

# INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

1 November 2004, 2:00pm – 5:30pm  
Ministry of Health, 180 Molesworth Street

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Attendees - IACD Agencies	IACD Secretariat / Health (NDP Team)	
Sandra Kirby– ALAC	Ashley Bloomfield	Chair
Wendy Moore – ALAC	Chris Laurenson	
Doug Hancock – Transport	Helen Hunter	
Sue Montgomery – Corrections	Colin Lee	
Kim Williams – Health (NDIB)	Brendon Baker	
Michael Webb - Police	Jo Burgi	
Laurie Gabities – LGNZ	Kellee Koia	Secretary
Monique Leerschool – MYD		
George Smollett – Customs		
Harry Tam – TPK		
Alison Stephens – Justice		
Todd Krieble - DPMC		
Abba Fidow – Pacific Island Affairs		
Ruth Lawton – Education		
Terry Huriwai – Health		

#### Apologies

David Negri - Customs

### 2. Minutes of meeting of 11 August 2004

**Agreed that** the Minutes from the IACD meeting held on 11 August 2004:

1. Be approved subject to the following changes:

Attendees included Abba Fidow (Pacific Island Affairs), Ruth Lawton (Education).

Item 4: Should read '*No preferred option for the regulation of Alcohol Advertising was identified*'

Item 9: Title of handbook should read '*Strengthening Drug Education in School Communities*' and the words 'Practical Guide' be in plain font not italics.

2. Be authorised to be placed on the NDP website.

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Item 10 – Arrangements for management of New Zealand's ongoing donor contribution to the UNDCP have been agreed between Police and MFAT, with an expectation that a Vote transfer to Police will be effected through the October Baseline Update process.

Item 15 – The strategic issues workshop will be arranged following the adoption of the new National Drug Policy.

Item 15.2 – Informal meetings with interested IACD members will be held to disseminate information from IGCD meetings.

### 4. Discretionary Grant Fund

Eight applications to the NDP Discretionary Grant Fund were considered and agreement was reached on which of those met the criteria for funding and the appropriate funding levels for recommendation to the MCDP.

**Agreed:** that the Secretariat prepare a report for the consideration of the Ministerial Committee on Drug Policy including recommendations for funding according to three categories:

- Fundable
- Fundable but with reservations
- Not Fundable

Noted: that future-funding priorities would be considered at the Strategic Planning Workshop in 2005.

Monique Leerschool (MYD) advised of her conflict of interest regarding an application put in by the Ministry of Youth Development. Monique Leerschool left the meeting during the discussion of this application

### 5. NDP Review

Health provided an update on the NDP Review. A Steering Group Meeting would be convened within the next 2 weeks with the aim of finalising a draft NDP for consideration by the MCDP at its meeting on 30 November 2004.

**Agreed:**

***A copy of the draft NDP Review will be sent to all IACD members.***

### 6. Alcohol Advertising

At the last MCDP meeting, Minister O'Connor withdrew the Alcohol Advertising papers and the meeting agreed that Minister O'Connor would bring an options paper for regulating alcohol advertising in New Zealand to the next MCDP meeting. Minister O'Connor had not advised Health or ALAC of any changes he required to the papers.

**Agreed:**

***That Health would liaise with Minister O'Connor's office regarding his requirements for this item.***

## **7. Budget 2005 Process – Alcohol and other drug-related Initiatives**

Police invited any agencies that are intending to submit bids on alcohol- and other drug-related topics during the Budget 2005 process to alert other relevant IACD agencies about the proposed bids as soon as possible.

## **8. Endangerment of Children in Illicit Drug Laboratories**

Justice advised the Committee of a programme in the U.S where if officials bust a 'P' laboratory and there are children, the children are taken to hospital for tests prior to being sent to welfare and the parents are charged. Justice had prepared a paper on the issue for their minister, however it was not clear whether it would be on the MCDP agenda

**Noted:**

***That Justice would consult with their Minister to determine whether this item should be on the MCDP agenda.***

## **9. Issues regarding Enforcement of Liquor Law**

At its meeting on 31 August 2004 MCDP agreed that Police, Justice and health would report back to the MCDP on issues related to enforcement of liquor laws.

**Agreed:**

***That Health, Justice and Police would urgently convene a sub group to discuss the nature of the report back.***

## **10. Alcohol without Liquid (AWOL) Machines**

Customs provided an update to IACD members on the outcome of actions taken as a result of MCDP decisions at its meeting on 31 August 2004. No AWOL machine had been imported into either New Zealand or Australia that customs were aware of. Customs did not consider that importation of these machines was an area of concern at present.

Customs had prepared a paper for their Minister recommending that further Customs activities be suspended until further enquiries by other agencies had been completed. This paper had not been shared with IACD.

**Agreed:**

***Customs, Health and Justice to meet to consider further action on this matter.***

## **11. Monitoring Report on Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Action Plan**

Justice requested that agencies update the monitoring report in order that it could be referred to the next MCDP meeting. Police were particularly interested in

- Item 9: Process Evaluation Review Report (Justice)
- Items 10 + 11: Assessment of Alcohol and other drug-related problems (Corrections and Health)
- Item 14: Impact of Youth Alcohol and Drug Consumption and related harm (ALAC)

**Agreed**

***That agencies would advise Justice of updates to the Monitoring Report by 15 November 2004.***

## **12. Items for Brief Update**

### **12.a Coronial Enquiry**

The Ministries of Youth Development, Health and Education are preparing a joint written submission to the Wellington Coroner Judge Gary Evans relating to the Inquiry into the deaths of six young people in the Wellington region as a result of Volatile Substance Abuse. An update on the hearing was provided to the Committee.

Laurie Gabites advised of the successful work being done by Brisbane City Council with retailers in regard to volatile substances. Shops have agreed to display signs and receive a package and training. Laurie Gabites offered LGNZ assistance to work with relevant Ministries to trial the Brisbane model in Wellington. Laurie agreed to provide information to agencies on the Brisbane approach.

The Committee was advised that the hearings may take another 4-5 months to complete as the Coroner only sits one week per month.

**Agreed:**

***That LGNZ, Youth Development, Education and Health meet to discuss how a retailer initiative in Wellington might be trialled.***

### **12.b Alcohol in Pacific Meeting**

Recommendations from the SPC/WHO First Meeting on Alcohol in the Pacific meeting held from 28 to 30 September 2004 in Noumea were distributed for IACD member's information.

Health agreed to circulate a report on the meeting by the Ministry representative, as well as the Technical Report from the meeting to Police and any other interested IACD member agencies.

### **12.c ALAC Culture Change Programme**

ALAC updated IACD members on the Culture Change Programme and provided an outline on the Programme. The Programme uses social marketing approach across supply control, demand reduction and problem limitation.

ALAC advised that a report evaluating the media would be available for the next meeting.

### **12.d Development of Youth Arrest Referral Guidelines**

The Ministry of Youth Development indicated its interest in peer reviewing the draft guidelines before they were finalised.

***Noted:***

***That agencies not already involved in the project were invited to contact Police***

### **12.e 2005 CDRP Process Alcohol and other drug-related Initiatives**

Police advised IACD members of their proposal to the Cross Departmental Research Pool for a multi-centre study on optimising inter-agency enforcement activities to minimise alcohol-related harm and thanked agencies that had given their support. Formal expressions of support would be required when the submission proceeded to the next stage.

LGNZ noted its overall support for the Police CDRP proposal, but flagged that it would likely have significant resourcing implications if rolled out to some territorial local authorities (that do not have as strong networks as in areas like Wellington).

***Noted:***

- 1. That Police have been invited to submit a full bid for funding from the 2005 CDRP for a multi-centre study on optimising inter-agency enforcement activities to minimise alcohol-related harm***
- 2. That supportive IACD agencies will be asked to provide formal letters of support.***

## **12.f Misuse of Drugs Act – New Schedule**

Health advised other IACD members on the progress in developing a Supplementary Order Paper to the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill (No 3), and thanked agencies for their input during the development phase.

## **12.g Illicit Drugs and Alcohol Module of Health Behaviour Survey Update**

A progress report on these modules was considered and members advised to contact Leila Martley (Health) for further information.

## **12.h Illicit Drugs in Prisons**

Corrections had prepared a paper on Illicit Drugs in Prisons. It had been forwarded to Minister Anderton's office for distribution to MCDP members.

## **13. General Business**

**Pacific Drug and Alcohol Survey** - This would be published by SHORE in the next two months.

**Update on initiatives funded through Budget 2004** – Police requested that an update be provided at the next IACD meeting on progress that has been achieved on the development of training for secondary prevention, and alcohol and other drug clinicians at Courts, which are two initiatives that have been funded out of Budget 2004.

**The Ministry of Health 5 Year Plan for Tobacco Control in New Zealand** had been launched the previous week. Copies were available from the Ministry of Health.

**Methadone** –Health was preparing a report for Minister Anderton on the current status of Methadone therapies in New Zealand.

No date was set for the next IACD Meeting

**Meeting Closed:** 5:21pm