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**MINUTES FOR HCFF HART BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT YATELEY MEDICAL CENTRE, YATELEY
ON 24th January 2007**

Present: Julie Riley - HCFF Hart Co-ordinator, Amanda Lee - BME, Pam Iles - Out of School Childcare Officer, Cay Byford - Contact A Family, Mary Baldwin - Hart and Rushmoor Branch of NAS, Mark Blackwell- Youth Services, Margaret Baldwin - Portage, Jenny Radley - Councillor, Sheila Company - Health Visitor, Janet Turnbull - Health Visitor, Caroline Winchurch - HVA, Liv Stockley - Yateley Extended Schools.

Apologies, Ann Norton - Area Inclusion Officer, Nicci Davies - Asst Community Officer, Recreation and Heritage. Julie Walker - Family Learning, Yateley Centre, Audrey Wood - Health Visitor, Sharon Weaver - Health Visitor, Kandy Redwood, Niki Densley - Area Inclusion Co-ordinator, Jules Roome, Jen Wilson - Community Warden, Sue Fisher - Hart District Council, Marina Stafford - EECU,

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted and approved as correct.

Hart Co-ordinators Report

Julie updated the meeting with recent events within HCFF. She requested that if any activities were happening throughout Hart that they could be advertised on the Branch Calendar days of the HCFF website. The success and ongoing expansion of the Families Matter project was highlighted and it was explained how they would be trying to hold Coffee Mornings for Nepali families in the near future.

Julie also asked if anyone had a need for Playworker training in the area as the lack of available courses in the area was proving a problem to some settings.

The Hart co-ordinator is currently working from St Barnabas Church, Frogmore and is still contactable on hart@hcff.org.uk.

Speaker - Amanda Lee. BME

Amanda explained that her role of Community Development Officer within BME covers Hart and Rushmoor. Amanda works to identify difficulties in accessing services for gypsies & travellers, the nepali and polish communities. She is currently working along side the Citizens Advice Bureau in Farnborough on 'Simply Ask'. This is a signposting and advice service where questions can be asked in many languages. It is held on Tuesday afternoons between 2- 4pm. She is also working alongside Diana Stevens and Hart Housing to help the travellers and help them to access more day services. The bus now goes weekly to the traveller sites and is a good way of breaking down barriers between the travellers and other organisations.

Website Issues

As mentioned earlier, the website is available to advertise any activities or events that are happening throughout the county. Please forward any articles or information to hart@hcff.org.uk. Julie advised that the Childcare Sufficiency Consultation for Under threes, would be posted on the website as soon as it is available.

Items for the Newsletter

It was explained that the deadline for articles was Monday 11th February. The newsletter will be available from 5th March 2008. Please note that we will now have an extra 2500 copies of the newsletter for distribution. If anyone knows of any schools, pre-schools or organisations who would benefit from the newsletter and do not usually receive them please contact the Hart Co-ordinator so that they may be added to the distribution lists.

Local Issues/Information Exchange

Pam Iles

Pam confirmed that the Rural Areas Play Project will operate in Half Term.

Cay Byford

Cay advised the meeting that there was a new resource pack that was being made available for all childrens centres, this pack contains all literature and information needed. They may be useful for schools who have many children with special needs.

Liv Stockley asked if they would be available to extended schools as Hart currently has no Childrens Centres. Liv would inform the other Extended schools Co-ordinators about the resource pack.

Cay also informed the meeting that the Information Day in Alton College would now be held in October. She advised the meeting that Debbie Ravensdale was a family worker who was able to visit families and offer advice. Debbie can be contacted on Debbie.ravensdale@cafamily.org.uk.

There are many different fact sheets covering a huge selection of titles. These are all available on www.cafamily.org.uk.

Mary Baldwin

Mary advised that SOS (Save Our Sanity) had now become the Hart and Rushmoor Branch of the National Autistic Society. There are lots of ongoing activities such as a new Gaming Zone. This is held between 10 and 12 on Alternate Saturdays for Children aged 7+. These are held at the Mayfield Community Centre, Totland Close, Farnborough.

There will also be a special Fizzy Kids session on the 1st Tuesday of every month. The price is £3.50 and the usual height and age restrictions do not apply.

All details and much more information is available in the newsletter which can be found at www.nasHandR.org or contact Nikki Smith at BranchOfficer@nashandr.org or call her on 01252 694934.

Caroline Winchurch

Caroline advised that they were involved in the Extended Services Conference 'X-factor'. This is to held in Botley on 28th March. If anyone would like leaflets displayed at the exhibition please contact Caroline at HVA on 01252 815652.

Sheila Company

Sheila advised the group about a Teenage pregnancy drop in. This is for girls up to 19 years of age and both antenatal and post natal care is offered. It is held from 1pm until 3pm on a Wednesday and takes place upstairs in the Harlington Centre, Fleet.

Liv Stockley

Liv expressed how useful she thought the meeting had been and suggested that it was a good networking opportunity for the other Extended Services Co-ordinators. She will pass all information on at the next Extended Services meeting to colleagues.

Liv kindly offered the Yateley School weekly newsletter as a good resource for getting information to more students and families. She also advised the meeting that the Hook Family Centre would be operating a full holiday scheme like last year and advised groups to try and benefit from the facility.

Details of next meeting

It was good to see you all at the meeting and we hope to see you all again next term. The details for the next meeting are as follows:

Date: Thursday 24th April 2008

Time: 10.00am - 11.30am

Place: Yateley Medical Centre, Just off Reading Road, Yateley. (Behind Dog and Partridge)

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