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Minutes Wednesday 8th February 2006

Apologies:

Michelle McRae; Christine Taylor; Mary-Ann Wilson; Linda Gaskin; Jim Gallen; Don, Budget Advice; Steve Boyd; Tuari Potiki; Alison, Women's Wellness; Gurbux Ramussen; Judy Cooper, Public Health; Greg Buyers, Leola Ryder, Public Health, Sue Campbell.

Karakia:

Bruce Wikitōa.

Introductions and Updates

Anne Sheeley Good year so far. Next week He Waka Tapu will do presentation at hospital. All invited RSVP to Anne. Many students this year.

Bruce Wikitōa Kaumataua for Timaru Hospital.

Wairangi Warren Moved to Alcohol and Other Drug Service. Previously with Maori Mental Health Team.

Robert Maxwell Student. Post Graduate Diploma in Health Sciences. Working one day a week at Alcohol and Drug Centre.

Cherry Cumming Client representative from Victoria House. On going classes. Figures for lunches – up to 14 a day. Thursday evening booked out - 22.

Colleen Mulling Familial Trust. Service for those who are affected by someone else's drug use. People appreciate confidential service. Often work is reassuring whānau they are not to blame and that they can do something about the problem.

Belinda Reed Needle exchange. Worked there since 2001. Here to listen.

Jan Thomas Needle exchange. Initially had some negative reactions but over 5 years noticed an acceptance of service and reason for the work. Needle dispensing machine being well used. One long term staff member has left to travel – some changes.

Kim Purcell Youth Worker. Here to network ideas for nation wide youth week. Would like to run an expo on Youth services. If people are interested contact Kim.

Kate Balfour Public Health Nurse. Also runs youth clinics. Just started clinics up last week. Public Health under review.

Merv Layt CYF service. Also liaison role. Notice youth drinking but also alcohol use in their carers. Noticing that family plans have not accounted for relapse. Means CYFS are left looking for urgent placements for children.

Diane Welsh Caroline House. People at moderate severe end of scale.

Jacqui Robertson Safer Communities. Change in youth team, Richie has moved on to Alternative Education. Has become aware of the benefit of this meeting – would like to do something for youth. YATA project – survey of 1 year group in each high school in South Canterbury – info given back to schools. Nothing overly new in results. Media re: lack of safety on streets:- people really worried about party pills. Lack of family support such as tough love; concern re “P” available in Timaru; Friday night – increased incidences. Recidivist drink driving programme later this month.

Debbie Hunter Project Turnaround. Regularly refers clients to Alcohol and Other Drug Service for assessment. Alcohol seems to be drug of choice; age group 17-22 years.

Allan Walker SC Violence Services. Apologies for missing last couple of meetings – service has been very busy. Restructured programme – large waiting list at the moment. Three people asking on youth programme – not enough. Trend – majority of men coming through have had contact with Alcohol and Other Drug services. Youth – AOD present – more about how to get parents to manage their children when wound up. Tip of iceberg. Need to look at broader family unit.

Peter Ryder ADANZ. Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer Advisor. Update later.

Cate Kearney ADANZ. Contract for development of a free online Addictions Service Directory. It will include gambling services. Project worker research report due for South Island. Particular group - Revolving Door Service users – in and out three to four times. May be committed through the Act. The report is now to signed off by South Island Regional Mental Health Network.

Presentations

South Island Consumer Advisor Update

Peter Ryder

- Role focus on standard of Mental Health Standards.
- Development of Consumer Participation Tool.
- Timaru and consumer participation.
- South Island progress on consumer participation and consumer position.
- Questions and answers.

Next Meeting: Problem Gambling Foundation

Karakia: Bruce Wikitoa.

Meeting closed at 12 p.m.

Attendance: 18

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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