

# Health and Wellbeing Collective Working Group Zoom Meeting Notes

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> July

Attendees: George Devlin (Chair), Dan Shelston, Emma Lenihan, Ralph Rudden, Nadia Gazeley, Karen Glendinning, Diana Bowden, Yemisi Akinwunmi, Suzanne Taylor, Jo Allen, Michelle Grogan, Yusuf Lambat, Lesley Fraser, Khan Moghul, Christine Aspinall

Apologies: Ann Marie Jones, Mark Nesbitt, Ben Andrews, Danielle Sharps, Wendy Griffin, , Jonathan Yates, Clare Standish, Elizabeth Dotun, Kate McGeevor, Michaela Howells, Flora Washburn,

Key points from the meeting:

## 1 Context for the Meeting

- Agreed by those present

## 2 Introductions, Apologies and Updates

- Apologies accepted
- A number of members updated on recent organisational changes:
  - Counselling Family Centre – things have been very busy – a number of staff have been furloughed – looking to open up the café – apologies for not being in previous meetings prioritised the work at TLC – very committed to supporting the future development of the Collective.
  - Trafford Carers Centre – developed some very good partnerships through the pandemic – still very busy – looking to reopen services – there has been an increase in people/sales through the shops since they reopened.
  - Toy House – staff have been furloughed – working on plans to start service at the beginning of October – working to develop new ways of working and different services – maintained contact by telephone – spent a lot of time cleaning the Toy House and the toys – have plenty of toys in good condition to give away.
  - Our Sale West – funding for Hub role coming to an end: concerned about sustainability of Hubs given their success: don't want to lose relationships such as with SMCP
  - St Johns Centre – secured funding to support organisational development over the next two years: great connections made in role as Hub, looking at how to re-open safely in the future
  - Voice of BAME – Covid has given opportunity to look at future service delivery and update electronic systems; surprised at success of ZOOM as a way of service delivery
  - Life Church – support for Sale Hub; real momentum achieved through partnership working; strong links with Sale Town Centre Partnership; also have increased support to TDAS
  - LMCP – office remained open throughout the pandemic; phased return of other staff; concerns for the impact on South Asian community; Adapting services with technology where possible
  - Age UK Trafford – opened charity shops and home library service; Day care will be restarting with a reduced capacity; Recovery leading to increased pressures for different service; external accreditation achieved for Information Service
  - Rehoboth for Families – Undertaken survey on future needs; survey highlights a number of support needs including: mental health; people returning to work; cultural issues; providing on-going support around finance; education and employment
  - Cyril Flint – Face-to-face befriending on hold; service being delivered differently. Difficulty in take up of befriending from BAME communities; older people resistant to going back into communities; Questionnaire being undertaken of older people and volunteers; Online training offer developed for volunteers and staff; need for projects to support getting older people online
  - Calm Connections - Family coaching and parent mentoring sessions taking place; Programme to support families where children anxious about returning to school. Regular coffee mornings (Kate Green and Karen Sharples to attend)

### 3 VCSE Collective Funding Update

- George confirmed that the Collective has received £20K in funding to support its development
- The Council Communities Team are currently developing a Service Level Agreement to enable the funding to be transferred
- The funding is to be used to establish The Collective as an independent organisation
- The Group agreed this was a positive commitment to the work it has undertaken over the past 18 months

### 4 Other Funding Update

- Dan updated on the Partnership application made to the Emergency Coronavirus Support Fund
- The application is currently being assessed. The Lottery had been in contact and the application had passed the first stage
- Dan highlighted the Lottery are keen to receive applications from organisations supporting BAME communities to the Emergency Coronavirus Fund
- George updated on a further application to the Emerging Futures Fund which involved a number of The Collective members
- George updated on the Healthy Communities Partnership Bid that again would provide funding for The Collective/Partnership model. An update is expected by the end of July

### 5 Trafford Recovery Plan

- George Updated on the Trafford Recovery Plan
- The Recovery Plan is being developed with a focus on Living Well at home
- Tom Maloney - Programme Director (Health and Care) has offered to come to the next meeting to update on the Plan
- **Action – George to invite Tom to the next meeting**

### 6 VCSE Collective Development

- George presented a series of slides on the key development task for The Collective
- The slides focused on a number of key areas:
- The Group discussed the slides and fed back a number of key points:
  - **Development of the Organisation**
    - What is the best structure?
    - Can all organisations support the recruitment of the Board and Trustees?
    - Need to put in place the key positions
    - Where will The Collective develop a physical base?
    - Could Thrive support/review any applications (e.g. CIC application)
  - **Development of the Membership**
    - Need for administrative support and to broaden and develop the membership
    - Who will take responsibility for that? (will it be an individual or an outside organisation e.g. Thrive?)
  - **Development of the Community Partnership Model**
    - The need not only to develop that Partnership Model but for that Partnership Model to become strategically engaged
  - **The need to develop a Comms and Engagement Function**
    - The need to be clear on the role in engagement but also to develop a visible comms presence
- The Group were very positive about the direction of travel
- The Group agreed to review the slides over the next week and feedback on all areas
- Groups were asked to consider any skills and support they might be able to offer during this initial development phase
- It was reemphasised that by creating an independent organisation, there was scope to do so much more in terms of attracting significant lottery funding, offering opportunities to young people to move into the sector, influencing commissioning
- George emphasised that now was the time to work at pace to put everything in place
- **Action – Dan to circulate the slides and collate the feedback**

## 7 PPE

- Dan updated on PPE
- Dan reported on meetings with the Manchester and Trafford PPE Coordination Unit
- There was an offer for VCSE's unable to carry out their day-to-day activities under normal social distancing to access PPE
- **Action - Dan to recirculate a PPE survey from Trafford**

## 8 Any Other Business

- George highlighted the opportunity to meet with the new Director of Childrens' Services – 21<sup>st</sup> July 12.30 to 1.30pm
- **Action George to send round the invite**
- Diana thanked for hosting the meeting
- Nadia (Cyril Flint Befrienders) thanked for the fantastic contribution she has made over the past year
- Dan confirmed the dates of the next meeting (see below)
  - Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> – 10am – 11.30am