



INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

Tuesday 4 February 2003

*Ministry of Health, Northland/Karori
Rooms*

2.00 pm – 3.20 pm

*1st Floor, Old Bank Building,
Wellington*

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions (9.00 am – 9.05 am)

Attendees - IACD Agencies		IACD Secretariat / Health (NDP Team)	
George Smollet – Customs Alan Smith – Customs Dave Negri – Customs		Matthew Andrews	Acting Chair
Wendy Moore – ALAC		Caroline Greaney	
Sandra Meredith – Youth Affairs		Clare Bear	
Dale Walker – TPK		Martin Doyle	
Abba Fidow – Min Pac		Nicola Holden (for part)	
Ruth Lawton – Education			
Richard Living – Courts			
Grant Strachan – LTSA			
Richard Schurr – NDIB			
Michael Webb – Police			
Alison Stephens – Justice			
Turei Reedy – Corrections			
Chris Laurensen – Minster O'Connor's Office			

Apologies

Mike McAvoy – ALAC	
Terry Huriwai – Health	
Inna Koning – Treasury	
Bill Frith – LTSA	
Fiona Coy – CYF	
Monique Leerschool - Youth Affairs	

2. Matters Arising (2.00 pm – 2.04 pm)

The Minutes from the last meeting were discussed, with an agreed amendment to the third bullet point under the heading "Transnational Financial Authorities"

3. Drug and Alcohol Action Plan (2.04 pm – 2.06 pm)

Justice gave a brief update on the Action Plan. The plan has been sent to 160 Non-Government Organisations, with comments due back from the NGO's by 19 February 2003. It was clarified that the Action Plan fits in under the National Drug Policy. There was also a brief discussion of the Monitoring Report and The Alcohol Stocktake.

4. Advertising Standards Authority Review of Alcohol Advertising (2.11pm – 2.25 pm)

There was a discussion as to whether IACD should develop a joint collaborative submission to the review of liquor advertising, focussing on the NDP framework in relation to advertising. Individual agencies are still free to make their own submissions.

It was agreed that a working group consisting of ALAC, Health, Youth Affairs, Education and TPK would meet and discuss a possible submission.

5. Alcohol Excise Duty (2.25 pm – 2.27 pm)

There was a brief discussion on the Excise Tax paper for MCDP. It was noted that Treasury support the paper. It will now go to MCDP.

It was agreed that any further comments on the draft paper would be sent to ALAC. ALAC will send a copy of the final paper to IACD agencies at the same time it goes to the Minister.

6. Prohibiting Alcoholic products deemed not in the best interest of the community (2.27 pm – 2.45 pm)

Discussion took place about the substance of the paper.

It was agreed that ALAC and Health will work together to re-draft the paper so that it focuses on what has happened internationally, and the domestic processes and legal checks that would arise if this issue were developed for New Zealand.

7. Items for Brief Update (2.45 pm – 3.20 pm)

- **Tobacco Control Research Strategy** – there was a discussion about whether the Strategy is consistent with the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and whether the Strategy should be endorsed. Anyone interested in seeing a copy should contact Matthew Andrews.
- **Needle Exchange Legislative Amendment** – Health gave a brief update on this legislative bid.
- **6 Monthly IACD updates** – Health asked the agencies that had not yet forwarded the IACD updates for this 6-month period to forward them by Friday 7 February.
- **NDP Update** – Health updated IACD on the next issue of the NDP update.
- **Future of NDP** – Discussion over when a review of the NDP will be initiated.
- **Cannabis Utensils Notice** – Health and Customs briefed the committee on the policy objectives around this proposed notice and its current status.
- **Pseudoephedrine working group** – Health gave a brief update on current scoping of initiatives for Police, Customs and Medsafe. Working group meets on 4 February 2003.
- **Methamphetamine Action Plan** – Brief update on progress.
- **Commission on Narcotic Drugs 46** - Police briefed the IACD on the 2003 meeting of the CND that will be held in Vienna. Minister Anderton will attend this meeting. The Minister will be briefed by Health with a support from Police and Customs.
- **The International Drugs and Young People Conference** – This conference is to be held in Wellington in May was discussed.
- **NDP Website** – Police queried the updating of the website. Health noted that the website will be updated, and is looking to replace the website with a design that is more user-friendly. Health encouraged IACD agencies to post NDP related materials on the NDP website.

8. Next Meeting

To be decided once an MCDP meeting is organised.