**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

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

**From 10.00am – 3.00pm at Coachman Distinction, Cuba Street, PN**

**Facilitators**: Tina

**Meeting Notes:** Jo Brew

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) + 2 Interpreters
* Angus, Peter, Martin, Wayne & Natt (Disabled People)
* Daniel, Toni G, Eru (Providers)
* Karen, Pip, Toni I (Families)
* Rachel (People First)
* Rasela, Lovely (Pasifika)
* Gabrielle (MidCentral DHB)
* Annie (Observer – Pasifika)
* Tracey (Observer – Family)
* Ally (Observer – Family)

**Apologies:**

* Jenifer (OT)
* Antnz (Disabled People)
* Gabrielle and Wayne (late)

**Nonattendance:**

* Jane Hawkins-Jones (Te Mahau/MoE)
* Regena, Wairemana, Amelia, and Stacey (Mana Whenua(Tangata/whanau whai kaha Maori position)) (Naomi)

**Welcome and karakia**

* The meeting began with a welcome and karakia followed by notices and ‘what’s on top’.

**Notices**

* The group was informed that as of Friday 2 December, The Coachman requires all guests to be double vaxxed and provide their vaccination pass.
* Using zoom will be an alternative if people are unable to attend face to face.
* Any concerns please see Tina.
* Dates set for 2022 meetings – 1st Wednesday of each month except for the June meeting which is scheduled for 8 June.
* Venue expected to be The Coachman – yet to be confirmed.

**What’s on top**

* Traffic light system, what it means and its implications.
* Establishment Unit – concerns going forward/lack of engagement of disabled people at present, transition to new Ministry.
* Disability Ministry – behaviours going forward.
* Recruitment as outcome of mandate.

**Updates**

**Disabled Persons**

* Reps working group met yesterday.
* Update on YAAY Highland Home camp
* 15 YAAY people attended a weekend camp which included workshop and outdoor activities.
* Mainstream funders funded the entire camp.
* ‘Camp EPIC’ - Experience, Peer Support and Independence, Challenges.
* Successful outcomes included attendees working together and supporting each other through unexpected challenges.
* A Family Core member attended in a supportive role.
* Establishment Unit discussion.
* Planning is underway to form a sub-group to organize another sector engagement event.

**Family Core Group**

* Met yesterday for an end of year meeting
* Family Core member shared her experience of camp.
* Looking at establishing a process for people joining the family core group.
* Discussed meeting with other areas, i.e. Tararua.
* Concerns about Establishment Unit roles keeping true to intent particularly the Director role.

**Providers**

* Vaccination mandate has contributed to difficulty in recruiting and maintaining staffing levels.
* Low attendance at the last core group meeting.
* Gail Munroe attended to follow up questions to core group.
* Today is Daniel Barr’s last meeting, his new role will be EGL Lead for the 3 DHB’s in Wellington area.
* Traffic light framework expectations and lack of resourcing from MoH to support individual provider frameworks is a challenge.
* Tension in keeping a sense of freedom but protecting vulnerability of disabled people

***Gabrielle arrived at 11.09***

**Pasifika Core Group**

**Levin**

* 10 Dec – ‘Everyone Matters Expo’ – Pasifika/Council initiative – planning for community to be in orange traffic light.
* 18th Dec – ‘Pasifika End of Year Together’ event.
* 7 Dec – meeting with Tofa from MSD to visit talk about framework and Covid approach etc.
* The Pasifika group is starting to grow.

**Palmerston North**

* While on maternity leave for 3 month no calls received however last week 1 teen has a made contact, he is 21, still at St Peters and will need support to plan what’s next after leaving school.

**Deaf Community**

* Focusing on assisting the deaf community
* receiving their vaccination passes
* educating/explaining options to access passes and how to use
* understand the traffic light system and what this means to them.
* Made NZSL translation about the traffic light system; the video has been made and uploaded to the Deaf Aotearoa website.

**People First**

* No update as no meetings held in level 2 – will find out in February when and how meetings are due to resume.

**Mid Central DHB**

* Working through matters relating to the health vaccine mandate.
* Getting ready for the traffic light system – working towards orange
* Exploring how to get vaccinations into the disability community as rates not as high as it could be (same challenges in mental health and addiction)
* Getting some pushback when reaching out to community.
* Open to ideas – please give or send suggestions to Gabrielle.

**Sector Engagement**

* 23 Nov, Sector Engagement Expo held at Convention Centre:
* 6 people on panel, sharing their perspectives on questions asked
* Difficult to arrange under alert level 2 (max of 60 people in big room)
* Was available as a live stream (55 watchers)
* Some participants joined via zoom

**Observers – Attendance/Gratuity**

Observers left the meeting for this discussion.

* It was proposed that any observers in attendance be given a $50 voucher as a token of appreciation.
* After discussion the following outcomes were agreed on
* In principle $50 koha agreed upon.
* Refinement of expectations around observer attendance and understanding of budget needed before full proposal voted on.

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| ***Action: Peter will draft a statement about observer attendance and budget.*** |

**Mana Whaikaha Director Update (Rachael Burt and Natasha Browne)**

* Natasha Browne, Ops Manager, Mana Whaikaha was introduced to the group.
* Resourcing
* Final signoff received by MSD for additional resourcing; will go out to market on 22 December for Budget Advisors, Connectors and Connector Support.
* Will send link to advertisement to Jo Brew for distribution to group.
* Unsure where final signoff for future resourcing will lie once new ministry is operational.
* Preparing for Christmas period influenced changes or crisis in people’s lives so changing annual reviews away from this date.
* Mandatory vaccination laws are causing some issues within the community. Some people and providers are being impacted and require support to work through their challenges.
* New people moving into the region or just wanting to engagement with Mana Whaikaha.
* MoH will provide hardware to team and new recruits, their software conflicts with Enable New Zealand’s software, i.e. causes printing issues.
* With James leaving MoH, Mana Whaikaha has been moved from System Transformation Team into Operational Team reporting to Amanda Bleckmann.
* Angus acknowledged and thanked Rachael and the Mana Whaikaha team for their hard work, Rachael reciprocated.

**Wayne joined the meeting and Toni (provider) left the meeting at 12pm**

**Note**: Evaluation Framework feedback – the documentation is with MoH, but should anyone have anything else to add, please email Mark Benjamin directly.

**Lunch Break**

**Request for Endorsement – Quote**

* Pull up flag/banners – (recommendation from Home Show 2020 experience)
* Quote from Freedom for 2 pull up banners, stand and cover total $738.00 ex gst
* **All present agreed/endorsed this request.**

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| ***Action: Peter will liaise with EASIE Living staff to arrange storage of banner.*** |

**Code of Conduct RGL**

* The group revised the draft in breakout groups, gave feedback and alterations and amendments were made.
* The group acknowledged the importance of incorporating Te Ao Maori into the document so will contact Tangata Whenua for support.
* A revised final draft of the Code of Conduct will be sent to Mana Whenua seeking suggestions that will be considered by the RLG in order to finalise.

**Terms of Reference Document**

* The previous TOR document has been agreed from the RLG members and a proposed amendment was presented.

Note 3 “all RLG members and other participants and observers are asked to read and sign the code of conduct which enables them to be part of the MidCentral Regional Leadership Group.”

**The Terms of Reference amendment was endorsed by all present.**

* No. 18 regarding dealing with a personal issue and a group concern was read to the group as a reminder of process to follow.

**Housekeeping**

* The Housekeeping draft was reviewed with one reworded bullet point:

“Attacked the problem, not the person” changed to “Address the concern, not the person”.

**The Housekeeping document was endorsed by all present.**

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| ***Action:*** *RLG requesting Mana Whenua to make suggestions to CoC and House Keeping documents.*  |

**Round Up**

Exciting, good, difficult, interesting, good, exciting, hard work, busy, exhausting, breakdown, collaborative, fun, productive, cool, productive, merry Christmas!

The meeting ended at 3.00pm.