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WEST COAST Meeting Record Friday 9th May 2008

Welcome: Char Macpherson, ADANZ

Apologies: Gillian Morgan, Derek Blight, Gill Gamble, Cate Kearney

Attendance: See end of record

Service Updates

Rata AOD Service: Rural outreach is part of the Rata service specs – clinics in 3 rural areas. There are a lot of itinerant workers particularly in the southern area of the West Coast and their needs in the past have not been met. At present there is a short (2) waiting list of up to a week. Rata now have a full quota of staff. A letter has been sent to Methadone consumers noting that staff are unavailable for contact out of hours, emergency contact only with TAC team.

Q: If someone in the community has knowledge of a person abusing their allocation e.g. swapping or trading, should they inform someone from Rata Methadone Service? A: Yes
Comment: Take away methadone is a privilege, not everyone has this arrangement.
Westport has a new medical officer.

It was noted that the Christchurch Kaupapa Māori AOD service, He Waka Tapu, did not have wheelchair access. It was also noted that there were no women's services locally and having to go outside of the area often meant separating mothers and babies.

Presentations

➤ **Housing NZ Corp and AOD**

Cairy Timpson and Jan Menzies, Housing NZC

Westport and Cobdam – a high need areas. 68 on waiting list.

Q: Increasing capacity? To meet this need. A: a need must be shown ie up to a 1000 on waiting list. What is a non performing property. Age of pop, maintenance
1 – 2 b/r wanted most are 3 – 4.

Two roles: Housing Manager and Case manager role coordination. People with complex needs and require management. Needs assessor role – Social Allocation system eligibility.

Q: Income criteria? A: Level 1 – couples and single parent; Level 2 – single person; assets over \$23,000. However there are exceptions. Criteria - age 18 but getting high number of young mothers who will be considered after assessing. Gap – CYFs young person is 17.

Housing Action Plan (relevant to AOD MH clients) start this documentation early for high need, it can be different and will be processed with appropriate other services, increasing awareness of AOD and Mental Health needs.

Q: What training do HNZ staff get re stigma related to various groups e.g. Issue for methadone clients accessing GPs for everyday medical needs are not taken seriously.

A: Good training re stigma, safety etc

Alcohol Drug Helpline

Char Macpherson, ADANZ

Overview of the Helpline; covered recent patterns in the type and numbers of calls Nationally and from South Island DHB areas. An increase was noted in callers wanting help to change their own drinking behavior compared to earlier years where most calls were regarding other people's substance use.

Meeting closed 12.00pm.

Next meeting 8th August 2008.

Attendees: 18

Meeting dates available on www.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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