

Minutes of Children Matter East Executive meeting

**8th September 2009
at COVER offices, Little Chesterford**

Present: Andrew Cogan (COVER), Kevin Garrod (Children Matter East), Catherine McLaughlin (Family Action), Linda Bulled (Beds CYP VCS), Brenda Towle (ECVYS), Eva Alexandratou (CWDC), Anna Burgess (MENTER)

In attendance: Janice Mossey (COVER) – minutes

Item	Detail	Action
1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Mary Sanders (VYSER), David Springett (Clubs for Young People), Leigh Vallance (BREAK), Ruth Black (Ormiston Children & Families Trust)</p>	
2	<p>Minutes & matters arising from last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of 12th May were agreed.</p>	
3	<p>Work Plan update</p> <p>For future meetings Kevin to put the agenda item number on papers and reports.</p> <p>Also for future meetings, Kevin to email out his reports as usual but add any verbal updates at the meeting, if necessary.</p> <p>The feedback from the Duxford event in June was very useful. It was felt that there were too many delegates, problems with running two workshops in the same room, and there were too many speakers. It was agreed to discuss changes to the format for next year's event at a future meeting.</p> <p>Kevin to find out more about in which areas the Youth at Risk programme is running and report back.</p>	<p>KG</p> <p>KG</p> <p>KG</p>
4	<p>Partners update</p> <p><u>MENTER</u></p> <p>Anna reported that MENTER would be running a regional Youth Third Sector Strategy project. They will be recruiting a Regional Youth Worker post next year. More details to follow.</p>	

	<p><u>ERIN</u> Delivery proposals for the Modernisation Project should be available from MENTER shortly.</p> <p><u>CWDC/WSPP</u> WSPP is working to support the VCS to engage with the workforce agenda at local level and there will be more monitoring work taking place.</p> <p><u>ECVYS</u> ECVYS is still waiting to hear what structure they will be working from. They have been asked to engage at all levels but there is concern over whether they have the capacity.</p> <p><u>Family Action</u> There has been no movement on commissioning. They are starting redundancy consultations.</p> <p><u>CME</u> Kevin is working on developing a newsletter for sharing information between the networks.</p>	
5	<p>Participation</p> <p>The group discussed having representation from YIPPEE (Youth Involvement and Participation Partnership for the East of England) on the Executive. Kevin to talk to the YIPPEE contact and explore further, and report back to the Forum.</p>	KG
6	<p>CME Forum 6 October 2009</p> <p>Work is progressing on the programme for the Forum on 6th October. Items include the Commissioning Support Programme, Health Strategy for Children and Young People and Information Sharing.</p>	
7	<p>CME Forum Spring 2010</p> <p>The date of the Spring Forum was changed to Tuesday 9th March 2010. The group were asked to email Kevin with ideas for this forum.</p>	ALL
8	<p>Finance</p> <p>Funded activity may cease in March 2011 therefore other forms of funding should be sought.</p>	

