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WEST COAST Minutes Friday 23rd February 2007

Welcome:

Cate Kearney, ADANZ

Apologies:

Margaret Adams, Derek Blight, Shirlena, Paul Eathorne, Jan Newcombe, Katherine Bush (Who Cares), Jo Hall

Service Updates

Larry Bretherston
Marty Roughan
Tony Johnston

Family Focus Coordinator for budgeting and supervised contacts. Here today to learn more.
Consumer Rep.

Counsellor Reefton High School and also "Who Cares?" Question for the meeting: how do you target suppliers who are targeting youth?

Di Hay

Mental Health Inpatient and community. Works with AOD issues as well.

Carol Roddin

Greymouth High School guidance counsellor.

Jill Wilson

Strengthening Families. Comes across drugs especially party pills, seeing an increase in BZP use among young women.

Jem Pupich

Community and Public Health Liquor Licensing. Will speak more later.

Rachel Harrison

C & P H Youth Health Promoter. Sexual Health and AOD. Leaving position in 3 weeks. Will talk about projects soon.

Jan Basil

Rata Te Awhina Trust. Main office in Hokitika. Social Worker / Counsellor. Increase in collusion between parents and children, mainly cannabis, alcohol and BZP. Parents supplying youth. Police opinion is that adolescent male aggressive behaviour is due to a combination of substances e.g. alcohol and cannabis, alcohol and BZP. Substances used alone just as problematic.

Cate Kearney

Role in coordination e.g. LOADS, Consumer Advisory Service and newsletter. Most recent work on advocacy / policy around BZP.

Discussion.

Youth access to drugs: how to respond to drugs in small communities

- Talk to police – short term fix; another person will take their place
- About education – enforcement only pushes problem to another place.
- Environmental influences on youth development.

Community and Public Health Initiatives

Westland Project: Hokitika Interagency Alcohol Initiative – Jem Pupich

- Member of Westland YATA group.
- Grant \$25,000 from Crime Prevention Unit for youth AOD.
- Meeting called with key people to address what approach would be best to respond to access.
- Decision that base line evidence required. ALAC developed assessment tool. Sub-committee to review survey results.
- Plan to use \$\$ to contract researcher: survey of 400 Coasters – telephone survey. Hope to have completed in 3 months.

Questions and Answers

Westland and Buller?

No only Westland but seems issues are similar for both districts.

Questions will be around bylaws, licensing hours, town planning.

YATA

- Working with parents
- Get into it not out of it campaign.

Questions and Answers

Does it make a difference?

Westland most successful: driven more from within the group.

Policing: does the community feel that their needs to be more policy / walkthroughs.

School Project – Rachel Harrison

- Approached by ALAC to develop project for community.
- Had had meetings with Westland school re youth alcohol use.
- Australian school education project: SHARP. Evidence from the programme showed youth had greater alcohol knowledge; lower levels of risky drinking; lower levels of harm (eg driving etc)
- Westland High interested in programme: replaces existing AOD component of health programme.
- Some adjustment to the survey, University very helpful and willing to make adjustments to suit Kiwi setting.

- Awaiting ALAC funding; will go ahead anyway but would like to evaluate the project.
- One day training for teacher. Other idea, if it works to send to every high school on the West Coast and national if successful.
- Start time: to have this ready for health in the second semester.

Questions and Answers

What about the parents? Again above strategies e.g. YATA.

Health Promotion training available (Jigsaw) May.

BZP Presentation

ADANZ – Cate Kearney

BZP Submission

Background EACD

BZP CLASSIFICATION

SUBMISSION to NDP - Due 23 March 2007

BACKGROUND

April 2004 EACD recommended

- Research on harms required
- Examine options for new classification to incorporate control, regulation, 18+ while leaving access unchanged
- Ban advertising in major media

EACD in December 2006 recommended that BZP be reclassified as

- CLASS C1 (Schedule 3, Part One) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975
- Remove from Schedule 4 – no longer a restricted substance
- Include all other BZP derivatives
- Continue to work on regulatory framework and enforcement

OTHER C1 ILLEGAL DRUGS

- Schedule 3, Part 1 of MODA contains a range of illegal substances that are deemed to pose a moderate risk of harm and have no therapeutic purpose.
- Cannabis fruit, plant and seed, coca leaf, catha edulis plant ('khat')

THE QUESTIONS

- Should this reclassification occur?
- Why?
- What else needs to be considered?

MAKE a SUBMISSION to the National Drug Policy Team

- By 23 March 2007
- <http://www.ndp.govt.nz/legalparty-pills/index.html>

Questions and Answers

It was requested Cate forward the powerpoint presentation and submission form.

Meeting Closed: 12.10 pm

Next Meeting: 4th May 2007

Attendance: 10

Further information and agendas available on www.adanz.org.nz

Please note: These minutes are a summary of opinions expressed by meeting attendees. If anyone would like further information please contact Cate Kearney at cate.kearney@adanz.org.nz

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