

## South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 20<sup>TH</sup> May 2014

13.00 pm to 15.00 pm

**Social Workers Room, Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ**

**Present:** Andrew Kousourou (Chair), Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Marie Carracher, Suban McGoldrick

**Apologies:** Scott Nicol (Treasurer), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Gillian Howie, Zoe McPartlin, Helen Clark (Speak-Out)

**In Attendance:** Rachel Walker (Self Directed Support Scotland)

| ITEM |  | ACTION |
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| 1.   | Chairman welcomed all at meeting   |        |
| 2.   | Apologies - Apologies were noted as above  |        |
| 3.   | Minutes of the Previous Meeting<br><br>Minutes of the meeting will be approved at next meeting<br><br>The minutes will be signed once agreed   |        |
| 4.   | Matters Arising from minutes<br><br>None   |        |
| 5.   | Correspondence Read and Discussed<br><br>Network had 1 <sup>st</sup> planning day on 19 <sup>th</sup> May with Lanarkshire Cares Centre and Take Control for SDS Training event Supporting Carers Every Step of the Way in September 2014 – The 2 <sup>nd</sup> planning day will be 16 <sup>th</sup> June at 10:00<br><br>Clydesdale Community Initiatives, Business Development Manager Sean Connor has requested a meeting to look at developing potential areas in joint working in South Lanarkshire<br><br>Network have been invited to join the market place with the Lanarkshire Carers Centre event Supporting Carers Every Step of the Way on Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014<br><br>All events and invitations are emailed; it would be nice to see new faces attending future events. |        |
| 6.   | Matters Arising from Correspondence<br><br>None  |        |
| 7.   | Financial Statement<br><br>Treasurer will confirm bank balance during our next meeting 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2014  |        |
| 8.   | Report from Funding Sub-Group<br><br>Marie is looking forward to joining the Funding Sub-Group<br><br>It was discussed and agreed that the sub-group will meet 1 hour before normal meetings – next meeting 12 noon 24 <sup>th</sup> June  |        |

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| 9.  | Report from Strategy Sub-Group<br>Just Enterprise funding has been approved which will allow the network to start a 5 year Business Plan<br>Sub-Group will meet to review and update policies  |  |
| 10. | Equal Pay for Personal Assistants – Update<br>Email received from Scottish Government SDS Policy Team confirming the PA discrepancy rates were raised at the National SDS Programme Board meeting 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2014  |  |
| 11. | SCIO update<br>OSCR has approved our new constitution to allow us to apply for SCIO  |  |
| 12. | AOB<br>The new Employment Allowance that could take up to £2,000 off your employer National Insurance Contributions (NICs) does not apply to Personal Assistants<br>How can we access training for our Personal Assistants in catheterise, peg feeding, resuscitation, bowel wash out and oxygen training.<br>It has been suggested that the network begin to identify early doors roadblocks and positive journeys that will both assist the local authority and the residents of South Lanarkshire who are eligible for SDS. |  |
| 13. | Date and Time of Next Meeting<br>Next meeting will be Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 @ 13.00 in the Youth Room Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ  |  |
| 14. | Close of Meeting<br>The meeting closed at 14.45  |  |

Kevin McGoldrick  
Secretary

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