**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2022**

**From 10.30am – 2.30pm**

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

**Facilitator**: Pip Brunn/Ann-Marie Stapp

**Meeting Notes:** Jo Brew

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) (+ 2 Interpreters Kerry & Sarah)
* Antnz, Peter A, Martin, Wayne, Natt (Disabled People)
* Tracey, Toni I (Families)
* Lovely (Pasifika)
* Rachel (People First), Catherine (support assistant)
* Regena (Mana Whenua)
* Eru, Toni G (Providers)

**Apologies:**

* Jane (Te Mahau/MoE), Jenifer (OT), Gabrielle (MDHB)

**Non Attendance**

* Rasela (Pasifika), Mike (Providers, Mel (Providers)
* Wairemana, Amelia, and Stacey (Mana Whenua(Tangata/whanau whai kaha Māori position) (Naomi)

**Pōwhiri**

* A pōwhiri was held to welcome Ann-Marie to the group. Ann-Marie will take the role of Facilitator from June onwards.

**Introductions**

The Facilitator opened the meeting, this was followed by a round of introductions and the sharing of a celebration relating to the disabled community within the past 5 years by each member.

**Updates**

**Disabled People**

* Yesterday’s core group meeting was attended by Ann-Marie.
* Natt has been voted to fill Angus’ vacant seat at the table.
* It was noted the confidence some had gained over the years to stand and speak within the core group.

**People First**

* First face to face meeting for 2022 was held on Monday and was a good catch up.

**Family**

* First face to face meeting for 2022 list was held yesterday and attended by Ann-Marie.
* Discussed growing membership; a morning tea meeting is planned for 14 May with members to bring another person along.
* Multi core group is pencilled in for 14 June.

**Mana Whenua**

* First core meeting to be held on Thursday 19 May at 10am in Room 201, Square Edge.
* A graduation for mirimiri students (capability funded project) is planned for late May. The Capability Panel will be invited to attend the ceremony/celebration and meet the graduates. Some of the students are also members of the core group.
* 3 more hikoi left – Foxton, Dannevirke and then lastly Palmerston North. Those held to date have been successful.

**Pasifika**

* Covid has hit a lot of families so connecting via zoom or phone.
* Continue to connect families with the system.

**Deaf**

* Still trying to meet people face to face – this will continue.
* The week beginning Monday 9 May is NZSL week – there will be lots of taster classes nationally and lots of other events.
* Hoping to have an informal group catch up at Brew Union on Sunday 15 May.
* Note – Taster classes run throughout May and June, duration 45 minutes. Annette will be teaching 6 classes.

**YAAYs**

* The April activity included budgeting and an easter egg activity.

Very proud of the leader who planned, adapted and ran the event.

* Upcoming activity is trip to ‘The Hut’, attendees will learn about survival skills etc.
* On Monday, 3 YAAY members are flying to Auckland to attend an empowering programme to enhance the confidence of young people. through iLead. “Turning Rejection into Affection” is the theme.

**Providers**

* First face to face meeting will be held next week.
* Continued focus for providers has included arranging shift cover for disabled people, keeping disabled people safe and recruiting staff.

**Action Point Update from previous meeting**

Following up on action points from the last meeting, Pip wrote to the Director of Mana Whaikaha asking the following questions:

***Question 1****: We are seeking to clearly understand the boundaries or movements around portability of personal budgets across regions and what this means at the moment?*

***Answer:*** *At this point there is not provision of portability of personal budgets. Unfortunately, this falls outside the scope and guidelines for Mana Whaikaha. It is my understanding this was discussed as part of high level design but did not eventuate. Mana Whaikaha’ s response to EGL is only available in the MDHB region at this stage.*

***Question 2:*** *We would also like to know if there has been changes regarding the ability to shift funding within personal budgets between purposes if the spending meets the funding requirements?*

***Answer:*** This provision is still in place as long as it is reassigned to one of the original purposes that was developed as apart of the good life plan (within the funding agreement).

**Director Update (Rachael Burt)**

* Additional work required due to transition to new ministry includes:
* Regular reporting to MoH, Establishment Unit, RLG and MGG.
* Recruited 9 staff recently, some were internal shifts, so those vacancies now need filling.
* The team has more security and confidence in the workspace with their understanding of the coming changes of transition, this enhances the seamless, continued service delivery for disabled people and whānau through this period.
* A ‘Reflection and Development’ day is scheduled for Friday 6 May for the whole team, will include the social model and EGL, revisiting the intent and discussing the next steps.
* Planning has highlighted the achievements and work everyone has contributed to the prototype.
* A report received from OT indicates there has been an increase in disabled children entering their service nationally except within MDHB where it has reduced. We believe Mana Whaikaha’ s investment in early intervention supports within our region has contributed to this change.

The Director queried the origins of the name ‘Mana Whaikaha’; Jo will send an outline of the history from file.

Questions asked of the Director by members were:

***Question:*** Portability of personal budget – can you live outside the region for 12 months?

***Answer***: There is no facility to administer personal budgets outside the MDHB region as this fall outside of the guidelines; the prototype was specifically for those within this region.

***Question:*** What is the transition timeframe to MSD?

**Answer:** From 1 July Mana Whaikaha will be transitioning to the new ministry, *hosted* by MSD (instead of MoH).

**Questions:** MSD funds can be transferred to a different area; how does MW manage people transitioning from this area to a new area with a smooth transition and no gaps?

**Answer:** Connector would work alongside the person in the 6 months prior to move and then collaborate with the new NASC to ensure successful transition.

**Question:** What about moving within the EGL sites?

**Answer:** Yes, would support the personal budget to transfer over accordingly to the site and within that site’s particular guidelines.

**Feedback on report for Director**

1. Request a copy of the OT report referred to above, by The Director of Mana Whaikaha so the right people can see it. (Jo/Rachael)
2. The successes that come out of ‘Reflection Day’ be shared with RLG would be appreciated. (Jo/Rachael)
3. RLG to reflect on how they have influenced TLA within this region.

**Sector Engagement**

* Waiting on technology delivery
* Drop-In night & Forum
* Developing check lists to assist
* Roster – 1 rep from disabled people and family core groups for Drop Ins and Public Forums please. Providers feel free to drop by either.
* Drop-in Evenings - Focal Point works well. Next one planned for next week.
* Public Forums
* 16th May 2022, Pahiatua. Tracey K & Janine Morrah co-ordinating.
* Antnz & Annette meeting with Anu (Safe Communities Coordinator, PNCC).
* RAMS & Safeguarding: What & Why. Starting to prepare RAMS for Public Events.
* Comms & social media - proposal sent 2/5/22
* Livestreams – 24 May 2022; introduction to some people and core groups.
* Multicore Group – 22 June 2022 and Family/Whanau coordinating.
* Celebration of the opening of the Ministry for Disabled People
* Do we want to do a Livestream for this?
* Suggestions on venue and time?
* Do we want to invite local leaders, have speeches etc or do something informal?
* Do we want a theme?
* Faith Based - Meeting with Jenny, Tracey, Antnz & Peter on the 11th May 2022.
* Mana Whenua - 17th May.
* Learning Disabled and Residential Care - Awaiting a call from Cindy John at People First.

Action: Antnz - a link to the current Gmail shared calendar will be sent out, followed by link to new one once done.

**General Business**

**Matters arising from the previous meeting:**

1. The previous meetings notes were altered to reflect one person had abstained from voting about the technology purchase.
2. Disabled Peoples core group is planning a get together at the Ashhurst RSA to farewell Angus. Once details are confirmed an invitation will be extended to the group.

**Complaints**

* A discussion was held about a process, policy and practice around complaints.
* Code of conduct – all members to sign and return at the next meeting.

**Meeting Rate Pay Rise**

As meeting rates have remained the same over the last 3 years, it was proposed payments be increased by $40.00 per day, incrementally (0 – 2 hours $70, 2 – 4 hours $140.00, 4 – 6 hours $210, 6 - 8 hours $280.00). If the proposal is accepted, then this recommendation to be sent to Erin Black at MoH for approval/endorsement.

Discussion included:

* Clarification of seats around this table: Family 3, Pasifika 2, Providers 2, Disabled People 7, (Includes Peoples First 1 and Deaf 1), Mana Whenua 3.
* Officials from agencies have no decision power (and are not paid the meeting fee).

**All present agreed the proposal to increase the meeting rate to $40 per day, incrementally, be accepted.**

Action: Peter to correspond with Erin Black, MoH with the proposal above.

**Historian role**

Carried over from previous meeting.

**Action: Ann-Marie to incorporate RLG’s history compilation into the workplan. (Angus might be available, also EU maybe compiling EGL history).**

**Closing**

One thing that was great about today’s meeting and 1 thing we could make better, or change:

* Agreement for people to agree to take turns to talk,
* Progression and people not talking so fast
* New facilitator: putting hands up waiting to talk or slowing conversation down for interpreters was repeated a few times
* Lovely bunch of supportive people here, processes could improve
* Meeting went well
* Good to know who has representation of the seats
* Standing to honour during a pōwhiri is important to remember
* Good meeting
* Less animosity, remember why we are here
* Like talking stick
* Timeframes around action points from minutes, processes
* Good meeting, more meeting around pōwhiri is appreciated as unsure.
* Appreciated the pōwhiri, taking care of process is the work, allowing silence between speakers, and “Pineapple”.