



INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

23 June 2004
2.00pm – 4.00pm

Ministry of Health
Old Bank Building, Customhouse Quay

Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

Attendees - IACD Agencies		IACD Secretariat / Health (NDP Team)	
Wendy Moore – ALAC		Graeme Gillespie	Chair
Leila Martley - Health		Chris Laurenson	
John Parker – Corrections		Megan O'Brien	
Abba Fidow - Pacific Island Affairs		Colin Lee	
Michael Webb – Police		Brendon Baker	
Ruth Lawton - MOE			
Monique Leerschool – MYD Harry Tan – TPK Terry Huriwai – Health David Negri – Customs		Helen Hunter	

Apologies

Sandra Kirby - ALAC	
George Smollet – Customs Grant Stachan – LTSA Alison Stephens – Justice Jin Murphy – CYF Douglas Hancock - Transport	

1. Matters Arising

The Minutes from the IACD meeting held on 5 March 2004 were approved.

2. Update on the Illicit Drug and Alcohol Modules of the Health Behaviour Survey

Leila Martley, Advisor, Public Health intelligence, Ministry of Health, presented an update on these modules of the Health Behaviour Survey.

Agreed

- 1. Health (PHI in consultation with NDP) will release an early summary with relevant trends for IACD members from the NZ Health Behaviour Survey.**
- 2. IACD members who wish to assist with the module peer review to initiate contact with Leila Martley. (Leila_Martley@moh.govt.nz)**

3. National Drug Policy Discretionary Grant Proposals

Health distributed and presented proposals for the NDP discretionary grant as requested by Chair of the MCDP, Minister Anderton. It was noted by members that criteria for proposal assessment had not been developed and there was no agreed process for seeking and processing proposals. IACD would not be in a position to effectively assess any proposals until this work had been completed. None of the proposals appeared to have sufficient urgency to create an imperative for an earlier response.

Agreed

- 1. Health to coordinate the development of criteria and a process for assessing and requesting proposals for the NDP discretionary grant with IACD members.**
- 2. That criteria and process would be presented at the next MCDP meeting or for agreement by MCDP ministers out of session.**

4. Update on EACD Work Programme 2004

Heath noted that ongoing work for the EACD has been delayed until the position of secretariat has been filled.

The last EACD meeting was held on 19 March 2004. The EACD considered Amphetamines and made recommendations to the Minister on reclassification. Both amphetamines and MDMA (considered previously by EACD) will now enter the reclassification process. The committee also considered Ketamine and Benzylpiperazine (BZP). The EACD recommended that a new schedule to the Misuse of Drugs Act should be developed for BZP and other similar substances which justify some controls but which are not considered sufficiently harmful to be classified under the current schedules. Health are exploring options for developing such a schedule.

Noted

1. ***That some EACD work may be delayed until a secretariat is appointed by the Ministry of Health.***

5. Withdrawal of Funding for UNDCP

Health presented a paper on NZAIDs decision to stop contributing financially to the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP). Members agreed that the decision would affect New Zealand's reputation as responsible member of the international community. However it was noted that none of the main agencies (Police, Customs and Health) had plans to make funds available from their votes to enable the contribution to be renewed.

Agreed

1. ***The paper would be refined after MFAT gave advice and it would be presented to Ministers at the next MCDP for their information and consideration.***

6. Possible Alcohol-Related Legislative Amendments – Resubmitted Proposals

Police reported back to the Committee on feedback received from agencies in response to possible alcohol related law changes that were identified by Police at the meeting on 5 March 2004 and highlighted a further possible law change.

Noted

1. ***Police will continue to explore options for progressing the suggested amendments on a bilateral or multilateral basis, including weaving appropriate proposals into the wider government review of the infringement regime.***

7. Update on Police-Led Initiatives under Budget 2004

Police alerted IACD members to the successful funding from Budget 2004 of three initiatives:

- Establishment of a formal Illicit Drug Monitoring System (IDMS)
- Piloting of New Zealand Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring (NZ-ADAM)
- Piloting of a Police Arrest Referral Scheme

Noted

1. *That any interested IACD members should contact Police with queries.*

8. Report on 47th Commission on Narcotic Drugs, March 2004

Police presented a paper de-briefing the Committee on the main issues emerging from the forty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND 47) held in Vienna from 15-19 March 2004.

Noted

1. *That IACD members interested in learning more about CND, and accessing CND 47 agenda papers, are directed to the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) [\[http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/cnd_session_47.html\]](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/cnd_session_47.html)*

9. Report on Ministerial Council on Drug Strategy Meeting, May 2004

Police presented a paper de-briefing the Committee on the main issues emerging from on the Australian MCDS Meeting held on 20 May 2004. Some of the issues discussed at the meeting included the endorsement of Australia's new National Drug Strategy, issues related to drug services in prisons, challenges for agencies dealing with clandestine laboratories, and a number of alcohol related issues. One issue involved the emergence internationally of a machine that allowed alcohol to be administered as a gas. Customs briefed the Committee on the potential harm and possible control mechanisms in New Zealand for this machine.

Noted

1. *That Health and Police officials had met with Associate Minister of Health, Hon Jim Anderton to debrief.*
2. *That MCDS had requested that a taskforce be established to prepare a further report on reducing harmful underage drinking for the November 2004 MCDS meeting.*
3. *Police had nominated Dr Mike MacAvoy, Chief Executive Officer ALAC to join the taskforce on reducing harmful underage drinking but that the outcome of this nomination was not yet known.*
4. *Other specific actions have been the inclusion of a New Zealand law enforcement representative on the National Working Group on the*

Diversion of Precursor Chemicals, and a clarification of New Zealand's funding contribution to the pool for cost shared projects.

10. National Drug Policy Review

Health provided an update on the NDP review.

Action

- 1. Health to provide a discussion paper to IACD members. Agencies to provide feedback to Health. The paper will then be presented MCDP Minister out of session prior to being submitted to Cabinet.***

11. Planning for the next MCDP Meeting

The next MCDP meeting is scheduled for 31 August 2004 and is planned to concentrate on alcohol issues.

List of papers to be presented:

- Alcohol Advertising (ALAC/ Health)
- Culture Change Project (ALAC in consultation with IAWG agencies)
- Evidence around the Drinking Age – Relevant International Evidence (Health)
- Occurance of Drugs in Prisons – (Corrections)
- Alcohol Without Liquid (Customs)
- Youth Drug Education (MYD)
- Treatment issues for Alcohol and Drug Services (Health/ ALAC)

Action

- 1. These papers are to be prepared and presented at the next IACD meeting by the appropriate agencies.***

12. Other Business

Police raised the possibility of inviting a local government representative to join the IACD and noted the increasing importance of engaging with the local government sector in efforts to minimise alcohol and other drug related harm.

Agreed

- 1. Secretariat to invite a local government representative to join IACD***

Heath noted the PHD-Service Review. PHD will have two policy groups: communicable/ environmental health and non-communicable disease. NDP will move to the non-communicable disease policy group under Cynthia Maling as Group Manager who will take over the role of Chair of IACD from Graeme Gillsepie.

Noted

- 1. IACD members noted the PHD review and restructuring and thanked Graeme for his time as Chair of the committee.***

The Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs requested a briefing on the Pacific Drug and Alcohol Survey.

Actions

- 1. Health to follow-up with the Pacific Health Branch to present at next meeting.***

13. Next meeting

Wednesday 11 August 2004 at 2 pm