

**Notes of the Participation Partnership Meeting
 Tuesday 6th September 2016
 Council Suite 1, NISCC, Millennium House, Belfast**



Members at the meeting:

Geraldine Campbell (Chair)
 Neil Irvine
 Brenda Maitland
 Anne Mallon
 Gerard McWilliams
 Lee Wilson

Present:

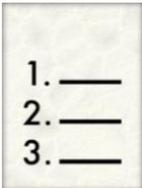
Mark Bradley, NISCC
 Brenda Horgan, NISCC

Roisin O'Connor (note taker),
 NISCC

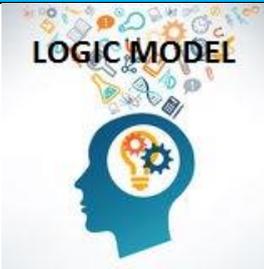
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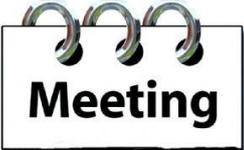
Rionach Campbell
 Audrey Montgomery
 Maria Somerville
 Joanne Sansome

	Welcome and Introduction	Action
	Geraldine welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Item	Apologies	Action
apologies 	Apologies were given from Audrey, Joanne, Maria and Rionach.	

Item	Notes of the last meeting	Action
	<p>The notes of the last meeting of 24 May 2016 were approved and Gerard mentioned that he definitely preferred the new format.</p>	
Item	Matters Arising	Action
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brenda H has agreed to provide updates at each meeting on the progress of the Consolidation Award assessment. 2. Application for new council members to be discussed in more depth at the Capacity Building event on the 10th & 11th October. 3. Brenda H along with the members of the Participation Partnership will complete a newsletter to be presented at the next council meeting. 	
Item	Update from Chair	Action
	<p>Geraldine updated members on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geraldine updated the members on the various “Registration Roll out” roadshows that have been taking place over the last few months and asked Mark to tell the attendees a little more about them. <p>Mark provided a brief overview advising that the meetings so far have been going well, but have also given us a better look at the Social Care workforce and how willing they are to interact with NISCC as an organisation. Mark added that more events would be taking place in October and November covering employer engagement and registration across various locations.</p> <p>Brenda M suggested that there should be a role for service users in these events but Mark advised that Anne’s video was used during the registration presentation that was used at each event to get the service user perspective. Otherwise, there could be a lot of travel for service users.</p>	

Item	Update from Members	Action
	<p>Gerard reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He would soon be attending the next Regional PPI Forum, taking place on Monday 19th September 2016. • He is also currently working on the easy read standards and bringing forward new ways for young people to access support with varying methods of communication. <p>Neil reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That he was looking forward to starting his Social Work Degree Course at Queen's University Belfast <p>Anne reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That she attended the initial meeting for the GAIN group which took place at NISCC on the 28th July 2016, she stated there where a lot of professionals in attendance and although she didn't know any of them particularly well she looked forward to getting acquainted with them. <p>Mark reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working at getting new members and has met with the Head of the Fostering Network, who he felt was a very inspirational person. They've put forward two nominations from Kinship Fostering and regular fostering. 	
Item	Review of Consolidation Award	
	<p>Brenda H gave an update on the Social Work degree course at Queen's University, in particular the Consolidation Award, explaining that the Department have requested that NISCC reassess this award. We have been given a number of requirements and a number of pathways along with a Terms of Reference. The department wants us to take these and get people involved to see if the award will meet everyone's needs. Brenda stated that she'd spoken to Audrey and Rionach about this and they suggested asking employers and education advisors involved for their opinions based on their experiences.</p> <p>Brenda explained a little about the award stating that if completed the award fulfils six requirements within the Social Work Degree but only two are necessary to complete the degree, but Brenda is hopeful that students will complete the entire award.</p>	

	<p>and trials with organisations will show if this works.</p> <p>Brenda M shared her experience of attending Triangle Housing Association explaining that it was a real eye opener in respect of the practical issues and scale of the work that is actually carried out by the carers. Therefore she felt the synergy scheme would be really worthwhile. Brenda M also suggested that NISCC staff could have pre-arranged visits with service users and carers in their own homes to further understanding of their needs and challenges.</p> <p>Neil added that it may be better to pilot the scheme within a day care environment as oppose to a one on one interaction with service users and staff. Geraldine then suggested joining schemes that are already in existence . If a relationship can be built up with the organisations it would allow the synergy project to progress.</p>	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Update on “Doing Relationships-Based Social Work: A Practical Guide to Building Relationships and Enabling Change” publication</p>	
	<p>Brenda H gave a short update on how the book was coming along, explaining there had been some delays in the editing and putting the final product together. Brenda H stated that the book would be released in April and would be aimed at students, lecturers and anyone who is interested.</p> <p>Brenda said she felt that after seeing how well the book is received it could be promoted nationally and internationally as no one else is currently releasing this kind of material. Geraldine agreed and stated that an action plan for the books release is needed.</p>	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Update on Logic Model</p>	
	<p>Mark gave a brief update on the strategic session with the Senior Management Team and Rob Rae, Third Horizons on Monday 22nd August.</p> <p>Mark noted that they had worked through a very rough draft of the Logic Model and are expecting to have a more complete version available to present at the next Participation Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Mark added that Rob had given him a template for the Corporate Plan and the group will be able to see all the aspects and principles being presented through this.</p> <p>Mark went on to explain that in terms of putting the Logic Model together Rob would like to approach service users to enable their views to be reflected within the</p>	

	<p>model. Geraldine agreed that this was a good idea and felt that it would be a good balance between the registrant's views and the service users.</p>	
Item	AOB	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Geraldine the brought attention to the Capacity Building Event 10th & 11th October 2016 at Armagh City Hotel and asked attendees if they had any suggestions for the agenda.</p> <p>Geraldine suggested a discussion about the role of council members to be added to the agenda.</p> <p>Lee suggested carrying out an exercise that the Patient Client Council use called Citizens Jury. Lee explained that it was a method of engagement, focusing on team building. A complex problem in NISCC's organisation is chosen and worked through over the course of the day. With PCC, practitioners give their point of view in front of a panel made up of service users and carers and this discussion assists the panel towards their final decision.</p> <p>Mark thought this would be a good exercise to try out at the capacity building event and felt that it might add a bit of fun.</p> <p>It was agreed during the meeting that the agenda and papers will now be posted to the attendees for future meetings.</p>	
Item	Next Meeting	
	<p>The next meeting is due to take place Tuesday 29th November</p>	