



TASK FORCE MINUTES
Task Force Meeting: Monday 25th February 2019
Executive Summary

Item
<p>Introduction of new members: Noel Fitzgerald has been recruited by the Task Force to facilitate monthly meetings for a six-month period.</p>
<p>Matters arising not on the agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSE Review: The membership of the Review Subgroup was again queried. Members expressed their level of frustration regarding the lack of clarity and Task Force input in the process. A proposal was put forward to seek further clarification about the process and the role of the Task Force into it's input.
<p>Correspondence Two resignations received from Jim Monaghan (Community Rep- Dolphin House) and Bronagh O'Neill (Voluntary Sector Rep). It was noted this was Bronagh's last meeting and she was thanked for her contribution over the years.</p>
<p>Co-ordinator's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A letter to Minister Byrne expressing disappointment at the lack of increased budgets for 2019 and the impact that has, and clarification on the pay restoration process was agreed to be sent.• The Co-ordinator requested that all members and projects represented would be more mindful of deadlines and requests as it impacts the effectiveness of the work of the Co-ordinator and the Administrator• The Co-ordinator requested that she be kept aware of any activities and events projects are undertaking in the name of the Task Force or that may conflict with the remit of the Task Force.• It was noted that despite numerous attempts some projects are not engaging with the Co-ordinator. It was queried as to what supports the Coordinator requires in order to remedy the situation and members were asked to ensure their own projects/ responses are made in line with requests.
<p>Targeted Intervention Fund for 2019: The meeting ratified the fund to promote direct service provisions to service users, or for small capital expenditure providing it demonstrates direct programme relevance. The maximum award will be €6,500. The fund will be open for applications three times in 2019 with a review panel after the first roll-out. The application form and details to be sent to all projects for the first round in March.</p>
<p>CCLDATF Membership: The meeting ratified the nomination for a new representative for Dolphin House.</p>
<p>Citywide Briefing Document: The Community representatives circulated a briefing document from Citywide- details of which may be circulated to local stakeholders</p>
<p>Sharing Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Private Members Time has been called by Joan Collins to discuss a number of matters including issues currently affecting Task Forces, the delivery of the new National Drug Strategy, the relationship between addiction and mental health etc. A one pager outlining the discussion topics was circulated.• Special CE Schemes: Dept. of Social Protection (DSP) is currently reviewing their relationship with Special CE Schemes / Drug Rehab Projects. The DSP is considering where such schemes should be placed. The impact of such a move is uncertain but fears are that it will have negative consequences. It was requested that J Collins flags the matter with her colleagues in the Dáil• 'Fit for Life': Fatima Groups United is running a course 'Fit for Life' in the coming weeks. Information re the course will be circulated. Members are asked to circulate and or advertise the course as deemed appropriate