**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 6 April 2022**

**From 10.30am – 2.30pm**

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

**Facilitator**: Pip Brunn

**Meeting Notes:** Jo Brew

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) + 2 Interpreters Kerry & Sarah)
* Angus, Peter A, Martin, Wayne, Natt (Disabled People)
* Tracey, Toni I (Families)
* Rachel (People First)
* Regena (Mana Whenua)
* Mike (Providers)

**Apologies:**

* Jennifer (OT)
* Jane Hawkins-Jones (Te Mahau/MoE)
* Gabrielle (MDHB)
* Antnz
* Lovely, Rasela (Pasifika)
* Toni G, Eru, Mel (Providers)
* Rachael Burt

**Non Attendance**

* Wairemana, Amelia, and Stacey (Mana Whenua(Tangata/whanau whai kaha Maori position) (Naomi)

**Welcome and karakia**

The Facilitator opened the meeting with a karakia. This was followed by an icebreaker for the first face to face meeting for 2022.

**Resignation**

Angus announced his resigned from the Disabled People’s Core Group (and RLG) effective from the end of April. He expressed his thanks to all and will remain connected through a faith based group. Thanks for contribution and best wishes for the future were expressed on behalf of the group.

**Updates**

**Disabled People**

* The YAAY report was presented to yesterday’s core group meeting by a person for whom the delivery was a major achievement.
* Low hearing – after a discussion about who should cover the cost of NZSL provision in church, the consensus was a personal budget should, people needing NZSL assistance be encouraged to seek a personal budget via Mana Whaikaha.

**Family**

* The family core group has reaffirmed their groups focus (EGL) and plan to work on growing the family group. Planned activities include:
* Arranging a morning tea to reconnect with families.
* Reintroducing monthly meetings.
* Creating a survey monkey to find out about family’s experience with Mana Whaikaha and EGL and general feedback.
* There is a lack of and outdated information about MidCentral on the national EGL website. (The group was advised about a new contract to refresh the website.) Fresh information also needs to be submitted for uploading to the website.
* There are concerns about inconsistencies within Mana Whaikaha affecting people’s packages, i.e., changes to packages occurring between October and now relating to flexibility between different purposes, EGL and budgets. Some are struggling with lack of face to face meetings and there are conflicts of information.
* Aroha Lowe starts as a Specialist Connector at Mana Whaikaha on Monday 11 April.

**Action: Pip (?) write to Director, Mana Whaikaha to ask for clarification about flexibility between different purposes and rules/guidelines around portability of personal budget (outside the region).**

**People First**

* No update as People First are not meeting under the red traffic light restrictions.

**Deaf Community**

* Celebrating NZLS/NZSL Act.
* At the recent Oscars. ‘Coda’ won an award – a great win for the Deaf community.
* Beginning to meet people face to face again.

**Sector Engagement**

* Last week a public forum was held in Levin.
* Drop In Night at Focal Point is scheduled for Monday 11 April – first live stream rescheduled for 18 April.
* Multi core group meeting scheduled for Tuesday 12 April, 3.00 – 5.00pm at Café Allsorts (rescheduled from March – Family one will now be in May).

**Action: Natt to send out multi core group calendar to Pip for forwarding to the RLG group.**

**Providers**

* Responding to the changing covid situation and information coming from MoH.
* Most have good stocks of RATs to supply to people.
* Some pinch points around PPE, struggling to get the quality masks.
* Staffing still a major issue.
* A tri-group (aged care, mental health and disability) got together to work with Ministry regarding pay equity for moving forward, however no traction has been made.
* Workforce expo is still planned but is dependent on covid and changing traffic lights.

**Mana Whenua**

* First meeting for the hikoi was held in Pahiatua yesterday
* around 10 -12 attended. Great to meet new families and thanks for admin support involved.
* Vivienne Nga moimoi, Peter Allen, Lisa Te Toro MW, Steve Bethell, CCS and Regena presented.
* Creating connections with many in our region and maintaining a focus on disability, i.e., with Māori Hauora services in our region has disability services but for the elderly; the GM in Dannevirke is interested in knowing more and opening Māori services in a wider way.
* There is a core of 10 in our whānau, the hikoi will help us grow.
* Some of the people being visited seem to not have heard of EGL before.
* Mana Whenua has a home based at Square Edge, Level 2, 201, alongside the Hauora Holistic Tangata Whaikaha.

**Technology Proposal**

After considering 2 quotes for the purchase of electronic equipment Pip recommended the quote from DTSL being accepted.

**The group voted and agreed to purchase the following equipment from DTSL.**

**(One person abstained from voting to avoid conflict of interest)**

5 x laptops, 2 x projectors, 2 x cameras, 5 x bags, 5 x wireless mice and keyboards, licensing, and training for 5 people.

**Action: Pip will arrange the purchase of the equipment.**

**Leadership Review Reflections Document**

* Good learning outcomes from the document and some have already begun to be put into effect.
* Historic records and learnings haven’t been kept.
* It was suggested the group check the RLG’s statement (written by Marc Benjamin) on the EGL website – as this is reflected in the review document.
* The document reflected families wanted to be heard more, this was rejected by a member as it was thought the families has a loud voice in this group. It was clarified the intention was about keeping the families voice loud and heard moving into the future.
* It was suggested a historian be appointed, and the RLG have an anniversary day and use the date to ratify members and

**Action: It was proposed resourcing for RLG be made available to compile a historic account documenting major milestones, events, activities from co-design forward be kept.**

***The Group moved into a closed meeting to discuss a confidential matter tabled by the Family Core Group before discussing Co-Design Participation.***

**Co-Design Participation**

Jo tabled an email on behalf of the Director of Mana Whaikaha

* Enable New Zealand are requesting the support of 3-4 disabled people and 2 whānau members that can bring the voice of the community they represent into the discussions around development of the guided self-assessment tool for Equipment.
* The following volunteered their support:

Toni I Annette Regena

Wayne Natt (will take to YAAY) Ally (to be confirmed)

**Workforce Working Group (WWG)**

As an outcome from the last MGG meeting, Pip and Rasela agreed to present a request at today’s meeting.

* Pip tabled a request that RLG write a letter of support to the Ministers to prompt a focus on WWG priorities and to listen to the voice of disabled people and whānau and work collaboratively so their input is included in the work programme and design.

**The group was in unanimous agreement to support this request.**

**Capability & Capacity Funding Report – 6 months to 30.12.22**

Jo tabled the 6 monthly report on behalf of the Capability & Capacity Panel.

* Covid caused delays to a few projects either starting or finishing.
* The panel was thanked for the background support they give to these community projects.

**The group agreed to accept the report.**

**General**

**Recruitment of Facilitator for RLG**

* After discussion, the group agreed this role remain as a sole position, being supported when required by RLG members (i.e., sick cover etc).
* The preferred candidate be offered a contract to December 2022.
* Delegated to Peter Allen/Mana Whaikaha Ltd to organise appointment, contract etc and advise unsuccessful candidate.
* The Facilitator would hopefully start from the May meeting onwards.

**Closing**

Closing comments included no animosity today, enjoyed today’s meeting, fired up, good discussion, people having ability to speak up, went well, voices from different representatives were heard loudly and clearly today and without confrontation, harmonious meeting, leadership is about empowering others, everyone is doing an awesome job.