**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 October 2021**

**From 10.00am – 11.30am via Zoom**

**Facilitators**: Tina

**Meeting Notes:** Jo Brew

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) + 2 Interpreters
* Angus, Antnz, Peter, Martin, Wayne (Disabled People)
* Daniel, Toni G, Eru (Providers)
* Gabrielle, (DHB)
* Jenifer (OT)
* Karen, Pip (Families)
* Rachel (People First)
* Regena (Mana Whenua)
* Mark (NEGL) 10.30 – 11am

**Apologies:**

* Rasela (Pasifika)

**Nonattendance:**

* Lovely (Pasifika)
* Toni I (Families)
* Amelia, Wairemana, and Stacey (Mana Whenua(Tangata/whanau whai kaha Maori position)) (Naomi)

Statement from Wairemana Campbell *– ‘A number of concerns of which have continued to see the inequalities, discrimination and marginalisation of Tangata/Whanau Whai Kaha Maori and Mana Whenua.  The evident disrespect of Te Ao Maori Tikanga and Kawa practices including embedding a Te Tiriti partnership remains present in this roopu - which is why it is not safe for our Mana Whenua kaitiaki who are also Tangata/whanau Whai Kaha Maori to attend this roopu.  We hold the right to our place in this group and will work through appropriate channels to resolve the issues, address the inequalities for Maori and contribute to the mahi’*

**Welcome and Karakia**

* Regena opened the meeting with karakia.
* Tina welcomed all to the meeting.
* Details of P2P coordinators daughter funeral were shared.

**Updates**

**Mana Whenua**

* Mana Whenua are in partnership with the Whanau Ora Governance and other relevant roopu with the following Kaupapa.
* Developing a Te Ao Māori, Te Ao Pasefika approach to Monitoring, Evaluation, Analysis and Learning, not only for monitoring, evaluation, analysis, and learning, but for Disability System Transformation generally.
* Capacity and capability for Māori and Pasifika within existing demonstration sites and as we upscale nationally.
* Working with relevant roopu in relationship to Iwi chairs, and developing appropriate tripartite relationship - between crown, Māori, and Tangata/whanau whai kaha as Rangatira.
* Working with appropriate conkaitiaki partnerships to best position the diverse reality of Tangata/whanau whai kaha Māori regionally and nationally to self-determine from a place of Mana Motuhake within Mana Kotahi.
* Developing the peer kaitihono māori framework - and workforce development mahi.
* Intends to open a core group for Maori and Pasifika.

***Action: Regena will share terms of reference of Mana Whenua with RLG.***

**Disabled People**

* Had a working day which included sector engagement, reporting and upcoming changes for the MidCentral Governance Group. People First were in attendance.
* Arranging a peer support wananga for early November, will send invitation to RLG to circulate through their networks. (Places for 20 people at Distinction Hotel, Cuba Street).
* Self-connecting workshops – working with the Innovation Group, Mana Whaikaha with idea of supporting those who can support themselves. The Family Core group are planning to run one later with a focus on families.
* There is a concern around people’s mental health in relation to covid vaccinations and the ongoing lockdown; frustrations about information given re vaccinations, keeping yourselves safe, safeguarding disabled people and support workers.

***Action: Antnz to connect with Annette re regional co-ordinator of Police and communication and restraint.***

**MidCentral Governance Group**

* Awaiting Cabinet decisions due out in next fortnight re machinery of government/Mana Whaikaha.
* Come 1 July 2022 there are expected to be new things in place, so MGG plans to use this date to align their changes to.

**MCDHB**

* Acknowledgment given to concerns re mental health and covid across the sector.
* How and what methods of messaging could help in this space? The following suggestions were collated from chat:
* Messaging re providing seating for people waiting in queues outside pharmacies
* Possibility of vaccination pop up centre in Ashhurst.
* Mask exemption cards are available from DPA website, the link is on the MoH website.
* There has been a change of language moving from *pandemic* response to *endemic* response.
* Support workers going into a variety of homes is disconcerting; public health response is to ensure use of PPE, hand sanitising and looking at the function being carried out is balanced with the need of the support required.
* Grateful there is no community transmission in this region – but must learn how to manage Covid moving forward.
* Vaccinations are recommended.
* Discussion about how providers are managing their bubbles to ensure wellness and wellbeing of those they support and their staff.
* Vaccinations – vaccinators going into homes offering to people, there are low sensory opportunities, families are asking if staff are vaccinated. Staff do not have to advise employers if they have been vaccinated.

**Deaf**

* Vaccinations have been offered to the deaf community.
* Connecting people with other people via video.

**People First**

* No update as no meeting held while in level 2.

**NEGL Update**

* Repeat study
* all stats and content agreed, now in process of formatting.
* considering the challenges and size of change, some good things have been indicated.
* A new evaluation framework reference for personal budget and individualised funding is being developed – SAMS would like community feedback.
* After discussion members agreed on the following as their plan of action:
* To go to their communities, collate information around the tool, read the information and then ask a couple of key people to meet with Mark via zoom to relay feedback.

**Agreed by all**

* The Social Wellbeing Committee has considered papers involving
* What major reform of disability might look like (fit for purpose)
* A significant announcement anticipated in the next few weeks which is likely to result in fantastic opportunity to disabled people.
* Think about how you can assist and develop other regions with your experience in leadership.
* Suggestion all core groups create a portfolio from the past 3 years of what has/has not worked, and other important learnings.
* Gail Munro has been contracted to look at leadership groups; how things are going and to ensure learnings are captured for building an independent voice mechanism moving forward.
* Disabled people and whānau partner with Maori and the Crown to make decisions for moving forward - joint decision making and sharing authority

**Tina is communicating with Gail Munro directly to propose a process for MC RLG and Core Groups on ‘how best to connect’ and information will follow in email.**

**Families**

* Overall, families having been coping well with transitions and changes over past month.
* A sub-group forum set been set up on a FB page for connection while in lockdown.
* Some family members attended self-connecting workshops – discussed putting information together for families from family’s perspective.
* Family Core Group will support Janine Morrah.
* There are issues around WINZ refusing to fund some people who wish to attend a training industry course.

***Action: Karen will write a letter to WINZ re funding issues on behalf of RLG.***

**Providers**

* MASH have been trying to navigate information sharing best way possible for all involved.
* Have a high vaccination rate of employees who answered their vaccination status query. An employer cannot force their staff to divulge their vaccination status.
* People can invoke the 8th right of the Health & Disability Rights if they don’t receive their preferred answer regarding vaccination status of their support worker (and can request another support worker).
* Social stories assisting with lockdown stories and vaccinations.
* Core provider group intends to re-establish collaborative group meetings once lockdown has ended and Erin and James are able to attend.
* Tina asked to be invited in Provider Core Group meetings.

***Action: Toni G to invite Tina to Provider Core Group meetings.***

**Oranga Tamariki**

* Received ministerial advisory group report with recommendations.
* Involved in EGL Governance Group and looking forward to October announcements from government.
* OT has appointed a Chief Advisor, Disability, Claudia Boyles, who started on Monday.

**Sector Engagement**

* Update and agenda for tomorrow’s virtual event happening from EASIE Living Centre was shared by ANTNZ.

Meeting finished with a karakia from Eru.

The next MC – RLG will be advised if Face to Face or via Zoom as a focus group. 3rd Nov