

# INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

*1 June 2006, 1:30am – 4:30pm  
Ministry of Health, 180 Molesworth Street, Wellington*

## MINUTES

### 1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND INTRODUCTIONS

<b>Attendees - IACD Agencies</b>	
Ashley Bloomfield (Chair)	Wendy Moore (ALAC)
Chris Laurenson (Health)	David Negri (Customs)
Sara Bennett (ALAC)	Lesley Daly (Police)
Helen Feilding (Transport)	Ruth Richards (MSD)
Laurie Gabites (Local Government)	Kirsty Ruddlesden (Corrections)
Terry Huriwai (Health)	Philippa Shallard (Justice)
Megan Larken (Health)	Sheridan Smith (Justice)
Anne Tuffin (Education)	Beth Watson (MSD)
Jo Burgi (Health)	Clare Van der Lem (Health)
Olivia Tuatoko (Health)	

<b>Apologies</b>	
Cynthia Maling (Health)	Vanessa Schuster (Pacific)
Alison Stephens (Justice)	Ian Macdonald (Education)
Kim Williams (NDIB)	

Dr Bloomfield welcomed members, and Olivia Tuatoko as a new member of the Secretariat.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 2 MARCH 2006

Members agreed that the Minutes from the IACD meeting held on 2 March 2006 be approved subject to the following changes:

- Attendee name "Ruddleston" be replaced with "Ruddlesden".
- Item 6: The word "possession" is replaced with the words "import/export".
- Be placed on the NDP website.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 2 MARCH 2006

It was noted that many of the action points from the 2 March 2006 meeting minutes were on the agenda and would be discussed during the meeting.

### 4. NDP DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUND

Twenty two applications were received for the 06/07 round of the fund, requesting an approximate amount of \$7,197,022.21. An IACD sub-committee was formed consisting of members from Health, NDIB, Corrections, and ALAC. The sub-committee had completed an initial evaluation of the proposals and had recommended that 9 applicants receive funding.

The paper summarised each proposal and the conclusions reached at the subcommittee meeting. Some of the proposals were triaged out as they had not met the criteria set. Three proposals were returned to submitters to be revised.

The Committee considered and discussed all of the proposals, largely agreeing with the IACD subcommittee's conclusions.

#### ***Agreed:***

***Members agreed to recommend to the MCDP the following proposals for funding:***

- ***Tracking trends in Population level drug use in NZ: Findings from national household surveying in 1998, 2001, 2003 and 2006; by SHORE, Massey University – for \$34,342.88***
- ***Development of evidence-based information on legal party pills; by Alcohol and other Drug Research Collaboration – for \$69,096.38***
- ***Extended Treatment Engagement: A pathway to better client outcome in the AOD treatment sector; by Clinical Research and Resource Centre, Waitemata DHB – for \$58,382.80***
- ***Prospective Study of Acute Toxicity from Piperazine Based Party Pills; by Department of Emergency Medicines, Christchurch Hospital – for \$31,950***
- ***Selling legal party pills post Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act 2005: a study of manufacturer, distributor and retailer knowledge, attitudes and practices; by ADRC, Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences, University of Auckland – to be funded for no more that \$150,000***
- ***Recreational Drug Using Behaviour and Legal Party Pills; by Victoria University of Wellington – for \$67,682.06***

- ***Treatment outcomes in Youth Dedicated therapeutic community programme; by National Addiction Centre, Christchurch School of Medicines and Health Sciences – for \$130,000***
- ***The effects on driving performance of the legal party pill BZP, alone and in combination with alcohol; by MRINZ – for \$45,000.***

***Members agreed to the following change to the subcommittee's recommendation:***

- ***Developing a Matrix of student learning outcomes for drug education levels 1-8; by Educating NZ will not be funded.***

***Members agreed that the proposal “Effects of increasing the minimum purchase age on school age youth”; by Injury Prevention Research Unit, University of Otago should be revisited by a team made up from Health, ALAC, Justice and possibly Social Development.***

## **5. REVIEW OF THE REGULATION OF ALCOHOL ADVERTISING**

A paper prepared for the review by Health officials outlined that Cabinet had approved the terms of reference. The Steering Group is made up of six representatives of government agencies, the CEOs of the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and Broadcasting Standards Authority (BSA) and two independent members.

## **6. ILLICIT DRUGS IN PRISONS**

The Committee was advised that the Minister of Corrections had directed changes to the MCDP paper, in particular to address the issue of addiction treatment services available for prisoners.

ALAC advised that as they had been asked to supply information to the National Committee for Addiction Treatment (NCAT) they would be happy to supply this information to Corrections as well.

***Agreed:***

***That ALAC and Corrections would share information on treatment and early intervention.***

## **7. DRUG RELATED PARAPHERNALIA**

An MCDP paper prepared by Health outlined policy proposals developed jointly by Health, Customs and Police to improve the workability of the Misuse of Drugs (Prohibition of Cannabis Utensils and Methamphetamine Utensils) Notice 2003, including advice from the Crown Law Office.

Health requested further comment from Police before the final paper was submitted to the MCDP.

***Agreed:***

***That Health would submit a revised paper with Police input to the MCDP.***

## **8. ITEMS FOR BREIF UPDATE**

### **8. 1 Drinking Culture Change Programme**

ALAC provided an update of work underway in the Drinking Culture Change Programme. The 'enhanced see' tactical media campaign was developed to address monitor findings, which indicated that while parents and people within higher socio-economic groups saw the problem of intoxication, they did not see themselves as part of the problem. The media information for this phase emphasises the information that drinking to intoxication is 'not just a youth issue.'

***Noted:***

***A television campaign as part of the ongoing ALAC Culture Change Programme is currently being screened.***

### **8. 2 Report back from CND 49**

A paper submitted by Health outlined the key points of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) conference in Vienna held on the 13-17 March 2006. Members' attention was drawn to Resolution 8 regarding Harm Minimisation on HIV/AIDS, which was opposed by the USA the previous year but was agreed to this year.

### **8. 3 Report from 17<sup>th</sup> Harm Reduction Conference**

A paper submitted by Health gave an overview of some of the discussions from this conference which was held in Vancouver from 30 April to 4 May 2006.

### **8. 4 Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy Meeting**

This meeting held in Perth, Australia on 15 May 2006 was attended by Hon Annette King, Minister of Police, and officials from Police and Health. There were two main items on the agenda from New Zealand's perspective. The first related to ALAC's application to Food Standards Australia New Zealand for alcohol containers to carry health advisory labels on the risks of alcohol consumption to pregnant women. While there was some support for the New Zealand position among Australian Ministers, the Australian Alcohol Guidelines currently allow some drinking during pregnancy. Ministers agreed that there is a need to revise these guidelines in light of current evidence.

The second item of importance to New Zealand was a presentation by Minister King on the new New Zealand Police Alcohol Action Plan.

### **8. 5 NDP Consultation Review Update**

An update by Health noted that the deadline for submissions had been extended to June 2006. The Chair stated that the attendance of the other agencies at consultation meetings was not as strong as desired for a cross-agency consultation process. In general, these people attending the meeting are very supportive of the principle of harm minimisation.

### **8. 6 Sale of Liquor Act Update**

Justice informed the members that there had been no further progress on the proposed amendment to the Sale of Liquor Act as work on supporting the Members Bill on Youth Harm Reduction had overtaken it as the priority.

### **8. 7 Harm Index Project**

Police advised that this project is continuing, but they consider that the value of the information obtained is of wider significance than just Police. They therefore believed that the information is to be “corporately owned”, i.e. across government in order for all agencies to contribute and have access to it.

### **8. 8 National FASD Strategy**

ALAC reminded the IACD of their application to FSANZ to include warnings on alcohol regarding the risks of alcohol consumption to pregnant women of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). ALAC also tabled a draft strategy to cover the treatment and diagnosis of FASD as well as educational and criminal issues related to FASD.

ALAC requested IACD's agreement to this strategy and suggested IACD form a subcommittee from relevant interested agencies to progress work in this area.

ALAC proposed that the strategy be developed jointly between themselves and Health, as the diagnosis and treatment areas are outside ALAC's field of expertise.

***Agreed:***

***Agencies would consider their involvement in an interagency working group and discuss this with ALAC.***

***That ALAC would arrange a presentation by ANAG to ALAC, Health, Education (Group Special Education), Corrections, and the Ministry of Social Development.***

***That the development of the strategy would be placed on the agenda of a future IACD meeting.***

## **8. 9 Volatile Substance Abuse**

A noting paper was submitted. Ministers will be discussing this issue with Barry Hellberg of the New Zealand Retailers Association at the MCDP meeting on 13 June 2006.

## **8. 10 Drug Policy Update Newsletter**

***Agreed:***

***To discontinue the publication of a hard copy Drug Policy Update Newsletter, following discussion with the MCDP Chair.***

## **8. 11 Illicit Drug Monitoring System (IDMS)**

Police requested input from other agencies on what they would like to do with the data collected. Members agreed with the importance of this IDMS, and wish to feed into the planning process to get the right data, and trends.

***Proposal:***

***Police to talk with Health, NDIB and other related agencies to further identify specific data requirements and how each agency will contribute.***

## **8. 12 NDP Discretionary Grant Fund Update on Projects Currently Funded**

This paper outlined progress with the previous projects that had been funded.

***Agreed:***

***That the Chair will follow up on reports that had not been received.***

## **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Strategic Planning Day**

Ideas were requested for a strategic planning day. There was agreement that the topic of drug education is a high priority.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed by the secretariat.