

# Barkly Regional Deal

## Meeting Minutes

### BRD Youth Justice Facility Working Group

#### Via Zoom

29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 10am – 11am

**Co-Chairs:** Mark Parsons (BRC)

**Facilitator:** Tim Candler

**Minute Taker:** Amy Blair

**Opened:** 10:05am

## 1. Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Introductions

**Attendees:** Nicole Civitarese, Sasha Robinson, Geoff Evans, Alyne Fry-Croydon, David McGuire, Kelly Cooper, Norman Frank, Dean Gooda, Stewart Wiley, Cassandra Taylor, Paula Ridge, Steve Edgington, Michelle Bates, Sid Vashist, Shaun Rich, Anna Gill, Tracey, Amy James, Daniel Measures, Jeff McLaughlin, Kym Brahim, Karen Sheldon, Nicole (Saltbush).

**Apologies:** Brent Warren, Steve Moore, Kevin Banbury, Kylie Anderson, Ronald Plummer

Tim Candler completed an acknowledgement of country and welcome to all attendance.

Backbone update

## 2. Review of the agenda and previous minutes:

Ray Wallis moved the minutes, Jeff McLaughlin seconded the minutes.

## 3. Update and discussion around YJF Infrastructure –Mark Parsons

- Mark Parson provided an overview of the community consult process, noting that the building designs, were placed online and in physical locations both in Tennant Creek and out Bush. Noting that very little feedback was received.
- Feedback from working group members was that young people were beginning to talk about the project due to designs going up in IGA.
- Sasha Robinson noted that for the build materials would be brought in, select tender to put together and maintain the building.
- Mark Parsons asked if the group was willing to endorse the designs going to the Governance Table.
- Ray Wallis moved and Kym Brahim seconded the motion.

#### 4. Discussion around Service Model – Territory Families Sasha Robinson & Kelly Cooper

Sasha Robinson provide an overview of the Youth Justice Facility:

- \$3.55 million for design and construction
- 2 million to operate new service
- The facility will allow young people in the Barkly to stay in country, closer to family and kin
- Should not be a “lock up”, detention centre
- Should be support accommodation for young people, operated by non-governmental organisation, on-site learning, safe and tailored support.
- The focus is on young people taking responsibility for their actions, improving anti-social behaviours, non-criminal goals, cultural connectedness.
- 24/7 service youth support accommodation, bail/court supervision service, supported accommodation.
- Staffing model 1:2 or better, appropriate qualifications, skills and attributes, culturally competent.
- Include young person family in everything

Group discussion:

- Working Group members noted that the presentation was in line with what the WG has been trying to achieve.
- Conversation around the Diagrama report and incorporating relevant parts of the report into the service model design.
- Conversation around an NGO, preference for an Aboriginal organisation to run the facility. Ensuring there are supports in place.
- Sasha Robinson noted that Territory Families would work with the service provider, to ensure there is a wraparound management, clear assessment of needs, working with the families, they know what service, are informed, ensure participation. Joint understanding of what has occurred. Having a very connected service.
- WG members noted the importance of:
  - skills and quals for service provider
  - Trauma informed and therapeutic approach. Page 4 it will be trauma informed and service elements, cultural appropriate and timely responses.
  - David McGuire: Should be aboriginal people who lead this. To give the people who are there the skills and qualifications. In UK created own qualifications for developing skills and knowledge. Workings in collaborating with a university. Similar to the saltbush that we have already, the same type of centres. In terms of the ratio, depends. Do not see any problem to be honest, its therapeutic, children at the centre of the service.
  - Having YP front and centre and involving the family in all elements. Trauma informed focus.
  - Saltbush in Alice Springs and Darwin, 60% indigenous staff. Trauma informed approach. Everything we read about Diagrama is in sync in both facilities. Do

not have enough time to build rapport, often see us as a challenge. By seeing some of the success, some of the YP have become staff members.

- YP need to be outside in the community, access to jobs and training, cannot be bored, opportunity to work. Providing training education and jobs outside.

## 5. Next step:

Mark Parson discussed the option with the working group to have a steering committee made up of members of the working group who have an expertise (with young people and culturally) to be involved in the service model design with Territory Families.

This was agreed to by the working group as an approach.

Working group nominated/identified the following working group members to make up the steering committee.

Kym Brahim, Stewart Wiley, Michelle Bates, Norman Frank, Alyne Fry-Croydon, Kevin Banbury

**Next Meeting Date:** TBD

**Meeting closed: 11:04 am**

### Action List

Item	Action	Time Frame	Comments / Responsibility	Status
1	Working Group Co -chairs to take the YJF plans to the IGT	30/06/2020	Co-chairs/BB	
2	Steering Committee to come together.	Prior to next meeting.	Co-chairs/BB	
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