**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group via ZOOM**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 September 2021**

**From 10.00 – 11.00am**

***(Due to lockdown this meeting was a shorter, focus group meeting)***

**Facilitators**: Tina

**Meeting Notes:** Jo Brew

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) + 2 Interpreters
* Angus, Antnz, Peter, Wayne (Disabled People)
* Rachel (People First)
* Rasela (Pasifika)
* Karen, Pip, (Families)

**Apologies:**

* Martin (Disabled People)

**Non attendance**

* Lovely (Pasifika)
* Daniel, Eru, Toni G (Providers)
* Toni I (Families)
* Mana Whenua(Tangata/whanau whai kaha Maori position)
* Amelia, Wairemana,and Stacey (Regena, 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’*

**Karakia and Welcome**

Karakia and welcome for all to the focus group attendees.

**Updates**

**Disabled People**

* Hearing many disabled people were due to get their 2nd covid vaccination but due to lockdown have had to call Healthline and rebook.
* Has been participating in meetings on zoom,no issues to report. Planning for the future as short term plans are up in the air because of lockdown.
* Is aware of the concerns that some disabled people have around the Pfizer vaccination and is aware belief in false information is stopping some people from getting vaccinated. Questions people’s sources of information which are often from social media. Redirects people to gather information from the experts.
* From personal experience flagged an issue on behalf of others
* Went to collect prescription from pharmacy – had a long wait so asked for a chair – this was not provided as cross contamination risk – priority access for disabled people had not been considered in this instance.
* People are starting to feel lonely.

**Family Core Group**

* Met yesterday; talked about the self-connecting workshop that Pete, Natt and Jenny are leading – also looked at the presentation and collaborated.
* Aware of families feeling the pressure on being in the same space. Having no break or support people contributes to difficulties. Isolation and change to routine are other difficulties.

**People First**

* No network update as staying in bubble outside of the area.

**Deaf Community**

* Maintaining contact and passing info along via video.
* Access to videos is a concern – spent a lot of time troubleshooting with someone but issue sorted.
* People require clarification after covid media announcements.

**Pasifika**

* Has been updating the community with important information:
* local vaccination opportunities
* considering ways to talk to/engage with youth to encourage them to get vaccinated
* personal shopper’s assistance.
* Alerted the group of a possible scam using covid vaccination text messaging to bait people.
* Has created a group Facebook page to use as a communication tool and passing on information.

**Action:**

**The group was asked to collate information about the major concerns and email to Paula T (Human Rights Commission) at DHB and THINK Hauora on behalf of leadership group:**

* **Pasifika breaking bubbles due to scam text about vaccination**
* **Supporting people**
* **Priority access for disabled people at pharmacies**

**Email addresses to send concerns to:**

**Hrc.co.nz**

**gailmunro@governancestrategies.co.nz**

**chiquita.hansen@thinkhauora.co.nz**

**Workforce Working Group (WWG) Nominees**

* Pip, Wayne, Rasela and Natt are the MidCentral WWG nominees.
* The nominees will meet tomorrow to set priorities and key messages/understandings for moving forward.
* Karen is also available for nomination but as WWF initially requested 4 representatives from family members, clarification is being sought from MoH about adding another member.
* As the WWG is a national group, our nominees will enquire about representation from the other EGL sites.
* All understand this working group will have its challenges.

**Sector Engagement (Antnz)**

* Lockdown has presented some complications to planned events and activities.
* Will need to postpone the Forum from 30 September to new date in November.
* Meeting with Caleb at Enable New Zealand to discuss viability of running a virtual session in October – topic EGL 101 with a Q & a session to maintain interest in this space. (Short, sharp and focused with a timeframe around one hour). Could be recorded for future use.
* By postponing the Forum until November Panellists and other people will have time to think about the future big picture implications of the expected machinery of government announcements expected in September.
* A request to set up a MidCentral EGL YouTube account and Facebook page was made. This would be set up in time to use for information for 30 September and a set of good guidelines for use would need to be developed).
* Testing an equipment management services concept aligning with the prototype is underway.

**Decision:**

1. To Plan September virtual session with Panel to be rescheduled to October or later. **All agreed/endorsed**
2. A ‘*MidCentral Enabling Good Lives’* YouTube account and a Facebook page for ‘*advertising and educational purposes only*’ be set up. Develop guidelines for social media in the near future.  **ALL agreed/endorsed**
3. An ‘*EGLInOurCommunity*’ Gmail account to be set up.

 **No defined outcome- will seek endorsement**

**Final thoughts and closing**

* Quality, exciting, confused, good, direction, hard work, results focused, great, output, unified, connection.

**Meeting closed with a whakatauki:**

Ehara taku toa, he toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini

My strength is not, that of one warrior, but that of many

Collaboration is a strength to achieving goals.

**The meeting closed at 11.05am**