

DUNEDIN LOAD

Minutes Wednesday 16 February 2006

Apologies:

Deb Fraser, Graham Roper, Scott Blair, Colin Goldthorpe, Karen Elliot, Hon. David Benson Pope, Blondie Lewis

Karakia:

Whiu Carroll

Updates

Liz McCafferty
Liz McDermott

New Worker – Youth Wellness, new to meeting. Always challenged in getting youth to move to other services. Youth Wellness – 20 in wrap around case management, 20 in intervention with special focus on truancy. Looking at assessment process and how work is done. New worker in tangata whenua team. Focus on preparing young people to address AOD and mental health. Mobility.

Caroline Akiyama
Stuart Gray

David Benson-Pope's office, wanting to stay informed on issues.

DCC Community Development Team - youth consult document about to go out. Funding seminar to start March closing date. Funding seminar 7 March to discuss funding on offer. Working with economic development group – co-ordinator to be employed with Youth Expo co-ordinator based in team. Event to occur for year 10-12 students. Contact Louise Le Grange.

Michael Laufiso

New Community Advisor for DCC, born and bred in Dunedin. Re focus of this group, Michael is often a mentor to young people going through courts. Concerned about range of drugs and issues that affect young people.

Wendi Halligan
Neil Price

Supervisor Residential Service Bridge - Trainee councillor also on placement with Women's Programme. Community Support Aftercare Programme Bridge – role has grown over 2 years from no funding to new funding as a result of South Island Alcohol and Other Drug Services Review, means that Neil now redefined role – more specific. Programme is now an outpatient role to work with clients: up to 8 session 1-1 and also group work support and relapse prevention. Programme like a refresher course, a way to link into supports again. Many different people access programme. 2 new full time workers.

Helen Higgins

Pathways to Change, Bridge. Funding for Otago region - go out into community rather than waiting for people to come to service. About to start Women's Programme; some will stay in residential. Finding gender specific issues need to be attended to in closed single gender groups. Other groups come into programme e.g. Push Play, Richmond Fellowship. Always staff with presenters. Also offer support group for family/whanau – "Family Pathways". 4 groups since starting. Have facilitated one group in Oamaru. Another programme due for next term is programme for younger people (18-25) going through court system. Plan to commence services in Balclutha in May. Will then move to Central Otago.

Sarah Edmunds

Adventure Development. Youth 13-19. individual and group therapies. From this year will extend age to 25 years. Cover Southland – Canterbury. Typical start to year, more referrals as schools return. About to pilot aftercare group with Y.S.S and Mirror. Will see how group goes. Mobility is also key to engagement and retention, working more with other services e.g. Wellness. Attended Adventure Conference recently, ADC presented, also exposed to international trends.

Dianne Noone

Richmond Fellowship Detox Service. Small service - two workers but only one on at a time. Advertised service on radio station end of last year. Increase in referrals – may overwhelm service.

Victoria Ravenscroft

Clinical Leader Odyssey Youth Service, fifteen months. Significant amount of change in both services. Smoking Cessation Programme.

Greg Paris

Youth Speciality Services Dunedin 14-20 year olds. Couple of staff changes on youth programmes, may be delays in appointments. Waiting list small although AOD referrals remain high. Youth group (aftercare) came out of Otago Project as part of South Island AOD Review.

Matt Matahaere

CAYAD. Heaps going on. Youth information cards. Responsible Retailer's Scheme (BZP) extended to Balclutha, Oamaru will go to Central also. Youth Expo next week exciting but stressful during planning.

Tracey Nuttall
Jo Mackay
John Caygill

Arai Te Uru Whare Hauora – 20 staff. Social services for 12 years.

First week at Arai Te Uru Whare Hauora as social worker. Interested to hear what is happening. Few changes with staffing, stable. Methadone waiting time getting longer. While people on waiting list can arrange interim prescribing. Have been involved in discussions with Child Protection Unit at Hospital with training day for those involved with children whose parent is opiate dependant. Pathways to Change – starting to have greater benefit for clients. Project on Directory of Treatment Services focus on area specific information and new initiatives. Linking people to website.

Grant Ritchie

Early Intervention and Psychosis Service. See people from 18-25. Also mobile. Have a lot of young people who use drug and alcohol implicated with symptoms and symptom management after assessment. Receive referrals from self through to agencies. Refer as needed. Team includes Psych, Psychologists, Social Workers, OT and nurses. Good to listen to what is going on in Dunedin.

Niki Smith

Consumer Advisor with Dunedin AOD service. Recently elected to Consumer Council. First AOD Consumer representative. Re interim prescribing commented and agreed with John that good but not good enough. Could interim prescribing be used for Detox.

Cate Kearney

ADANZ contract for development of a free Treatment of Addictions Service Directory. It will include gambling services.

Discussion

- National Interim Prescribing: looked at how this could be set up or administered. Thing that makes it helpful is that it is a resource for AOD services.
- BZP responsible retailers scheme. Response to increase in recreational use. No information available at retailers. Located all retailers and asked them to hand out cards to buyers. Going well. Plan now to extend scheme. Cards were extremely clinical, change to simple messages. Would like to consult with service users about language used in cards.
- Psychosis – early intervention - about 30 a year. Numbers influenced by university. No more drug induced psychosis than seven years ago.

Presentation

Odyssey Adult and Youth Services

Youth Service, Victoria Ravenscroft

- Day Programme youth 13-18
- Residential Youth 14-19. Funding for 12 beds; - currently only 8 beds. Building a stand alone residence that will accommodate 8 young men and 4 young women.
- Profile via courts; disengaged from education services,
- Residential Service – youth attend day programme.
- Quite a few staff changes; bring up to speed with therapeutic community philosophy.
- Criteria for entry: dependence but serious abuse and offending will be considered.
- Out of region referrals; changed criteria. No longer need to enter day programme before meeting criteria for residential.
- Transition back to community; challenges as some families disengage. Now stage young persons return to district with overnight and weekend stays.
- Motivation varies; mainly due to worse consequences.
- Research longitudinal 3 year study commences under supervision of National Addiction Centre

Adult Service, Whiu Carroll

Introduced himself and connection with Odyssey House

- Adult services admission via CADS units.
- Odyssey takes 20 adult males; re-entry house. Sometimes a waiting list.
- Therapeutic community explained. Levels and increased responsibilities as people pass through programme.
- Changes from old demeaning consequences to more appropriate consequences – rehabilitation and self-awareness.

Karakia: Whiu Carroll

Meeting closed 12.15pm.

Attendance: 22

Meetings 2006

18 May; 17 August; 16 November.

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Suggestions for agenda to Cate

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.