

Notes of Board of Directors Meeting

Attendees:

David Turner- DT
Barbera Venes- BV

In Attendance:

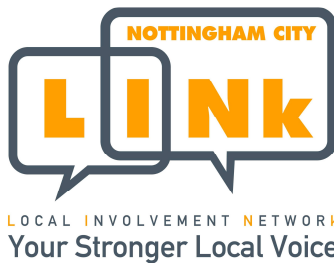
Laura Marano- LM
Martha Highton- MH
Sharon Neal- SN

Notes will be taken instead of minutes due to lack of attendees.

Minutes of previous meeting: BV would like an indication of what the proposal was for the YWCA for BME issues. Minutes accepted. BV asked that if an email is being sent put whether it is city or county on the top.

Matters arising;

- 1) LM stated that one of the matters arising is of NHS Nottingham City, an automated letter was sent to our enquiry, he obviously didn't understand what the LINK is. LM to speak to Joy Cummings-Jones about insuring that all of the NHS Trust has some understanding of what the LINK is. LM to arrange a meeting with JCJ, BV, DT and NJ. Complaint response should be ignored.
- 2) Dora/Olech's resignation. DT spoke to Dora, to see if they would postpone the resignation, put it on suspense see how her health is after a time if she is still unable put on their resignation or return to the LINK. Board cannot respond as there are not enough board members present, when there are more attendees to respond to the letter. Need to initiate more board members, as four members are currently unable to come for various reasons. Co-opting is an option. No point in contacting the members again as there was little response last time. BV- Wollaton, may have people more keen to be on the board. SN use the council database to target people from that area. LM/MH to arrange events/drop in's in areas to recruit board members and participants. Budget for events- £250-£300 an event. Stands in



supermarket. LM explained that herself and Ebru are beginning working with faith groups.

- 3) University students, recruitment fair. BV states that they cannot make a decision based on that there are not enough board members, SN states that the host can make this decision as they need host support.
- 4) Task and Finish groups-LM- need to arrange dates to for the groups and look at what will happen in the absence of Dora and Olech. Host to get together all of the information previously available for the task group for disabled access. BV worried that the GP's are private contractors and even if we do this work no changes may be made. SN to look at the law on DDA compliancy. Date for meeting for BV task and finish group- 15.10.09 at 1.00pm-3.00pm. Date for DT task and finish groups 14.10.09- 10:00pm. MH to ensure that the current transport services to the hospitals are available to this meeting. Find out when the medilink runs and when it doesn't. BV would like a copy of the NHS trust letter.
- 5) Consultation Update- Laura T on annual leave, LM read out the consultation update. LM to forward the NCVS partnership letter to board of directors. LM to email the consultations to board members.
- 6) BME update- waiting from NHS translation services as she has sent the translation letter and is waiting for a response. Need to get a Cantonese get LINK'd pack. DT- Get a list of events that we will be attending.
- 7) Training Opportunities- Eastwood- Disability Training, Motivating and retaining volunteers, Diversity Training – Forward on the directors.
- 8) Feedback on the BME report- DT would like to go through the report with somebody as he has a few issues with the report. LM showed BV and DT the task and finish letter to be sent to participants. Various changes were made to the letter.