

Partners in Prevention

Evaluation Working Group

30 April 2009

Present: Michael Flood (VicHealth/ LaTrobe Uni), Kylie Murphy (RMIT), Liz Senior (EACH), Renee Imbesi (CASA House), Kiri Bear (DVRC)

Apologies: Jan Tracey (Gippsland Women's Health), Claire Zara (WHGNE)

1. Introductions
 - a. Liz Senior announced her intention to resign her position on the EWG as her current role contains no violence prevention, she will be replaced by Maggie Palmer
2. Business Arising
 - a. Centres for Disease Control evaluation manual – no one else has been able to get a copy through the CDC website. **Kiri to photocopy and pass to Michael for pdf conversion**
 - b. EWG action plan –
 - i. DEECD – Safe schools are effective schools, currently bullying specific, plan to update soon (may include gendered component)
 - ii. feedback generally positive, Michael concerned about 'survey tool' action
 - iii. Measurement is an issue for evaluation, it is better for workers to use standardised measures than 'make them up' for themselves
 - iv. Decision to change 'survey tool' to 'measurement tool' but retain current list of activities
Kiri to update Action plan
 - v. **Michael to investigate 'SSAFE in Schools' resource (from Family Planning Vic), has it been evaluated?**
3. Forum evaluation workshop
 - a. Would be good to put out a call for 'burning questions' for people to bring to evaluation seminar **Kiri to add line to confirmation email**
 - b. Discussion about Sue Dyson's evaluation training offer. Decision to invite Sue to deliver training on morning of 9/12/09 before network meeting. **Kiri to FU with Sue and alter room booking**
 - c. Would be good to ask Sue to balance information delivered by Jacques, particularly good to focus on 'evidence base' and what counts as valid evidence
4. Evaluation mentors
 - a. Review of position description
 - i. Would be good for mentors to keep track of calls/questions they're asked **Kiri to add to PD**
 - ii. Need a feedback template Date, Length of call, Themes, Outcomes **Kiri to produce**
 - b. Potential mentors: Michael, Renee, Kylie, Sue Dyson, Jacques Boulet, Marie Couch (ask Sue D), Lynne Hillier, Anne Mitchell, Kirsten Campbell (may be able to suggest others), Sue Ellen Murray, Berni Murphy **Kiri to start contacting once above changes have been finalised**
5. Information sharing
 - a. Kiri's email circulated, now sent to list
 - b. Work of this group will be useful to the eventual 'National Centre of Excellence in Primary Prevention of VAW'
6. Future meeting dates
 - a. **Next meeting 18 June 10.30am – 12.00pm at Ross House, prior to network meeting**
 - b. Decision to schedule December EWG meeting to review EWG work over the year, Kiri/PIP to provide lunch, suggested date 9/12/09 before network meeting – Potential clash with Sue Dyson training!!
Need to discuss at next EWG in June