

# Liaison on Alcohol and Other Drugs LOAD

## Timaru

### Meeting Record Wednesday 20 May 2009

- Apologies:** Jacquie Robinson, Christine Taylor, Di Rasmussen, Linda Gaskin  
**Karakia:** Bruce Wikitōa.  
**Welcome:** Char Macpherson, ADANZ  
**Attendance:** See at the end of record

#### Presentations

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##### ➤ Working with Whānau

Māori Unit Team, Kensington Centre, SCDHB

Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5pm. 6 – 8 referrals per week. Most of the clients are local rather than transient, and hence have good support.

Methadone and use of other drugs, discussion re issues of driving while on Methadone and Transport in rural areas. Those on methadone must follow treatment recommendations. The Service is required to inform LTSA regarding a persons medication. The issue is about threats to safety for people in the community.

Q: Does the service work with people on probation?

Yes there has been an Increase in referrals from Probation. Working closer with probation staff and will do assessment there.

##### ➤ Privacy: Safe Storage of Information

Char Macpherson, LOAD Coordinator

- Keeping info secure; Protective storage devices; Encryption and locking
- Policy Development; Privacy Commission website

#### National Addiction Sector Updates and Diary Events, Research News and Reports

- 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](http://www.moanahouse.org.nz).

#### Local Service News

*Caroline House:* Consumer groups are increasing in attendance. Amanda Prenderville, Consumer Rep for Caroline House settling into the role. Has facilitated 2 new initiatives, focus group and support group, both of which came out of the focus group meeting. Clients entering service. Policy on abstinence for day programme changed re cannabis.

*Familial Trust:* will be opening in Timaru this year. Working closely with Caroline House Residential support and Outreach. Question re drug testing and screens for / by employers. Issues with reliability also with prescribed medications.

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*Meeting closed at 12.00 p.m. Attendees: 21*

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