

Liaison on Alcohol and other Drugs LOAD

Greymouth Meeting Record Friday 22nd May 2009

Welcome: Char Macpherson, ADANZ

Apologies: Cairy Timpson

Attendance: See end of record

Local Service Updates

Rata: Full staffing. Methadone, 70 enrolled but funded for 40.

CAMS: Youth AOD counsellor, wide geographic range, almost full staff, lots of referral, waiting list – monitoring the risk while on this. Next week is Youth week, the theme – parents to talk to their young people; flying the flag for youth.

Pukenga Tiaki (Māori Mental Health): Challenges – Cultural Assessment tool, training to use it.

ALAC:

- Review of the Sale of Liquor Act (SOLA)
- Information and Resources available on ALACs website.
- New fund – Community Alcohol in Action Fund (CAAF). Community Action funding to support groups in community to reduce harm from alcohol. Closing date for round one 30 June 2009. See <http://www.alcohol.org.nz> for more detailed information.

Presentations:

To see the Power points used at this meeting go to:

<http://www.adanz.org.nz/ADANZ/Subnav/Coordination/LOAD> choose your region and scroll down past the meeting dates.

- **Ministry of Health**, Rawiri Evans, Harm Minimisation, Māori Health Group
Puawaiwhero (Māori MH & Addictions Strategy)
New Opioid Guidelines
MOH Updates

Identifying good links in the community to make the funding available and to be more effective

Q: How do these documents feed into change for small communities like the West Coast? – Discussion on the difficulties of carrying out high level policies at a rural level.

- Co-existing disorders review out soon.
- Review of AD Addiction Act is progressing
- Youth Justice Bill update on submissions

Comment on the number of documents coming over clinicians service desks but need to get on with the work, too many new docs means being distracted from the work in hand. Money spent on this but not enough on service e.g. funded for 40 methadone but have 70 on books.

Use of Māori processes – starting to happen e.g. Māori Mental Health services and Pukenga.

- **Al-Anon Family Groups**, Dawn and Karen
Suggestion to attend meetings to get a feel for whether they will work for family members then to make a decision to continue or not.
 - Sharing strength and hope
 - Problems can be shared
 - Resources available
 - Support to find solutions. Weekly meetings on the West Coast: Hokitika, Reefton and Greymouth.
 - Strengthening social networks.
 - Same as AA ie 12 step model and sponsorship programme.
 - Everyone welcome including AA & NA employers/ees

National Addiction Sector & Diary Events, Research Hot Points

Moana House Training Institute Courses: 2009 August - Family Inclusive Practice; September: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Fafafine and Transgender; for further details see www.moanahouse.org.nz.

Meeting closed 12.10pm. 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

Attendees: 13