

# LOAD

## ASHBURTON

### Meeting Record Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**Apologies:** Chris Clark

**Welcome:** Char Macpherson, ADANZ.

**Service Introductions:**

See attendance list.

**Service News:**

*ACADS*; Have been running short courses. It has been a fairly consistent year for the service. Have just completed an audit. Youth services this year a high number of programmes. Team working well and is evolving. New health promoter, Emma.

*ASHCOSS*; At present main project is Healthy Homes. District Council work: Recent DHB elections – Dr Ryan on to DHB also Olive Webb. Mayor has set up committee on social scene to keep eye on policy and issues now able to work on some of the AOD concerns e.g. issues related to the Licensing Trusts. There is now a project helping new migrants into the area, advisory and support help connecting them to where they get assistance when needed.

*Addiction Advocacy Service*; New Christchurch service, has been going now for 6 months.

*Presbyterian Social Services*; Counsellor, works in schools. Older children (intermediate) issue with starting / experimenting with alcohol use not so much other drugs. An area to learn about and wanting to connect with ACADS about info/knowledge sharing. Pacific Trust from Christchurch comes to Ashburton and is another arm of support for locals. Children experiencing the impact of alcohol use / related behaviour by adults becoming a concern. Also impact of alcohol use in older members of the community, day to day functioning impacted by their ongoing use. Discussion followed, re intermediate aged children; connecting with ACADS useful.

*Public Health Nursing Service*; Youth. Darfield Youth problems sorting out over time; often in context of family use. Cannabis use highlighted.

#### **PRESENTATION**

**Addiction Advocacy Service – Niki Smith**

New initiative; Peer support and advocacy

Initially problem solving and conflict resolution, but methadone clients identified with different needs to AOD clients so have changed services to suit. Peer support e.g. with CYFs meetings, housing issues and WINZ etc.

The team is made up of:

- Youth and mainstream adult
- Family - an advisory element to this role
- Māori / whānau

The Advocacy Service is different from Consumer Advisors who work to assist services to meet their contractual obligations.

The Advocacy service is available to Ashburton via phone or support when clients are in Christchurch. However if there is a major problem for someone would consider coming down. Strength based – assisting and guiding clients to sort out their own problems.

#### **National Services Framework Project / Mental Health and Addictions Sector Information Update**

Issues Highlighted:

- Mental Health Audit tools  
Do they merge or do they not?? There are differences some fundamentals need to be addressed.
- Audit tools to match contracts

Attendance: 8

Meeting dates available on [www.adanz.org.nz](http://www.adanz.org.nz). Suggestions for agenda to Char Macpherson email: char.macpherson@adanz.org.nz

Please note: These notes are a summary of opinions expressed by meeting attendees. If anyone would like further information please email reception@adanz.org.nz

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