

# INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

2 February 2005, 1:30pm – 4:30pm  
Ministry of Health, 180 Molesworth Street

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Attendees - IACD Agencies	IACD Secretariat / Health (NDP Team)	
Wendy Moore – ALAC	Ashley Bloomfield	Chair
Sue Montgomery – Corrections	Chris Laurenson	
Darren Howells – Corrections	Helen Hunter	
Ross Judge – MSD	Megan Larken	
Monique Leerschool – MYD	Bruce Atmore	
Michael Webb – Police	Jo Burgi	
David Negri – Customs	Kellee Koia	Secretary
Adrian Fryer – Justice		
Ruth Lawton – Education		
Petra Makisi – Pacific Island Affairs		

Apologies	
Laurie Gabities – LGNZ	Terry Huriwai – Health
Harry Tam – TPK	
Todd Kriebel - DPMC	
Abba Fidow – Pacific Island Affairs	

### 2. Minutes of meeting of 1 November 2004

**Agreed that** the Minutes from the IACD meeting held on 1 November 2004:

1. Be approved subject to the following changes:

Item 10: Delete the following sentence *'This paper had not been shared with the IACD'*.

2. Be placed on the NDP website.

### 3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Item 12.d – MYD questioned when the draft youth arrest referral guidelines would be distributed for peer review. Police indicated that the intention was to circulate the draft guidelines to MYD for comment within the next week, and noted that they would be workshopped at the ALAC Working Together Conference in early March, to validate the approach recommended in the guidelines.

Item 12.e – Police advised IACD members that the Ministry of Research Science and Technology had recommended Police’s CDRP bid for funding to its Minister, and that a final decision from the Minister was expected by the end of February.

#### **4. MCDP Meeting 30 November 2004**

Members were asked for any comments and/or amendments to the draft minutes of the MCDP meeting that was held on 30 November 2004.

- Item 6: Police requested that the wording be changed from ‘*at the next meeting*’ to ‘*at a subsequent meeting*’.

#### **5. Opportunity For All**

Members discussed the report’s significance on alcohol and other drug related issues. Comments were made that the report endorsed an inter-agency approach to the issues and may raise support at chief executive level for initiatives. Some members were concerned that the current work of the IACD was not acknowledged in the report, and that duplication of the IACD could occur. MSD advised that this was not the intention of the report. The report also made aware the possibility of linkages with other key priority areas such as alcohol-related violence.

**Agreed:**

***That the Chairman would prepare a memorandum to Health’s Chief Executive regarding the IACD and the work it does.***

#### **6. Alcohol Without Liquid (AWOL) Machines**

Ministers were concerned about a worst-case scenario in relation to the possible incidence of AWOL machines in New Zealand. Officials were not aware of any AWOL machines in New Zealand.

**Agreed:**

***That Health would prepare a report to the MCDP advising that IACD considered that AWOL machines did not pose a risk to New Zealand at present. However, officials would keep a watching brief and a contingency plan would be put in place.***

#### **7. Drug Endangered Children**

There was a robust discussion regarding the context of the paper that would be put forward to the MCDP, taking into account the time constraints and updated data.

**Agreed:**

***Justice officials would prepare a paper for the MCDP that:***

- 1. Provides updated information, options and recommendations***
- 2. Includes the original paper, but as an appendix.***

## **8. Proposed Misuse of Drugs (Restricted Drugs) Amendment Bill (No3)**

MYD advised members about its concern for the implications of restricting volatile substances, a potential outcome of the SOP that was being considered by the Health Select Committee. MYD would like the Expert Advisory Committee on Drugs (EACD) to undertake extensive consultation with interest groups such as manufacturers and retailers before recommending any restrictions on these substances. MYD also suggested that LGNZ should work with manufacturers and retailers on a code of practice.

There was a discussion regarding the most effective way of ensuring that the EACD consults with interest groups, either through legislative process or via the EACD's Terms of Reference.

### **Noted:**

- 1. MYD's concern regarding the implications of restricting volatile substances.**
- 2. That Health and MYD would have further bilateral discussions on this issue.**

## **9. Update on Christchurch Youth Drug Pilot**

IACD members were advised of the press statement by Hon Phil Goff on the initial evaluation of the Christchurch Youth Drug Pilot.

### **Agreed:**

***That Justice would provide a paper for MCDP that will include key results of the study.***

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

- Project 2 & 11: MYD was not aware that they had been consulted on these projects - *ALAC would follow this up.*
- Project 10: It was agreed to remove the paragraph that began with '*The process.....2003*' – Justice would *follow up with the MoH's Mental Health Directorate.*
- Project 8 & 9: Corrections advised that the draft had been received from Health, a meeting had been held, feedback had been given by Corrections, but the Ministry of Health have advised that there would be a delay in finalising the paper. It was agreed to replace '*IACD*' with '*IACD / MCDP*'  
*ALAC asked to be removed from process of this project – Drug and Alcohol Practitioner's Association Aotearoa-New Zealand would be asked to undertake peer review.*

- Project 12: The next draft of the NDP was expected to be completed by the end of February or early March. Government would then consider this before consultation could begin.

**Agreed:**

***That Justice would update the Monitoring Report Paper with the above amendments for MCDP.***

## **11. Items for Brief Update**

### **11.a Discretionary Grant Fund**

The Chairman advised of the follow-up work that was undertaken after the last MCDP meeting, which resulted in two applicants receiving funding, which had not been recommended funding by the IACD.

**Agreed:**

- 1. That Health would circulate to IACD members the amount awarded to each applicant.***
- 2. That Health would circulate to IACD members the current NDP Discretionary Grant Fund criteria with its comments on how they might be modified.***

### **11.b Pacific Drug and Alcohol Survey**

No issues were raised on this survey.

**Agreed:**

***That Health would liase with the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs to see if they would like this topic as an agenda item at the next IACD meeting.***

### **11.c Health Behaviour Survey**

Dr Barry Borman from Public Health Intelligence (PHI) was invited to discuss the progress of the Health Behaviour Survey.

The Health Behaviour Survey covered four areas – Drugs, Alcohol, Sexual and Reproductive Health, and Tobacco.

Drug Survey: Draft was due early the next week and the report was expected to be released before June 2005.

Alcohol Survey: This survey was 6 to 8 weeks behind the Drug Survey. The report was due before July 2005.

The Tobacco and Sexual and Reproductive Health surveys will follow from later this year.

Dr Borman discussed the quality of the data that is expected to be collected, response rates and modifying future drug and alcohol surveys based on this experience, so that they are smaller, with a more rapid turn-around.

Dr Borman advised that he would be happy give further briefings on the drug survey if required.

**Agreed**

***Committee requested a report back from PHI when data results of the drug survey and alcohol surveys are finalised, and before the date of the next IACD meeting, a list of questions used in the surveys for consideration.***

**11.d NDP Review**

Health advised that resources would be put into work on the suggestions from the Steering group and the aim was for the draft NDP Review to be completed by the end of February or early March 2005.

**11.e Retailer Initiative**

The meeting between LGNZ, MYD, Health and Education did not take place. However, MYD and LGNZ did meet and discussed whether adapting the retailer scheme would be suitable for New Zealand.

**Agreed:**

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

**11.f Proposal to Convene Symposium on Drug Driving**

Police advised IACD members that a Drug Driving initiative is going forward. An invitation for agencies to play a role in a symposium in May/June 2005 would be forwarded.

**12. General Business**

**Culture Change Programme** – ALAC advised that the first stage of the advertising campaign was to start on 15 February, with the launch date 1 March.

Appointments were being made with Chief Executives to discuss the Champions and Associates Programme. Members were advised that their Chief Executives might ask for a briefing on the programme. Members were advised to contact Wendy or Sandra Kirby for more information.

**Strategic Planning for IACD** – There was a discussion on the purpose of the Strategic Planning Session for IACD members including what members wanted to achieve and how its work linked back to the NDP.

**Agreed:**

***That the Secretariat would organise a half day Strategic Planning Session for IACD members when the NDP review had been finalised.***

**Update on initiatives funded through Budget 2004** – Further to its request at the 1 November 2004 IACD meeting, Police requested that an update be provided at the next IACD meeting on the progress that had been achieved on the development of training for secondary prevention, and alcohol and other drug clinicians at Court, which were two initiatives that had been funded out of Budget 2004.

**IACD Meetings** – ***Health would chart out dates for future IACD meetings and send to IACD members.***

**Meeting Closed: 4:36pm**