**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 February 2023**

**From 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**At the Distinction Coachman Hotel, Fitzherbert Avenue, PN**

**Facilitator**: Ann-Marie Stapp

**Notes:** Jo Brew (via transcription)

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) (+ 2 Interpreters Sarah and Janet)
* Wayne, Peter, Natt, Antnz, Abby (Disabled People)
* Pip, Tracey (Families)
* Rachel (People First),
* Nadia, Dion (Mana Whenua)
* Toni G, Mike (Providers)
* Jen (OT)
* Gabrielle (Te Whatu Ora)

**Apologies:**

* Martin (Disabled People)
* Rangirea, Maide (Mana Whenua)
* Lovely, Rasela (Pasifika)
* Eru (Providers)
* Jane/Jeanette (MoE)

**Karakia/Welcome**

The meeting began with a round of individual introductions including ‘where we are’ and/or ‘where we would like to be’ regarding RLG.

**Previous Minutes**

**Action Points**

* Pip to circulate the budget template to Pasifika, Mana Whenua and Providers – these were sent out. **Completed.**
* **Pip will re-send the template with the February minutes as some did not receive the original email.**
* Suggest core groups budget for 2 meetings per month (2 hours long), venue costs are allocated at $35 per hour (this can be used at the discretion of the group).
* Peter to circulate a fact sheet outlining the differences between a limited liability company and trust to all – **carried over.**
* Peter will discuss whᾱnau representation with Whaikaha/Better Outcomes Partnership Group – RLG members are encouraged to send feedback or comments to Peter – **carried over.**

The minutes were taken as read and were accepted as a true and correct record. There were no matters arising.

**Community & Sector Engagement**

* Antnz reiterated her resignation from Sector Engagement.
* The first Social Media training will be on 23 February, 1.30 – 3.00pm. Attendees will become administrators for the Facebook page once names are sent to Antnz.
* Where to from here for Sector Engagement?
* Responsibility for sector engagement was discussed; it was agreed RLG send a proposal to Paula Tesoreiro, CE - Whaikaha regarding future funding for Sector Engagement resourcing.
* ***Action: Individuals and core groups to send information to contribute to a joint proposal/business case for 20 hours per week sustainable funding for Sector Engagement capability and capacity/resourcing to Ann-Marie before the March meeting. (Include what we have already done, what we need to continue to empower the community, our challenges and successes, vision for moving forward and health, safety and wellbeing risks.)***
* ***Action: Invite Lizzie Guest to the April meeting to give a Communications Plan update.***
* Antnz was acknowledged and thanked for time and effort involved in Community and Sector Engagement.

**YAAY Funding Applications**

* YAAY’s have deferred an application for RLG funding until next month.
* YAAY’s intend on developing a proposal for funding for the new financial year via Whaikaha
* YAAY’s received $50k MSD funding at the end of 2022.
* In early 2023 an additional $50k MSD funding was offered to YAAY’s, after negotiation approval was given by MSD to divide the funding 4 ways (Disabled Persons, Family, Mana Whenua and Pasifika groups to receive $12,500.00 funding).
* The proposal to split the funding as above was endorsed by those present and appreciated.
* ***Action: The guidelines and expectations for using this funding be distributed to the core groups by Natt.***

**Director – Mana Whaikaha Update**

* Has identified some safeguards to ensure back office system flows while Director is absent.
* 2 new Connectors have started.
* Has plans to develop toolbox resourcing to support the community, e.g. generic documentation addressing the differences between contracted and non-contracted providers.
* Core group expertise and support would be appreciated.
* Lack of funding for core group resourcing and co-design of the resource was discussed.
* Continual shifting and adjustment is required to serve the community.
* Mana Whaikaha’s search engine includes anonymous user advice/comments from the people with whom Mana Whaikaha serve.

**Discussion Post Director’s Report**

* RLG agreed to communicate with Whaikaha to request the workforce working group be reinstated and complete the employment hub design.

**Action: Pip to write to Whaikaha.**

* RLG agreed to support a community led HR hub.

**Action: Ally to follow up with Director, Mana Whaikaha.**

**Finance and Budget Update**

* Payment Administrator for MW Ltd has resigned and a replacement has been recruited.
* $190,000k in current account (including the 2 x MSD grants totalling $100k.) Some of the balance is YAAY funds.
* Secretariat support for RLG and MGG will now be met by RLG funding.
* The Employment Sub group will manage the recruitment of a Secretariat.
* Core group budgets will be revised for the new financial year. Information from groups to be sent to Pete/Pip by 4pm Thursday 6 April 2022.

**DWRG**

It was suggested**:**

* A ‘Meet and Greet’ social event between RLG and Mana Whaikaha’ be held every 6 months to build and strengthen relationships. **All present agreed.**
* Community forums to replace ‘Drop-in’ nights as a collaboration between Mana Whaikaha and RLG. **All present agreed in principle.**

**Core Group Updates**

**Officials**

* **Oranga Tamariki (OT)**
* Claudia Boyles, Chief Disability Advisor, OT and Erica Halliwell are leading work to improve the practice of working with disabled people and whanau. OT’s Disability Advisory Group are currently engaging with community to inform the development of a vision and a strategy. RLG was invited and encouraged to contribute.
* **Te Whatu Ora**
* Managing ongoing and unsettling changes.
* Identification of positive change regarding EGL will help staff.

**Mana Whenua**

* Focusing on planning and budgeting for 2022 for various hui and events. Appreciate recent funding received via MSD.
* Received approval for capability funding for ‘Hui a Tau’.

**Family**

* Family core group was renamed ‘Whanau for Whanau’.
* Developing budgeting for recent funding received via MSD.
* Shared information around acceptable uses of Carer Support funding as seen on a Facebook post from Whaikaha.
* Restraints from Mana Whaikaha may need to be addressed with Whaikaha.
* A post with Claire Ryan’s details for questions about Personal Budget was discussed.

**Disabled People**

* Discussed more collaborative work with core groups.

**Deaf Community**

* Planning a Deaf Community get together in April to discuss what gaps there are and people’s understanding of personal budgets.
* Looking to include the wider Manawatu and Whanganu. All welcome.
* Census – an informative video for the deaf community has been produced. There are accessible versions of the Census available on their website.
* Plan to meet Mana Whaikaha’s new Connector this Friday.

**Providers**

* Self-advocacy forum for people with intellectual disability being held soon – closest for people in our area is being held in Wellington; flyers available here and Toni will send information via email.

**People First**

* No update.

**General Business**

* Multi Core Group February meeting
* All advertising has gone out for next week’s meeting, venue may change.
* Claire Ryan will be presenting on ‘Intimacy for Disabled People’.
* Everyone to bring a rose or chocolate to gift.

**Closing Comments**

Looking forward to next meeting, thank you,looking forward to working together, more meetings, to HR hub progression, momentum and moving forward, actively meeting with members and support from the top down, time and space to focus, hoping 2023 meetings can be very focused, joy and passion was evident today, intent to move forward, good decisions made, better financial reporting, a productive year, delivering to our people, re-energised, understands people are tired.