’t yet been made regarding combining some of the Partnership Boards. There will be a Forum for all to join in but there can still be a separate board for the groups who want it. If there are issues specific to a group then the meeting can reconvene.</p> <p>Just before the SEPT/ELFT handover, it is now a good idea to revisit the Action Plan.</p> <p>Section 117 to be a future agenda item and presentation.</p>	<p>MZ</p> <p>GH</p> <p>GH</p>
3.	<p><b>Topic 2:</b> <b>What is the function of this meeting and what is it supposed to be doing as far as Bedford Borough Council are concerned?</b></p> <p>Terms of Reference were discussed, GH will re-write them.</p> <p>Whenever issues are raised at this meeting there has to be feedback at the next meeting.</p> <p>Who’s who to be sent out for the staff at ELFT – DB to send to GH to distribute.</p> <p>Healthwatch and CCG to be invited to this meeting.</p> <p>Email distribution list to be updated.</p> <p>GH advised that this is not a committee of the Council. Flow chart to be put</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>DB</p> <p>GH</p> <p>GH</p>

	<p>together to show which meetings this group reports into.</p> <p>WD advised that the OPPB take issues to the meeting.</p> <p>SP advised that some members of Impact attended once regarding their group and for a short time following that meeting George managed to source them some funding.</p> <p>Adults with Bi-Polar Disorder who work or wish to work received a place on a supported work employment programme. The group feel that this is something BBC should be addressing as it applies across mental health services. MZ to feedback.</p> <p>Mental Health Care Plan – New Guidelines are committing that everyone with mental health should have a Care Plan.</p> <p>Section 117 is for those who have been on a treatment order and severe illness. It is the responsibility of the Authority to ensure that they receive the correct aftercare support. There needs to be a formal review. Section 117 is not means tested.</p> <p>Felicity advised that people are being dropped, phased out and they are angry. There doesn't seem to be any groups in Bedford.</p> <p>ELFT have a rehabilitation services area – in order for people to be supported and not drop through education, employment and housing. The contract will state that the service has to still be provided to prevent the person going into crises again.</p> <p>MZ advised that ELFT came on board in April and the contract is for seven years.</p> <p>The wellbeing of those being discharged is going down – GH suggested that ELFT could feedback on this at the next meeting.</p> <p>Psychological Therapies – are ELFT providing anything?</p> <p>It was agreed to change the name of this group from 'Mental Health Partnership Board' to 'Mental Health Service Users and Carers Forum'.</p> <p>It was agreed that Dementia should be separated out as there are other groups that focus on Dementia. Dementias will not be part of the agenda for this group.</p> <p>GH to put a spreadsheet together with a list of questions from the group to ELFT.</p> <p>Actions to be proposed to go into the Action Plan.</p>	<p><b>GHu</b></p> <p><b>MZ</b></p> <p><b>GH</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p>SR handed out the information for the Carers Forum and advised that a Carers Choir has now been formed in Carers in Bedfordshire.</p> <p>Bedfordshire Draft – One Size Fits all – GH to distribute, one week to respond.</p> <p>Tony advised that the Mental Health Act Scrutiny Board was run by the Councils and looked at things like Section 136 statistics and what is happening. This seems to have disappeared and should be brought back.</p> <p>MZ advised that the Crises Care Concordat would cover this – will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>GH</b></p> <p><b>MZ</b></p>

	<p>RG informed the group that there is a homeless lady who is living in a tent. MZ advised that he has referred this to the Housing Team who will make contact with her.</p> <p>AT asked for 'Dual Diagnosis' to be a future meeting agenda item.</p> <p>David advised that he has various ideas on how to get attendees and how big the meeting should be.</p>	<b>GH</b>
5.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015, 2pm.</p>	