

# **INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING**

**Minutes of the meeting held 16 August 2002, 9.00 am - 12.25 pm**

## **1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions**

### **Attendees - IACD Agencies**

George Smollet, Customs  
Meg McKenzie, ALAC  
Sandra Meredith, Youth Affairs  
Peter Carr, Ministry of Social Development  
Dale Walker, TPK  
Paul Marriott-Lloyd, Police  
Turei Reedy, Corrections  
Tony Coyle, Corrections  
Matt Park, Transport  
James McKone, NDIB  
Richard Schurr, NDIB  
Ruth Lawton, Education  
Rachael Cole, Justice  
Alison Stephens, Justice  
Kate Thomson, Justice  
Tristan Fluerty, Justice  
Richard Living, Courts

### **IACD Secretariat / Health (NDP Team)**

Graeme Gillespie, (Chair)  
Chris Laurenson  
Andrew Zielinski  
Brendon Baker  
Nicola Holden  
Matthew Andrews

### **Apologies**

Mike McAvoy, ALAC  
Terry Huriwai, Health  
Inna Koning, Treasury  
Bill Frith, LTSA  
Dave Negri, Customs  
Lael Sharland, CYFS

## **2. Matters Arising**

Actions from the last meeting were discussed and assessed.

It was noted that agendas, minutes and papers for all IACD meetings will be posted on the National Drug Policy (NDP) website once confirmed by IACD agencies via email.

**All agencies agreed to provide the Secretariat with articles for the next issue of Drug Policy Update by 30 August 2001.**

**Health agreed to convene a meeting with the NDIB on both drug information provision indicators and targets for the NDP, including other relevant agencies.**

### **3. Youth drinking**

Each agency present provided an oral update to the Committee on current activity to address youth drinking. It was noted that youth drinking was not solely a youth issue and that societal drinking, adult behaviour and adult role models can all impact on youth drinking behaviour. Justice are to prepare advice for their Minister on this issue.

**Justice agreed to ask the Minister of Justice whether he would be willing to present a paper on youth drinking to the Ministerial Committee on Drug Policy (MCDP).**

### **4. Action Plan on Methamphetamine**

Agencies updated the committee on their plans and actions in relation to methamphetamine. It was agreed that a paper on what actions are being taken in New Zealand and internationally, incorporating a strategy for future action, should be prepared for MCDP.

**Health agreed to convene a working group to co-ordinate a paper to go to the MCDP to provide an update on methamphetamine and to recommend a strategy for action.**

### **5. Research into Amphetamine Type Stimulants**

Police presented a paper proposing a research programme relating to the impact on crime of, and monitoring systems for amphetamine type stimulants in New Zealand. It was suggested that Police provide an in depth presentation on the proposal to interested agencies. Health, Corrections, Justice, Youth Affairs, Education and Social Development all indicated support for the research.

**It was agreed to note the paper.**

**It was agreed that Police would convene a sub-group comprising Corrections, Justice, Youth Affairs, Health, Education and Police to consider development of a briefing paper for the MCDP on the project and to tie the research project in with actions to be taken on agenda item 4.**

## **6. Performance and Image Enhancing Drugs**

Customs presented a discussion paper relating to the difficulties of deterring, detecting and following up the illegal importation of performance and image enhancing drugs.

**It was agreed that Customs would convene a sub-group comprising Health, Customs and Police and invite Medsafe and Sport and Recreation New Zealand to participate. This working group will make recommendations to the IACD as to the most appropriate action to be taken.**

## **7. Items for Brief Update**

- **Drug Assisted Sexual Assault** - Police updated the IACD as to their work on a campaign to raise awareness of drug-assisted sexual assault.
- **United nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs** - Police briefed the IACD on the 2002 meeting of the CND that was held in Vienna in March 2002. The next meeting to be held in March 2003 will be attended by Ministers and will require a report on achievement of objectives set down for 2003.

**It was agreed that Police would convene a working group including Health, Customs and Justice and would invite the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to participate. This working group will make recommendations to the MCDP regarding appropriate attendance at the 2003 CND meeting.**

- **Transnational Financial Authorities** - Police briefed the committee on issues relating to the boarding of ships on the high seas.

**It was agreed that Police, NDIB and Customs will discuss an appropriate action and report back to the next meeting.**

- **NDP Website** - Health encouraged IACD agencies to post NDP related materials on the NDP website to ensure that the public was provided with relevant information on Government Drug Policy.

**It was agreed that the minutes of IACD meetings will be posted on the NDP website as soon as is appropriate.**

**Health agreed to forward information on site visit figures for the NDP website to all IACD agencies.**

- **Cannabis Inquiry** - Health updated the committee as to the current status of the cannabis inquiry. The inquiry under the previous Parliament finished without reporting back to the House. It is at the new Health Committee's discretion as to whether a new inquiry is initiated.

- **Needle exchange programme** - Health updated the committee on the current status of the Needle Exchange Programme.
- **Future of NDP** - The draft letter to CEOs on the future of the NDP was discussed.

**ALAC agreed to provide wording to be included relating to the future of the National Alcohol Strategy.**

**The IACD secretariat agreed to include a date for response in the letter.**

- **Drug Education** - community based initiatives - Youth Affairs and Education provided a brief update on the setting up of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Drug Education (MAGDE).

**Youth Affairs and Education agreed to provide a paper on MAGDE to the next IACD meeting.**

- The URGE website funding issues were discussed.
- The International Drugs and Young People Conference expected to be held in Wellington in 2003 was discussed.

## **8. Next Meeting**

To be decided once an MCDP meeting is organised.