



INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON DRUGS (IACD) MEETING

11/08/2004
2.00pm – 4.00pm

Ministry of Health
180 Molesworth St.

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees - IACD Agencies	IACD Secretariat / Health (NDP Team)	
Sandra Kirby – ALAC	Graeme Gillespie	Chair
Doug Hancock – Transport	Chris Laurenson	
John Parker – Corrections	Helen Hunter	
Kim Williams – Health (NDIB)	Colin Lee	
Christine Murphy – MSD	Brendon Baker	
Laurie Gabities – LGNZ		
Monique Leerschool – MYD Harry Tam – TPK Terry Huriwai – Health George Smollett – Customs Guy Wilson-Roberts - Police Alison Stephens – Justice Todd Kriebel - DPMC		

Apologies	
Wendy Moore – ALAC Michael Webb – Police Dave Negri - Customs	

1. Welcome, Apologies and Introductions

2. Minutes of meeting of 23 June 2004

The Minutes from the IACD meeting held on 23 June 2004 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

Item 9 – Two NZ police reps have been added to the Australian National Working Group on the Diversion of Precursor Chemicals.

Item 10 – NDP Review (see item 14)

Item 11 – Planning for MCDP meeting is to be conducted under General Business.

Item 12 – Local Government representative in attendance (Laurie Gabities)

4. Alcohol Advertising

The IACD considered a number of papers prepared by Health and ALAC. No preferred option for the regulation of Alcohol was identified.

Agreed:

1. That ALAC and Health meet and agree on a combined paper on regulatory options for Alcohol advertising in New Zealand, and submit this to the Associate Minister of Health by 19th August 2004, for approval to submit to the MCDP.

2. That the following papers be submitted to the MCDP for information:

- **Alcohol Advertising in New Zealand: A background paper (Health)**
- **Analysis of ASCB decisions from 1 September 2003 (ALAC)**
- **Advertising and “the principle of social responsibility” (ALAC)**
- **Review of liquor advertising on television and radio – Māori and pacific island people and required research (ALAC)**
- **Regulation of alcohol advertising in Europe and other jurisdictions (ALAC)**

5. Alcohol without Liquid (AWOL) machines

The IACD discussed options for controlling this device, including the Customs & Excise Act 1996 and the Sale of Liquor Act 1989. The meeting did not believe that advice could be given at this stage as many anomalies still exist and information given by the importer appears invalid. Further intelligence is required.

Agreed:

1. That a sub-committee from health, customs and justice is to meet and assess information relating to the AWOL machine and report back to the next IACD meeting.

6. Minimum Purchase Age

Consideration was given to a summary of evidence provided by the Ministry of Health and it was:

Noted:

1. That there is strong public health evidence showing health benefits in raising the minimum legal purchase age for alcohol back to age 20.

2. That raising the minimum legal purchasing age for alcohol would involve a balancing of the loss in autonomy for 18 – 20 year olds.

3. That there would be benefits in increasing enforcement of the minimum age limits regardless of whether the age was changed or not.

Agreed:

4. That the paper be forwarded to the Ministerial Committee on Drug Policy for their consideration.

7. Culture Change Project

ALAC provided a brief oral report on the Culture Change Project

Agreed:

1. That ALAC would prepare a written briefing for the MCDP

8. Occurrence of Drugs in Prisons

The Dept. of Corrections had prepared a paper for the MCDP in pursuance of action point 3.10 of the *Action Plan on Alcohol & Illicit Drugs*.

Agreed:

1. That this paper be forwarded to the MCDP.

9. Youth Drug Education

The Ministry of Youth Development will have completed its work programme derived from the *Action Plan on Alcohol and Illicit Drugs*, once the handbook *'Effective Drug Education for Young People'* and a shorter quick reference *'Practical Guide'* is published in mid September and distributed by the end of September. The handbook, which was developed by MYD in conjunction with an interagency advisory group, recommends that schools deliver their core drug education as part of the *Health and Physical Education Curriculum*. As such, external providers may be used by schools, as they are independent and able to make their own decisions, however it is recommended that such external providers should not be the primary providers. It was pointed out that Minister Anderton supported the development of strategies for the implementation of the handbook and the accompanying *Practical Guide*. Discussions are taking place with Health and Education to develop these strategies.

10. UNDCP Funding

NZAID has this year taken the decision to cease its annual contribution of \$100,000 to the United Nations Drug Control Programme however MFAT has suggested that there is a possibility that \$100,000 Vote: ODA could be transferred to a more appropriate vote on the understanding that this would be retained as New Zealand's contribution to the UNDCP.

Agreed:

- 1. That Police's offer to be the host agency for this re-allocation be accepted.**
- 2. The Secretariat would respond positively to MFAT and advise the MCDP of the outcome.**

11. Discretionary Fund

The Secretariat updated IACD members on progress towards developing a set of criteria and processes for the MCDP Discretionary Fund and to finalise advice to Ministers. The agreed IACD draft guidelines had been forwarded to the office of Hon. Anderton for comment. Minister Anderton's office had suggested the deletion of some criteria and changes to process. These were as follows: Selection criteria nos. 1 & 2 may have excluded some otherwise good proposals, however if criteria no. 2 is removed, then comment will need to be sought from the IACD. Process step no. 2 will then be unnecessary if these criteria are eliminated. It was pointed out that robust processes will be necessary in order to maintain accountability under the Public Finance Act.

Agreed:

- 1. That a paper be forwarded to the MCDP with the following amendments:**
 - a. Finalise selection criteria, in order to aid the decision making process.**
 - b. Remove step 2 from 'Process for the Selection'**
 - c. Receive all proposals on the template.**
 - d. An annual closing date for all proposals to be set prior to the relevant MCDP meeting.**
 - e. The template to be sent out to the current applicants.**
 - f. All papers are to be put forward, having been prioritised and with recommendations attached.**
 - g. The IACD will rate proposals according to the criteria.**
 - h. A working group will develop a scoring process.**
 - i. Accept the Ministers changes.**

12. Monitoring Report on Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Action Plan

This report needed further updating before it could be referred to the MCDP. The Local Government representative pointed out the high level of interest that this sector has in the development of this kind of Action Planning, and it's subsequent monitoring due to the many new responsibilities that local government agencies have under the Local Government Act.

13. NDP Review

An issues paper had been developed as a basis for consultation on the National Drug Policy and had been submitted to Cabinet for endorsement. Cabinet's Social Development Committee did not support this and instead instructed that a draft National Drug Policy should be prepared and consultation is undertaken on that document.

Agreed.

1. That Health would convene a meeting of the NDP Steering Group to plan for this work.

14. Misuse of Drugs Amendment Act

Noted:

1. That the Misuse of Drugs Amendment Bill had considered by the Cabinet Social Development Committee and it was due to be considered by Cabinet

15. Report-back on IGCD Strategic Issues Workshop

Police reported back on the IGCD strategic issues workshop held in Melbourne from 22-23 July 2004;

Agreed

1. That an IACD strategic issues workshop could be convened in 2005, following the publication of the new National Drug Policy;

2. That the IACD Secretariat would consult with the IGCD Secretariat to find out whether IGCD-related material could be made available to interested IACD members.

16. Crime Prevention Projects on Drugs and Alcohol

Noted

1. The contents of the Justice report on the activities of the Crime Prevention Unit.

17. General Business

Dr. Peter Adams (Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Uni. Of Auckland) has convened a group to formulate a National Strategy for the Development of Research on Tobacco, Alcohol, Other Drugs & Gambling. The group had published it's Strategy Advisory Document and copies were provided to members.

Papers to be forwarded to the next MCDP meeting :

The following two papers are to be consolidated

Regulatory options for alcohol advertising in New Zealand (Health)

The regulation of alcohol advertising in Europe and other jurisdictions (ALAC)

These papers are to be presented as requested.

Review of liquor advertising on television and radio – Māori and pacific island people and required research (ALAC)

Advertising and “the principle of social responsibility” (ALAC)

Policy alternatives to self-regulation of the advertising of alcoholic beverages (ALAC)

Analysis of ASCB decisions from 1 September 2003 (ALAC)

The following papers are also to be presented :

Alcohol without Liquid (AWOL) machines (Customs)

Minimum Purchase Age (Health)

Culture Change Project (ALAC in consultation with IWAG agencies)

The following non-alcohol papers may be presented, dependent upon the Chairs decision:

Youth Drug Education (MYD)

UNDCP Funding (Health)

Monitoring Report on Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Action Plan (Justice)

Discretionary Fund (Health)

Occurrence of Drugs in Prisons (Corrections)