

INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 4 May 1999, 2.00 pm - 3.45 pm

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Dr Gillian Durham, Ministry of Health, (Chair)
Mr Kerry Harvey, Ministry of Education
Ms Michelle Levy, Te Puni Kokiri
Ms Catherine Coates, Police
Mr George Smollet, New Zealand Customs Service
Mr Dave Negri, New Zealand Customs Service
Ms Vivienne Morrell, Ministry of Justice
Mr Bruce Asher, Department of Corrections
Ms Sandra Meredith, Youth Affairs
Dr Mike MacAvoy, Alcohol Advisory Council
Ms Kate Cosgrove, Health Funding Authority
Mr Jim Harper, Crime Prevention Unit (CPU)

Secretariat

Mr Matthew Allen, Ministry of Health
Ms Brigid Wilson, Ministry of Health
Mr Paul Marriott- Lloyd, Ministry of Health
Ms Nicola Chapple, Ministry of Health

SUMMARY OF ACTION ARISING

Agenda item 1 - Introductions

- The Chair welcomed members to the third Inter-Agency Committee on Drugs meeting, and each member briefly introduced themselves.

Agenda item 2 - Minutes of 30 November 1998

- The minutes of the previous IACD meeting were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

Agenda item 3 - Membership of the IACD

- The attendance of the IACD by a representative from the Department of Social Welfare was discussed.

Action arising:

IACD Secretariat to ensure that a representative from the Department of Social Welfare is invited to the next IACD meeting.

Agenda item 4 - Update on IACD work and Action Arising

Initiative	Lead Agency	Progress
National Drug Survey	Health	This project is on track for release in June/early July 1999. Unsure as to the final format of the report.
Review of Data and Research	TPK Health	This project has been delayed due to some personnel changes. TPK will concentrate on cannabis and Health [Tony Walzl] will liaise with contacts regarding research on hard drugs. Both will be completed by May 31 deadline.
Co-ordinated and Accessible Resources, Information, Research and Databases	ALAC	An excellent resource on A&D providers has been completed. A list of available resources and data is being prepared. ALAC has identified a number of holes in the health data with respect to drugs. These will be highlighted in the final report to Ministers. On track for 31 May. Education advised that they have a web site where drug education resources that have been reviewed by MoE are listed. Members agreed that we should link in with this.
Development of NDP Indicators	Health	The development of indicators is progressing and will draw upon an indicators framework developed in the United Kingdom, time-willing. To support these indicators the production

of a biennial drug statistics report was discussed and endorsed (see below).

Enhanced Intelligence Gathering

Police
Customs

Ongoing. Able to report by end of May on progress [suggest include information on proposed amendments to Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 1978].

Economic, Social and Community Development

TPK
Health

An emphasis has been placed on working in with intersectoral initiatives such as Strengthening Families (SF), the Youth Suicide Strategy, and HFA initiatives in the East Cape. The IACD Secretariat is working with SF people in the MoH to try to promote:

- Family Start pilot(s) with an A&D component
- Social workers in schools with A&D training
- Pamphlets in WINZ on A&D and key contacts

The CPU provided a list of community-based initiatives that had received funding in Australia, for consideration by IACD agencies.

Te Puni Kokiri to consider further work or projects in this area and to report back to IACD Secretariat and

		ultimately to MCDP.
Review of Drug Education in Schools	Education	This is well underway. Education will require agencies to respond to the report quickly, it is likely to be ready for review on 17 May.
Development of National Evidence Based Guidelines on Drug Education	Education	Has been contracted out - on track.
Development of Guidelines for Safe Dance Parties	Health	Contractor being appointed this week. Health will require agencies to respond to the draft guidelines quickly, they are likely to be ready for review in the first week of June.
Treatment Services Gap Definition	HFA	This project has been delayed due to some personnel changes. The HFA will require agencies to respond to the report quickly, it is likely to be ready for review on 21 May.
Police Drug Strategy	Police	The strategy is rather high level, identifying Police priorities. It will be agreed to by the Australian and New Zealand Police Commissioners and outputs developed in July. There will then be a need to consult. Will be able to brief MCDP on progress at the next MCDP meeting.
Enhanced Border Interdiction	Customs	Ongoing. Ionscan equipment and

Techniques		specialist profiling are two of the issues we can brief MCDP on.
Controlled Drug Prescription Intelligence	Health	This project is on track, however, the IACD Secretariat will follow up with the project leader to ensure that the project is not in isolation and includes treatment issues.
Reducing Drug Use by Offenders in Prison or on Community Based Sentences	Corrections	Project has exceeded expectations. A special drugs unit is to be established at Rollerston. A protocol on methadone treatment in association with the HFA has been drafted. It will be distributed for IACD consultation at a later date.
Review Classifications of Controlled Substances	Police Health	Work surrounding the reclassification of Ecstasy and the development of an expeditious scheduling mechanism has been completed. It is subject to Cabinet approval on 10 May 1999 [subsequently deferred by Cabinet to 24 May].
Drug Paraphernalia Gazette Notice	Health	Draft notice prepared and consultation to be undertaken between 8 May and 6 June 1999 (1 month).
Review of the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Act 1966	Health	On time to report back with summary of submissions, options and suggested action.

**Review of School
Suspension Policies**

Education

To report back by 31
May 1999 on progress.

Agenda item 5 - Reports to MCDP

- The format for reports to the MCDP meeting (23 June 1999) was discussed. The IACD Secretariat's draft guidelines were considered and there were no suggestions for amendment.

Action arising:

IACD Secretariat to circulate finalised guidelines for preparation of MCDP reports [Attached].

All agencies to prepare reports by 7th June using the attached format and e-mail reports directly to the Secretariat to allow them to prepare a summary paper for MCDP [list of reports due, and agencies responsible, attached].

IACD Secretariat to contact Hon Wyatt Creech's office to arrange the next MCDP meeting for mid June [Subsequently arranged meeting for 23 June, 5pm. Details to follow. Would members please be available to attend].

Agenda item 6 - Communications

- Members discussed the issue of communicating implementation of the National Drug Policy. It was determined that this was area where more work was required.

Action arising:

Explore opportunities for communicating the implementation of various National Drug Policy strategies or ongoing drug-related work such as illicit drug seizures.

IACD Secretariat to prepare a draft article for members' newsletters.

IACD resolved not to produce an advance communications strategy for MCDP but rather to provide a time-line on project outputs. IACD Secretariat to develop this from members' reports.

Agenda item 7 - Funding bids

Several possible funding bids were identified:

- the collection of data to rectify identified information gaps (ALAC)
- treatment and early intervention initiatives (HFA)
- the development of a youth web site (ALAC will provide expertise)
- social, economic and community development (TPK to provide suggestions)

Action arising:

Consider presenting the MCDP with outlines for possible future funding bids (identified lead agencies to prepare proposals). These are to be preliminary proposals only - MCDP will be asked whether it wants them to be further developed by the IACD.

IACD Secretariat to draw this together as a paper for MCDP.

All IACD agencies to consider further options for possible future funding bids.

Agenda item 8 - Possible new initiatives**Pamphlet for parents**

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs is producing a resource for parents which will provide information on where to access alcohol and drug abuse information and assistance. This will be circulated, via the IACD Secretariat, to all IACD agencies for comment. This could also form part of the report back to Ministers at the next MCDP meeting.

Action arising:

The IACD Secretariat to circulate a draft of the pamphlet for comment [circulated on 13 May].

Youth Affairs to provide a briefing with the finalised resource for the MCDP meeting.

Combined statistics publication

- The IACD Secretariat outlined the proposal that the New Zealand Health Information Service (NZHIS) to co-ordinate the preparation of a combined drug statistics publication, including data from a range of agencies with an interest in reducing the harm caused by tobacco, alcohol, illicit and other drugs. There was general support for such a publication. Concern was expressed that to be relevant, the publication should not be published too often as this would prevent it including new data in each issue due to the time between, for example, surveys of drug use.

Action arising:

All IACD agencies to consider sharing data and supporting information with the NZHIS for the development of a prototype publication in 1999/2000 - target date for publication Jan/Feb 2000.

IACD Secretariat to continue discussions with the NZHIS over resource needs & practicalities of the proposed publication.

Website for youth

- The IACD Secretariat outlined a suggestion that a combined "youth web-site" be developed that includes sections (or links to other web sites) on tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, youth suicide, support services, mental health, and any other health & welfare issues for youth. There was general discussion over issues such as access and coverage, however there was general support for the idea.

Action arising:

ALAC to prepare a paper for MCDP on the proposal, including indicative costings

Other proposals

Action arising:

Would members please consider other options for new initiatives to reduce drug-related harm.

Agenda item 9 - Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Plan; Methadone project

- The HFA will be releasing a draft strategic report on treatment and early intervention in approximately six months.
- The HFA is carrying out an assessment of the methadone project, including best use of resources, implications of waiting lists, etc.

Action arising:

The IACD Secretariat to circulate drafts for comment when available.

The HFA to advise whether the strategic report on treatment and early intervention will include health promotion activities.

Agenda item 10 - Funding co-ordination

- The issues of funding co-ordination was raised to ensure consistency and avoid the duplication of resources. The development of a lead agencies protocol amongst the main funders was discussed.

Action arising:

ALAC to promote/facilitate the establishment of a committee for joint agency consideration of funding bids for drug and alcohol programmes. Membership of this sub-committee could include ALAC, the HFA and the Ministry of Education as well as the Hillary Commission, Lotteries Grants Board, SIPFA, Department of Internal Affairs and CPU.

Agenda item 11 - CPU funding for a community-based programme on the East Coast

- Jim Harper discussed the intention of the Crime Prevention Unit to fund a community-based programme on the East Coast. He outlined how a GAIN programme had been proposed and was being considered.

Action arising:

Agencies provide comments directly to the CPU on the GAIN proposal.

Agenda item 12 - Other business

- Bruce Asher from the Department of Corrections advised that his position on the IACD is to be taken by Ms Anne Hartley as he has taken up an appointment with the State Services Commission.

Action arising:

Thanks Bruce for your contributions to the IACD.

- Catherine Coates discussed her trip to the Australasian conference on drug strategy.

Action arising:

The IACD Secretariat to create a register of D&A conferences to circulate to IACD members and to co-ordinate attendance