

INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS MEETING

*18 May 2005, 9:00am – 12:00pm
Ministry of Health, Old Bank Building*

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Attendees - IACD Agencies	IACD Secretariat / Health (NDP Team)	
Wendy Moore – ALAC	Cynthia Maling	Chair
Sue Montgomery – Corrections	Chris Laurenson	
Ross Judge – MSD	Megan Larken	
Ruth Richards – MSD	Jo Burgi	
Michael Webb – Police	Kellee Koia	Secretary
David Negri – Customs		
Ruth Lawton – Education		
Cathye Haddoc – Education		
Pat McCabe – Justice		
Simon Davidson-Hood – Justice		
Ruth Lawton – Education		
Abba Fidow – Pacific Island Affairs		
Stacey Crutch – TPK		
Kayleen Katene – Health		
Terry Huriwai – Health		
Douglas Hancock – Transport		

Apologies	
Todd Krieble - DPMC	Ashley Bloomfield – Health
Monique Leerschool – MYD	Laurie Gabites - LGNZ
Alison Stephens – Justice	

2. Minutes of meeting of 2 February 2005

Agreed that the Minutes from the IACD meeting held on 2 February 2005:

1. Be approved subject to the following changes:

Item 5: The word '*Opportunities*' would be changed to '*Opportunity*'.

Item 8: Completion of the second paragraph.

2. Be placed on the NDP website.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Item 5 – MSD advised members that a two-page report would be released on 26 May 2005.

Item 11.e – ***Agreed that this item would be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.***

4. MCDP Meeting 15 February 2005

Members were asked for any comments and/or amendments to the draft minutes of the MCDP meeting that was held on 15 February 2005.

- Item 3: Illicit Drugs in Prisons – Corrections would follow-up with Hon Paul Swain to see if he would like to discuss this issue at the next MCDP meeting.
- Item 4: Update on Christchurch Youth Pilot – Justice have advised that it would be more appropriate for Health to take the lead on this issue and provide a report to Minister Anderton.
- Item 6: Licensing Trends – Justice have approached Judge Unwin to do a 15 min presentation at the next MCDP meeting, who has agreed to this.

5. NDP Discretionary Grant Fund

Twenty applications were received for the 05/06 round of the fund, requesting an approximate amount of \$2million. An IACD sub-committee was formed consisting of members from Police, Health, Corrections, MYD and Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs. The sub-committee has completed an initial evaluation of the proposals and has recommended that two applicants receive funding and went back to six applicants, asking for more information. Members also discussed the processes, which had been used to finalise funding agreements for the 2004 round of the NDPDGF, and how issues of intellectual property were dealt with. There was broad agreement that clear understandings should exist about how NDPDGF funded research and other reports should be handled, especially in terms of dissemination.

Agreed:

- 1. That the sub-committee would review the revised proposals, and would make recommendations to the MCDP. However, if there were any recommendations made that were outside of the paper provided, the wider IACD agencies would be notified.***
- 2. As Secretariat for the NDPDGF, Health committed to bring back the products of research from the 2004/2005 funding round for collective decision about possible publication and/or upload to the NDP website.***

6. Drug Endangered Children

The paper provided advised members on the progress of this topic, and Police also gave an explanation of the history on how the issue was first raised. Members discussed reframing the paper to ask what should be done to protect the rights and health of children.

Agreed:

- 1. that current Police practices whereby CYF is notified of children found in drug-related situations appear to be working well, and do not suggest the need to develop formal operational guidelines to cover this specific topic;**
- 2. that it has not yet been possible to advance the related matter of whether legislation could nonetheless be strengthened to deal more effectively with cases involving drug endangered children**
- 3. That the paper would go forward to the MCDP with the following changes:**
 - The background includes the Government's obligation to protect children**
 - Recommend inviting other agencies to be joined to do further work on this issue**
- 4. MSD would discuss with their Family, Youth section regarding this topic being on their work programme and would report back to Police.**

7. Alcohol Advertising

Members were advised that Health and ALAC were the lead agencies for this issue and were provided with an explanation of the paper provided. Members discussed the following issues:

- how the accumulation of evidence and issues around alcohol advertising pointed to the need for a Government-led review,
- whether the term 'advertising' needed to be defined,
- whether the scope of the paper should include pricing strategies,
- who constituted 'young people' in the goal,
- what type of review was appropriate and
- whether to leave in pricing strategies but explain better where it fitted in the context of alcohol promotion.

If members had any additional comments and/or questions, they were to contact Megan Larken at Health.

Agreed:

That a paper be prepared for the MCDP proposing:

- 1. that there is a need for a government-led review of the regulatory framework for alcohol advertising.**
- 2. that the goal of the review be to establish a regulatory framework that:**

- *ensures all liquor marketing does not conflict with or detract from the need for responsibility and moderation in liquor merchandising and consumption*
 - *minimises exposure of children and young people to alcohol marketing messages*
3. *that the scope of the review includes all forms of liquor advertising, including packaging and pricing strategies*
 4. *The review will focus on public health interest in line with Government policy on minimising harm caused by alcohol and encouraging drinking culture change.*
 5. *that the IACD recommends a ministerially-directed review and asks MCDP to do further work on exploring this or other options.*

8. National Drug Policy

The IACD Steering Committee worked with the Ministry of Health on the draft of the second National Drug Policy. Health advised that the next step would be for Joint-agencies to have senior management sign-off the paper *in order for it to be presented to MCDP.*

Agreed:

1. *to send any minor amendments to Jo Burgi ASAP, so a revised version would be sent to agencies for sign-off.*
2. *to approve the draft NDP (with any minor changes) for referral to individual agencies' senior management for sign-off.*
3. *members to provide agency-level sign-off to Jo Burgi by 20 June 2005.*

9. Project 8 & 9 of the Action Plan on Alcohol and Illicit Drugs

Members were given a general overview on the progress of Project 8 (Review assessment of the alcohol and drug related problems of the general population) and Project 9 (Review of alcohol and other drug treatment in New Zealand) of the Action Plan on Alcohol and Illicit Drugs from Health and Corrections.

Agreed:

That agencies would provide feedback to Kayleen Katene by Wednesday 25 May 2005.

10. Update on Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act

Health advised members that the paper provided was a noting paper regarding the progress of the bill.

11. Update on Drug Education Workshops for School Principals

MYD provided a paper that updated members on the progress of the Drug Education Workshops for School Principals. If agencies had any questions, they were to email Kellee Koia who would liaise with MYD.

12. Licensing Trends

Justice advised that they would be the lead agency for this issue. Judge Unwin has been invited to speak at the next MCDP meeting and Justice were in the process of preparing a paper that would provide a backdrop for Judge Unwin's speech.

13. Monitoring Report

Justice advised that the report had not been updated since the previous MCDP meeting. Members discussed having a covering paper that advised MCDP on the items that had been completed and/or addressed over the past 12 months. All agencies advised that they had found the Monitoring Report useful.

Agreed:

- 1. That Justice would provide a covering paper regarding what has been completed from the plan over the last 12 months, ~~including an update on progress achieved under the complimentary Methamphetamine Action Plan.~~**
- 2. That the covering paper would be sent to IACD agencies for comment before the paper went to MCDP.**

14. Items for Brief Update

14.a CND 48

Police and Health advised members of the forty-eighth session of the Commission of Narcotic Drugs (CND 48) that was held in Vienna.

Agreed:

That Justice would send an invitation to agencies to meet and discuss drug-related matters from the eleventh UN Crime Congress (held in Bangkok from 18-25 April 2005).

14.b Nitrous Oxide

Health advised that the initial focus of the paper was on the customs side, however Police have made an arrest in Auckland for possession on Tuesday 17 May.

14.c IGCD Meeting February 2005

The Australian Inter-Governmental Committee on Drugs (IGCD) performs a similar role to the IACD. New Zealand Health and Police officials have observer status on the IGCD. Health provided an update on the IGCD meeting that was held in Adelaide from 24 to 25 February 2005. If agencies had any questions, they were to contact Chris Laurensen.

IACD members noted the report on the IGCD meeting.

14.d Update on the Culture Change Programme

Members were advised of the progress of the Culture Change Programme to date including what has been happening, where and when. The paper provided advised that the overall work programme has other areas and is not just about the adverts that appear on television.

14.e Update on the progress of the development of training for secondary prevention, and alcohol and other drug clinicians at Court.

Health provided an updated on the progress of two of the alcohol and drug initiatives that were funded from the 2004 budget, these initiatives were:

- a. Addiction Treatment Practitioner at Court
- b. Secondary Prevention Addiction Resource and Training Package for Workers in Primary Care Settings.

15.General Business

Strategy Planning Session – *It was agreed that Health would organise a half-day strategy planning session for August 2005.*

Meeting Closed: 12:00pm