

# LOAD

## ASHBURTON Minutes Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006

**Apologies:** Tony Henderson, Krys Baker

**Welcome:** Cate Kearney

### **Updates:**

- Robert Brandram-Adams Senior Clinician, ACADS. Physician very interested in AOD. Worked in addictions for 20 years. Started before Christmas. Orientation - looking forward to working with the community.
- Chris Levitt ACADS. Steady flow of clients over Christmas and New Year period. Facilitating mens group with Rob – good numbers. Drink drive programme starts on 7 February 2006.
- Sandy Jackson-Dorlan Counsellor, ACADS. Women's group started mid January. Numbers better in these groups-trialling with lunch hour rather than evening. Next IOP due to start 6 March. Numbers low at this stage, can receive more referrals. Steady flow of clients.
- Jan Thomas Ashburton Needle Exchange. Opened early past Christmas – seemed busy. Started clinic hours on Thursday. One to one exchange \$1,000,000 per year Ministry estimate needle exchange cover 11% of users – indicates people are reusing needles. Sharing seems to have reduced.
- Raewyn Barclay New Coordinator, CYFS. Will begin end of February relocating from Southland, replacing Anna.
- Anna Beaton CYFS. Slow justice referrals. More referrals from Child Protection. Thanked everyone for support and positive working relationships over the past year.
- Rob Hooper Youth Aid Officer. Not doing so many referrals presently. Working with 26 youth. Trend – gang group forming – involving a lot of youth “crypts” and “bloods”. Youth seem to be pressured to join groups. Issue that has not been part of Ashburton. Modelled on American Culture and aligned with NZ gangs. Dishonesty offending at this stage.
- Tom Varnam New to Ashburton. 15 years at Paparua prison. Straight thinking and criminogenic programmes. Supervision role at probation. Interested in discussion.
- Lorraine Smith Youth Counsellor, ACADS. Not noticing gang affiliations with clients. Noticing more tagging, large groups of youth around. Quiet in holidays

### **Discussion**

- Unemployed linked to gangs; not noticeably. Older youth; working, some establishment of peer relationships.
- Positives – Ashburton County Council initiative with Pacific Peoples. Meeting planned and church meeting this weekend.
- Health Promotion - Schools – quit smoking – successful; good hook into broader harm reduction programme. Drop in at schools – youth team set up at lunchtimes.
- Demographics of Ashburton changing. More P.P.
- BZP's Herbal shops doing well, across all age groups. ACADS – clients don't mention unless directly screened.

Next Meeting: BZP – Herbal Heaven

*Meeting closed at 10.30 am*

*Attendance: 10*

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