

INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

*25 March 2008, 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Ministry of Health, Rooms 4.01 & 4.02, 1 The Terrace, Wellington*

MINUTES

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees - IACD Agencies	
Chris Laurenson (Chair)	Dave Negri (Customs)
Olivia Stapleton (Health)	Jo Brider (Education)
Bruce Atmore (Health)	Grant Guillosson (MSD)
Susan Edwards (Health)	Ruth Richards (MSD)
Sara McFall (Health)	Kirsty Ruddlesden (Corrections)
Frances Voykovich (Health)	Stuart Mills (NDIB)
Megan Larken (ALAC)	Jo Brider (Education)
Wendy Moore (ALAC)	Fiona Roberts (Justice)
Laura Hayton (NDIB)	Virginia Andersen (Police)
Te Atarangi Whiu (TPK)	Jonathan Lyall (Police)

Apologies	
Olivia Tuatoko (Health)	Claire Helliwell (Customs)
Vanessa Schuster (PI Affairs)	Alex Travis (Justice)
Laurie Gabites (Local Govt)	Anna Mills (CYFS)
Jenny Wolf (Health)	

Guests
Adrian Slack and Dr Ganesh Nana (BERL)

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, in particular Adrian Slack and Dr Ganesh Nana from Business and Economic Research Limited (BERL).

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 24 July 2007

Members agreed that the minutes from the IACD meeting held on 24 July 2007 be approved and placed on the NDP website.

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 24 July 2007

3.1.1 Minute item 5 Agency updated

Customs advised that the issue of illegal tobacco product manufacturing is currently being considered by a Select Committee.

3.1.2 Minute item 6 Administration and NDP Governance Issues

Health advised that the IACD Term of Reference have been distributed to IACD members.

3.1.3 Minute item 6.1 Progress of Working Groups

The Alcohol and Illegal Drug Monitoring Report is to be discussed at agenda item 5a.

The National Alcohol Action Plan is to be discussed at agenda item 7b.

The Child and Maternal Health Action Plan on Alcohol and Other Drugs is to be discussed at agenda item 7a.

3.1.4 Minute item 6.2 NDP Discretionary Grant Fund

Health advised that the MCDP has approved to fund 12 proposals in the 2007/2008 funding round.

3.1.5 Minute item 7 Action Plans

The Illegal Drug Harm Index is to be discussed at agenda item 4.

3.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM WORKSHOP 30 November 2007

3.2.1 Minute item 5.2 Demand Reduction – Social Marketing Campaign

The Secretariat has issued an invitation for interested members to develop a working group.

3.2.2 Minute item 5.3 Evidence On-line

A subcommittee to oversee the potential Evidence On-Line website led by Health.

3.2.3 Minute item 6.1 NDP Discretionary Grant Fund

The National Drug Policy (NDP) Discretionary Grant Fund is to be discussed at agenda item 6.

3.2.4 Minute item 6.2 Future Planning

The communiqué to the Minister updating him on the issues and points of interest raised by the IACD Workshop is to be discussed at agenda item 8.

4. **ILLEGAL DRUG HARM INDEX** (Adrian Slack and Dr Ganesh Nana from BERL)

Adrian Slack and Dr Ganesh Nana from BERL presented the completed New Zealand Drug Harm Index (NZDHI) model to members. The development of the New Zealand specific Drug Harm Index was commissioned by the New Zealand Police from a Cross Departmental Research Pool.

The main objective of the NZDHI, is to quantify drug related costs, which will not just identify how expensive the problems is, but also identify where the avoidable costs lie, and what could be done to minimise them. Three broad categories of cost are considered: direct costs, indirect costs and intangible costs.

The study suggests that drug harm in New Zealand is substantial with illicit drug use causing an estimated \$1,313 million of social harm in 2006. The final report is due to be finalised in April 2008. A copy of the presentation is available from the Secretariat upon request.

The Committee noted that that Police intends to lead the development of a media plan for the release of the NZDHI, in consultation with the Steering Group and other member agencies. The Steering Group comprises Police, Customs, Health and Justice.

Action:

The Committee noted:

- a) **the model that has been developed for the New Zealand Drug Harm Index (NZDHI).**
- b) **that Police will work with BERL to develop a plan for maintaining the NZDH.**
- c) **that Police will lead the development of a media plan for the release of the NZDHI, in consultation with the Steering Group and other member agencies, following acceptance of the NZDHI by the Ministerial Committee on Drug Policy (MCDP).**

The Committee agreed that:

- d) **a paper regarding the NZDHI and the development of a media release be submitted to the MCDP for the April 2008 meeting.**

- e) Police will discuss with the Minister of Police, Hon Annette King, on whether the paper will request that MCDP either note or agree to the media release for the NZDHI.
- f) Police will discuss with the Chair of MCDP to have BERL present the NZDHI to the MCDP.

The Chair thanked Adrian Slack and Dr Ganesh Nana for their thought provoking presentation and the guests left the meeting.

5. AGENCY UPDATES

5.1 Illegal Drug Monitoring Report (JUSTICE)

Members clarified the procedure to update the Illegal Drug Monitoring Report. It was agreed that Justice will initiate a reminder to all agencies to provide an update on relevant projects; and each agency will send their updates to Justice who will be responsible for compiling the final update paper. It was noted that the title of the report should reflect both illegal and legal drugs in the future (i.e. remove 'illicit') as projects covering both alcohol and illicit drugs are reported. It was also noted that several projects in the report still need to be updated by relevant agencies.

Action:

Each agency is to review the progress of all projects and report back to Justice by Friday 28 March in order to have an updated report for the MCDP meeting in April 2008. Specific items that require further updates are:

Item number	Title	Responsible agency
2.	Club Mark	ALAC to contact ACC
5.	Marketing Component of Drinking Culture Change Programme	ALAC
10.	Methamphetamine Action Plan	Health
11.	Review of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975	Health
12.	Classification of BZP	Health
17.	Multi-Agency Liquor Enforcement (MALE)	Police
19.	Effective Interventions	Police
22.	Substance Impairment Project	Transport

5.2 Ministry of Transport Update

Transport informed members that the Land Transport Amendment Bill is being considered by a Select Committee. The Select Committee report back date has been extended until 30 June 2008 and the Amendment Bill has a Cabinet

priority of Category 5 (instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to be provided in the year).

Transport is scheduled to report back to Policy Cabinet Committee in May 2009 on random drug testing. A working group has been established to further investigate this issue and Transport welcomes participation from interested agencies.

Action:

Agencies interested in participating in the working group established to address random drug testing should make contact with Helen Fielding from Transport.

5.3 NZ-ADAM

Police advised members that the New Zealand Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (NZ-ADAM) has been released and will be on the Police and National Drug Policy (NDP) websites shortly.

6. PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUPS

NDP Discretionary Grant Fund recommendations

The IACD subcommittee, which was established to review proposals for the 2008/2009 funding round of the NDP Discretionary Grant Fund, reported their recommendations on the funding for individual proposals to the Committee. The subcommittee comprised Health, Police, and Education. In total the IACD Secretariat received 18 proposals for funding in the 2008/2009 round.

The IACD subcommittee reported that the delivery dates for many projects was a determining factor for which proposals were recommended. Most proposals recommended for funding were linked to the Funds priority areas; however, one member commented that the relevance of proposals to priority areas was often indirect. It may be useful to consider a more proactive approach in order to avoid duplicate proposals and to receive proposals in future rounds that are directly related to agencies' priorities.

In the event of an under-spend of the total fund, the IACD subcommittee requested that the Committee make a recommendation to fund one of three proposals that the IACD sub-committee considered to have merit. On balance, it was considered that the University of Otago proposal on the "*Evaluation of a community-based initiative to reduce alcohol-related harm and disorder*" was unique and the focus on youth and alcohol would be useful.

Actions:

The Committee agreed to recommend to the MCDP the following proposals for funding:

- a) Life to the Max Horowhenua, for funding of \$81,562.50 (GST incl)
- b) Auckland UniServices on “Dangerous Consumption VI Symposium,” for funding of \$21,700 (GST incl)
- c) University of Otago on “Use of opportunity for drug and alcohol advice in General Practice,” for funding of \$17,000 (GST incl)
- d) NZ Drug Foundation on “Drug Driving in NZ,” for funding of \$101,200 (GST incl)
- e) SHORE on “The prevalence, availability, price and harms of BZP Party Pills following their prohibition in NZ: Comparison of national household survey results from 2006 and 2009,” for funding of no more than \$160,000 (GST incl)
- f) SHORE on “The use of illicitly diverted pharmaceuticals by frequent drug users in NZ: A proposed extension of the 2008 Illicit Drug Monitoring System (IDMS),” for funding of \$45,018 (GST incl)
- g) Educating NZ on “Develop guidelines for schools on implementing drug education through the new NZ Curriculum,” for funding of \$91,500 (GST incl)
- h) SHORE on “Drug use and driving: A proposed extension of the 2008 Illicit Drug Monitoring System,” for funding of \$9,729 (GST incl)
- i) Wellington Community Alcohol and Drugs Service, CCDHB on “Community Outreach Project,” for funding of \$200,291 (GST incl)
- j) Alcohol Healthwatch on “Establishing multi-disciplinary diagnostic services for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in Aotearoa New Zealand: An evaluated process,” for funding of \$161,100 (GST incl)

The Committee also agreed to recommend to the MCDP for funding the University of Otago proposal on the “*Evaluation of a community-based initiative to reduce alcohol-related harm and disorder*” at a negotiated price.

7. ACTION PLANS

7.1 Child and Maternal Health Action Plan on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HEALTH/ALAC)

Health updated the Committee on the development of the Child and Maternal Health Action Plan on Alcohol and Other Drugs (the action plan), which aims to address Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and the effects of maternal drug use.

The action plan is being developed by an IACD working group comprising Health (Chair), ALAC, Corrections, Education, Justice, and Social Development/Child Youth and Family Services. Health and ALAC are jointly leading this project.

Actions:

The Committee noted that:

- a) the working group is planning a targeted consultation on the draft action plan in early 2009.
- b) Health has prepared a report for Hon Damien O'Connor, the Minister responsible for the alcohol portfolio, recommending that he seek MCDP agreement or noting of the development of the action plan.

The Committee agreed that the IACD working group:

- c) develop a cross-government action plan under the *National Drug Policy 2007-2012* to address FASD and the effects of other drug use in pregnancy.
- d) develop a discussion document for initial targeted consultation in August 2008 with experts and relevant agencies to inform the draft action plan.

7.2 National Alcohol Action Plan (HEALTH/ALAC)

Health and ALAC updated the Committee on progress with the development of the National Alcohol Action Plan (NAAP). The draft NAAP provides a framework to identify and prioritise actions for implementation, outlining an overarching vision, aim, and goals, while consolidating current work and proposed actions at both a national and a local level. It also suggests possible future actions for consideration during consultation

The NAAP will need to include actions that are already being done and those that agencies already have planned that could contribute to the NAAP goals. The draft NAAP for consultation will also include possible actions that agencies are willing to consider progressing if they are supported in consultation feedback.

The working group acknowledged the tight timeframe for consultation on the draft NAAP before the election, during June and July 2008. It is intended that the NAAP will be finalised in 2009.

Actions:

The Committee noted:

- a) the contents of this report and the attached draft National Alcohol Action Plan (NAAP).
- b) that NAAP working group members will be discussing possible NAAP actions within and between agencies before 2 April.
- c) that agencies will receive an out-of-session IACD paper on 2 April requesting agency approval (out-of-session) by 11 April to send the draft NAAP to MCDP Ministers for consultation approval.
- d) that the sections in the consultation plan on consulting Maori and Pacific peoples, and the budget, are yet to be completed, and that agencies will be asked to support consultation.
- e) that following the consultation on the draft NAAP, agencies will consider how the actions can be incorporated into individual agency work programmes.

The Committee agreed to the:

- f) framework and approach (including all introductory material) to the NAAP in the attached draft.
- g) attached consultation plan for the NAAP.

8. OTHER ITEMS

8.1 Communique on the IACD Workshop

The Committee noted the Communique on the IACD Workshop.

9. EXPERT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (EACD) UPDATE (SECRETARIAT)

The Committee noted the EACD update.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Methamphetamine Action Group (MAG)

Health reported that the next Methamphetamine Action Group (MAG) meeting will likely be convened after the next MCDP meeting. The MAG is likely to discuss the NDIB precursors report; Project Stop; and the recommendations from the Matt Nice report entitled "*Using an Outcome-based Framework to Analyse Drug Policies upon Methamphetamine Markets: A Comparison of New Zealand and the United States (Oregon)*".

10.2 United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UNCND)

The Chair updated the Committee on the 51st session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (UNCND) where New Zealand had a delegation of Police, Customs and Health representatives. The 10 year goals that were set under the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) in 1998 were discussed and over 20 resolutions were considered.

The Ministerial segment will be held in 2009 where it is likely that they will agree to the political agenda for the next 10 years.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next IACD meeting will be advised by the Secretariat.

Agencies willing to host the meeting were invited to contact the Secretariat.

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