

LOAD

WEST COAST Minutes Friday 3 February 2006

<u>Apologies:</u>	Bob, Child Youth and Family Services; Malcolm White, Regional Safety Coordinator Buller.
<u>Karakia:</u>	Tau Marsters, Odyssey House
<u>Welcome:</u>	Cate Kearney, ADANZ
<u>Service Updates</u>	
Pauline Schroder	Rata Hokitika. Also travels to Haast every six weeks. Christmas break good. Returned to more referrals this time of year. Been in AOD for 14 years.
Roger Berwick	Manager Coast Care Trust. Operates six centres across the West Coast. Mental Health focus historically – now noticing more AOD, co-existing problems with clients.
Mere Wallace	Social Worker DHB. Previously with Corrections as trainer. History of working on many Trusts on West Coast. Current clients from Cobden to Haast and in between. Counselling and grief counselling a large part of work. Looking at cultural training for staff that is relevant and appropriate for the work that is done in social work jobs. Interested in AOD as part of presentation with people that Mere sees. Uses Tapa Wha assessment framework.
Jill Wilson	Coordinator, Strengthening Families getting agencies that work with families together. Can support families for two years. Haast to Karamea. Also ten hours supporting families at Family Focus.
Karen Devescori	Family Focus. Social Services. Works with family for up to three months assisting families to meet goals, AOD part of this.
Marty Roughan	Consumer Representative for AOD Consumer Network on West Coast.
Chris McKenna	Child Youth and Family. Apologies from Bob. Bob will attend in future in his community liaison role. AOD large part of work.
Margaret William	Coordinator, Alcohol and Drug Services for WCDHB. 0.3 FTE clinical psychologist. Part of SISSAL reference group for Methadone. 2 new workers: 1 x coordinator for Methadone 1 x generic AOD counsellor Focusing on building up service. Looking at ways to integrate workers with community. Improvements around methadone. Review LTSA – comments needed to be in by 6 February 2006.
Julie Tomlinson	Public Health Nurse. Has been part of Mens. B programme since May last year. Still some follow up clinics. Meeting next week with other public health nurses – planning for next year. AOD part of health. Seeing 5 year olds through to teenagers for health checks. Year 10 – discontinued. Did do Year 13 checks but these youth seemed linked with GPs. Would like to see Year 10 receiving health checks.
Derek Blythe	Hokitika Big Brother Big Sister Coordinator. Mentoring programme. Some of the young people have AOD in background. Youth assessed before matching with mentor. Working with youth – aware of need for AOD information networks. Coordinator for Turnaround – early intervention programme for youth committing crime in schools.
Jem Pupich	Community & Public Health. Apologies for missing last LOAD meeting. Lost one Health Promoter. Jem has taken over smoke free compliance work. Three YATA (Youth Access to Alcohol) groups campaign last November. Campaign targets parents – major suppliers are not hotels/off licence. Focusing on consequences of use. Wild Foods – seems some good changes have happened. Interested in feedback from people as to visibility of changes.
Peter Aston	Rata AOD Service. Alcohol and Other Drugs Counsellor.
Linton Thwaites	Senior Resident Odyssey House Programme; here to offer residents' perspective.
Turua Scory	Senior Resident Odyssey House. Completed and now living out in community.
Victoria Ravenscroft	Clinical Leader Youth Service Odyssey House.
Tau Marsters	Team Leader Odyssey Adult Service. Working for programme, for eleven years. Went through Odyssey programme. Odyssey has had a growth period. Working out how to support youth service, some challenges. End of last year received accreditation for two years. Now able to focus on programme again. One staff change: peer coordinator (Kiwi) returned from Scotland. Last six to twelve months of last year difficult period: low numbers but since November numbers back to 20 out of 20. Having discussions with Corrections and CADS - many of Odyssey House's residents come from prison: problem around funding of assessments. CADS will only assess six to twelve months before release, but some residents seeking treatment around two year stage.

Cate Kearney

ADANZ . Welcome everyone and thanks. ADANZ contract for development of free online Addiction Services Directory. Will include gambling services. Project worker research on increase effectiveness report due for South Island. Particular group - Revolving Door Service users – in and out three to four times. May be committed through the Act. Interesting research to be signed off by South Island Mental Health Network before dissemination.

Discussions

Funding for Odyssey – check PHOs for funding, has happened on Coast. Has been successful application for funding. Consumer Advocates.

- Children of Alcoholics / Addicts.
- New 0.5 FTE for youth AOD on Coast. Increase in intoxicated youth on streets but may not be alcohol only covers other concerns for youth. Need for good assessment tools. ‘Chicken and egg’ argument. Need to take AOD out of mix to work on other issues.
- Discussion re Strengthening Families: model not as successful with clients with AOD; often they do not want to disclose use for fear of stigma.
- Discussion around whanau ways of working / and working will people at the pace they are willing to work at. Discussion around funding and use of labels / diagnoses.

Evaluation of Health Promotion to LOAD

Jen Pupich presented rationale for evaluation. Forms circulated, filled in and return as Jem.

Odyssey House Presentation

Residential Adult Youth AOD Service. Long term therapeutic community: presentation and discussion.

Karakia

Mere Wallace

Meeting Closed

12.20pm

Attendance:

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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