**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 November 2021**

**From 10.00am – 3.00pm at Focal Point, Cuba Street, PN**

**Facilitators**: Tina

**Meeting Notes:** Jo Brew

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) + 2 Interpreters
* Angus, Antnz, Peter, Martin, Wayne (Disabled People)
* Daniel, Toni G, Eru (Providers)
* Tracey, Pip, Toni I (Families)
* Rachel (People First)
* Rasela, (Pasifika)
* Regena (Mana Whenua)
* Gail Munro (1.00pm – 2.30pm)
* Hamish (Observer – People First)
* Jason (Technology support)

**Apologies:**

* Jane Hawkins-Jones (Te Mahau/MoE)
* Jenifer (OT)
* Karen (Families)
* Lovely (Pasifika)
* Wairemana (Mana Whenua)

**Nonattendance:**

* Amelia, 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**

The meeting began with a welcome and karakia, followed by a quick around of ‘what’s on top’ including:

* Vaccinations and response to mandate.
* Friday’s announcement around Ministry for Disable People and subsequent implementation and the national Enabling Good Lives (EGL) rollout.
* Sector engagement, logistics, communications and social media job description.
* Mana Whenua’s new base – Floor 1, Room 111, Square Edge.
* Clear messaging around Friday’s announcement.

**Updates**

**Disabled Persons Core Group**

Update from yesterday’s meeting:

* People happily met face to face as zoom had presented challenges for some.
* Discussions around EGL announcements.
* Received updates from YAAY around their upcoming camp, their struggles and highlights with youth and young adults.
* Gail Munro facilitated discussions around where to now and other matters around the new ministry.
* Ministry for Disabled People is an interim name – challenge for this group is to think of a more appropriate name.

***Action:*** *Renaming the Ministry of Disabled People more appropriately – challenge to members.*

**Family Core Group**

Update from yesterday’s zoom meeting:

* Discussed around ‘High Ends’ paper.
* Lisa Willey (Senior Connector) and Norelle Ward (Community Development Advisor), Mana Whaikaha attended the meeting to discuss the peer support programme.
* The last subgroup meeting went very well, as the group would like to continue connecting will look at extending through 2022.

**Providers**

* Meeting via zoom to uphold Providers strict rules around face to face meetings ensuring the safety of those they work with.
* Responsible for next multi collab core group meeting on 10 November – please forward suggestions for suitable venue.
* Making sure all staff across the providers are getting their vaccinations.
* Exemptions were discussed.
* There is an awareness that people could pay $100 for exemptions from NZ Doctors.
* Ministry of Health (MoH) will release its criteria for exemptions this coming Monday.
* Safeguarding.
* At a recent Mana Whaikaha hosted meeting we extended an invitation to Providers who don’t attend core group to attend.

**Sector Engagement**

* Antnz has met with Sharon – Diversity Liaison Lead – NZ Police
* Bill of Rights is being translated into New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL).
* Identified need for Bill of Rights to be translated into Easi- read.
* Developing a Diversity Disabled Advisory role.

**Mana Whenua**

* Attending today as Wai is attending another meeting.
* Progress is being made as now have a base at Square Edge for people to meet and build relationships.
* Has been vaccinated.
* Represents self, daughter, mana whenua and Tangata whenua.

**People First**

* No updates as no meetings during level 2.

**Pasifika**

* Core group, Levin is well established.
* Continues working with Lovely to establish a core group in Palmerston North – having difficulty engaging people to become involved.
* Talanoa Pati – discussed about the new ministry, what work we are doing and the core groups that have been established.
* Gail Munro visited yesterday.
* Postponed ‘Exercise for Fun’ until 2022.
* Lovely had her baby.

**Deaf Community**

* No update this month.

**Evaluation Tool Feedback Personal Budgets and Individualised Funding (Mark Benjamin via Zoom)**

* The efforts and determination of the group contributing towards national EGL rollout and the set up of a new ministry and those people who are already benefitting from the new approach were acknowledged.
* Standards and Monitoring Services (SAMS – the voice and influence through evaluation and working with whanau so people have the right information and skills to make changes in their lives.
* Today’s discussion is about the evaluation framework and information gathering to use in the development of a framework for personal budgets (PB) and individualised funding (IF) and based on the following questions.
1. How well do you think the outcomes and indicators reflect the EGL approach?
2. Does the framework capture intent and practices?
3. Will this frame enable people to gather insights and developments?
4. Other.

A summary of the discussion/feedback was:

* General consensus supports the outcomes and indicators reflect the EGL approach.
* There may need to be a plain language document so disabled people and families can understand the content.
* It would be ideal if there were easy access to referenced resource material e.g. UN Convention etc.
* Important to make a clear distinction between IF and PB. PBs come from EGL and IF from MoH. There are much more restrictions etc on IF. Maybe, a footnote acknowledging the differences.
* Great to keep references to the EGL principles throughout the document.
* Maybe references to the H & D Code of Rights and Te Tiriti. Note the "universal" evaluation frame of reference needs to reflect cultural competency and there will be dedicated documents by Maori for Maori developed.
* Important to have an indicator around 'movement', 'progress' or 'development' related to personal networks and building autonomy.
* Great that the indicators are aspirational and not minimum standards.
* There needs to be separate documents that relates to children (not in our current contract with MoH). Maybe a footnote explaining this?
* "Understanding" EGL is not enough (1.4 - supports and services). There needs to be evidence of implementation of EGL principles.
* Extensive guidance to evaluators required. Including definitions and examples. Including things such as re 'personal networks' and where and how they can be developed and where reliance on them is harmful + holistic approaches (Te Ao Maori ++).

***Action:*** *Any additional comments or feedback to be sent to Mark in the next 7 – 10 days please.*

**Capability Building Funding Grants – A guide for Funding Panel and Funding Advisor (Jo Brew)**

* The original document had been reviewed by the Funding Panel was tabled for approval.

***Action:*** *Jo to circulate draft changes document to the group to compare with final review. Feedback required by Wednesday 10 November.*

**EGL Core Group Review Project (Gail Munro)**

Gail introduced herself and the EGL Core Group Review project to the group. Permission was sought to record this session for accuracy. Once transcribed, the notes will be circulated back to the RLG for editing.

The intent of the project is to build a shared understanding of the journey of the Enabling Good Lives voice, leadership, and governance arrangements and processes.

The questions asked were about:

* How was the EGL Regional Leadership Group established and it’s meeting processes agreed?
* What processes has the Regional Leadership Group used to encourage the voices of the Core Groups and to reflect their priorities to National Enabling Good Lives (NEGL)?
* What do you think the successes have been for the Leadership Group, what were the challenges you experienced, and what opportunities do you see in the future?
* How were the voice and leadership of tangata whaikaha, whanau and mana whenua included and developed in the Leadership Group?
* How were the voices and leadership of Tagata Pasefika and aiga included and developed in the Leadership Group?
* How have the voices of rangatahi, people with complex disabilities, migrant and refugee people, and rainbow communities been included and developed in the Leadership Group?
* What resources and support have been beneficial to the Leadership Group, and what could be improved?

The session was an open discussion with members contributing their knowledge and individual experiences of the journey of their representation of their Core Groups to the Regional Leadership Group today.

Gail plans to return early next year to share the insights gathered from interviewing across the 3 EGL sites.

**Other Business**

**Website**

* Fb contacts and email address updated.
* After discussion, the group all agreed to a group photo of RLG with information of who people are and what group they represent.

***Action:*** *Tina to arrange for group photo to be taken at the next RLG meeting*

**Laptops**

* Wayne proposed:
* 3 laptops be purchased for use by the administrators supporting the Families, Disabled People and YAAY groups.
* Pasifika and Mana Whenua groups also requested a laptop.
* All present agreed to endorse the purchase of 5 laptops.
* Jason will seek 2 or 3 quotes for 5 laptops and supporting software.
* A subscription for a professional Zoom account for the RLG be purchased for all core groups to use (approximately $250 US per year).
* Antnz plans to put a proposal together for a laptop, 3 cameras and a microphone for live streaming.
* Angus proposed that the group enlists Jason’s assistance for future technical support. All present agreed.

**Closing thoughts**

Words used to describe today’s meeting were forward, uplifting, progress, very good, anticipation, changes, perspective, hikoi in a new sense, positivity, reflection, hard work, grit, atypical.

The meeting closed at 2.55pm with a karakia.