Fostering Advisory Partnership

Meeting @ Dereham Football club 5th Feb 2015 10-12

PRESENT: Chair – Mark Buckle, Vice Chair – Peter Ronan, Martin Lovett, Michael Cox, Antonella Parker, Kevin Martin, Steve Ginn, Pamela Weyer, Julia Spinks, Anne Ritchie, Natalie Samways, Sharon Donoghue.

APOLOGIES: Sheila Lock, Don Evans.

1. Introductions, welcome new members; Kevin Martin (Corporate Parenting Board), Michael Cox (Assistant Service Manager I.R.O), followed by a brief description of the role of the Corporate Parenting board.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE – Amendments:

   1. a and b, rewrite.

   2b. “representation” to be replaced with “membership”

   3b. Delete names and replace with roles. Chair – Mark Buckle nominated by Pam and seconded by Ann. Vice Chair – Peter Ronan nominated by Pam and seconded by Antonella

   9. add c Keep a completed log of achievements to be sent out with minutes.

   10. Quorum, 4 foster carers and 1 Children’s Services staff member

   11. Delete
13. add c Printing cost £50 a year for Chair and Secretary £25 other members.

We talked further on the external valuation (9, b), whether this could be UEA or Fostering Network. Antonella offered to ask the Fostering Network if they could visit with the purpose being to see what we do well and what changes we could make.

3. a. Team Around the Child:
Please refer to minutes of 29th Jan2015.
Booklet BAAF Devising a Placement Plan passed to Michael Cox for his perusal and agreed this was a useful tool for carers.

i. Makeup of the Group:
To be agreed once Peter has spoken with managers at next team managers meeting. Michael Cox very keen for IRO representation and the group agreed this would be beneficial.

ii. Key Objectives for T.A.C.

a. Delegated Authority
b. Best Practise
c. Understanding of each other’s roles
d. Good assessment, planning (paperwork, online access)
e. Service Level Agreement – What to expect from each other
f. Disseminating - circulating, making sure everyone knows

Discussed the amount of stock carers hold and what could be done with it – revisit at next meeting. Sharon to contact Lisa Bell @ Lakeside regarding a list of items required for carers and rules, regulations regarding these.

b. Continuous Professional Development

Please refer to minutes of 29th January 2015

c. Support Groups and Social Events
Steve to contact new volunteers, develop buddy system and define a system to measure success.

Key Objectives for 2015

Establish working groups:

1. Steve to devise an action plan for Support Groups/Social Events, by April
2. PAG team – Mark volunteered to participate in these meetings
3. Virtual School – Julia volunteered to lead and participate in these meetings

Conference 2015:

Discussion on spirit of conference and who target audience to be. Agreed it should include field social workers as well as carers under the heading “One Service”. Further discussion needed. Mark to talk to Sarah Hunter.

A.O.B.

Logo for group agreed, Antonella kindly organising.

Name of group Fostering Advisory Partnership, without abbreviation.