

## **STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT – MEETING 12 NOVEMBER 2003:**

### **1. ACTIVITIES:**

#### **1.1. GETTING STAKEHOLDERS ON BOARD:**

##### **Education**

- Met with Bob Rose (Head of Attendance and Behaviour) and Chris Nickolls (Head of Educational Psychology) (Joanne Wainwright, assistant director pupil services, was ill). Joanne Wainwright has asked John Mitchell the joint development commissioner for Ashford to represent them on the steering committee.
- Also met with Marisa Newton (Head of Community Development) and Jill Wiles (policy officer) from Policy and Community Services who are linked with Healthy schools and issues of community centres.

##### **Voluntary Sector:**

- Have met with a variety of voluntary sector agencies providing both services and training e.g. Relate, Milton Regis community project, 121 befriending, Place2B, Barnados.
- Several have opted to sit on the stakeholder group.

##### **Medway:**

- Met with Karen Bays Director of Children's Services Medway's Health and Community Services. She is keen to have more representation on the steering committee and to be more involved in the projects.

#### **1.2. PROJECTS:**

##### **Higher Education Institutions:**

- 29 Sept had a meeting with WDC, commissioners, Univ of Greenwich, Univ of Kent and Canterbury Christchurch Univ College and statutory training bodies. Draft discussion document is with them for feedback and will then be put out for wider consultation.

##### **NVQ And Other Training Bodies:**

- East Kent NVQ Manager looking at getting CAMHS accredited training courses.
- Linked Nicola Parker (children's services training for social services) with him.

##### **Healthy Schools:**

- Paper written and will be presenting at the Emotional Well-being conference (24<sup>th</sup> November) both to promote the project and to assess teachers needs.

##### **Maidstone Weald – Health visitors, school nurse, family liaison officers and CAMHS pilot project:**

- I am in the process of setting up a pilot project looking at joint training and development for health visitors, school nurses and FLOs making us of CAMHS expertise.

##### **Disabilities:**

- In the process of setting up a consultation/development process with the 4 disability units in Kent Social Services, the learning disabilities team in Folkestone and the disability unit in Medway.

##### **Link with child protection needs assessment:**

- There is potential for a link between the CAMHS project and the multi-agency Child Protection Training being headed up by Jeremy Frankel. It will require our involvement in developing the survey tool and working alongside with regards to the mental health aspects.

### **1.3. OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Revised project proposal**

- In light of the discussion at the previous meeting the project proposal and plans have been revised and sent to all members for comment.

#### **District Planning Forums:**

- Was invited to the Ashford Children's and Young people's Forum. They spoke about a possible link with the emotional well-being sub-group.

### **2. ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY:**

I think the project has got some very concrete projects on the go that will contribute to the overall aims of the project. I think it is now important to focus on these. I think it is also a time for consolidating and reflecting for me and I will be spending more time writing up and developing the documents and tools needed for the next phases of some of the projects. One area of concern for me is the evaluation of the work. The steering committee needs to think about the way forward in terms of evaluating the work being done.

### **3. OTHER ISSUES:**

#### **Admin Support**

Julie Reeves, the part-time project assistant left post end of September. A new half-time administrator had been appointed to the project. **Nicola Friery** will also work half-time on the Primary Mental Health care Workers Programme at Salomons.

Her email address is [n.friery@salomons.org.uk](mailto:n.friery@salomons.org.uk) and her direct line is **01892 507575**.

She commences work at Salomons on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2003.

### **4. ISSUES REQUIRING INPUT FROM STEERING COMMITTEE:**

1. The Common Understandings Day Workshop:
2. Joint training between statutory training bodies:
3. Involvement in the Child Protection needs assessment: