**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 August 2022**

**From 10.30am – 2.30pm**

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

**Facilitator**: Ann-Marie Stapp

**Notes:** Jo Brew

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) (+ 2 Interpreters Sarah and Kerry)
* Antnz, Peter A, Natt, Wayne (Disabled People)
* Tracey, Toni I, Pip (Families)
* Lovely (Pasifika)
* Rachel (People First), Katherine (Rachel’s Meeting Assistant)
* Regena, Dion, Maide and Nadia (Mana Whenua)
* Toni G, Eru (Providers)
* Jeanette (MoE)

**Apologies:**

* Wayne (Disabled People - late)
* Martin
* Jen (OT)
* Gabrielle (MDHB)
* Rasela (Pasifika)
* *Jane (Te Mahau/MoE who has appointed Jeanette Brown until end October*)

**Karakia/Welcome**

The meeting was opened with karakia followed by a round of introductions. Nadia was welcomed to the group as new Mana Whenua rep as Regena is stepping into a MidCentral Governance Group role administrating for Mana Whenua.

**Updates**

**Deaf Community**

* The NZSL sign for Whaikaha will be finalised and released soon.
* The Deaf Community has requested an updated diagram of the EGL structure and leadership groups.
* An old document was circulated.
* **Action: Groups to send their versions to Ann-Marie so one document can be collated.**
* Who funds hearing aids for people over 65 who’s impairment has been life long?
* **Action: Annette to email Natasha Browne, Ops Manager – Mana Whaikaha enquiring about policy regarding hearing aid costs as above.**

**Disabled People**

* YAAY’s formed a sub-committee relating to the Auckland Law Disability workshops.
* 2 YAAY members recently attended an empowerment training programme focused of ‘Your Story.
* The core group learnt to sign ‘Mana Whaikaha’.
* Feedback from the inclusive faith outreach team are some people who are unsure about how to spend their personal budgets (and the waitlist is very high). Further discussion at the meeting included:
* How can we best help our community to understand personal budgets before they see a Connector? (EGL service).
* What is a host? How can they fill the gap?
* There are some instances where funding has become more prescriptive and restrictive – correct information is needed.

**Action: All to send their concerns about restrictions about personal budget spend to Pip. Pip, Tracy and Toni collate and write to Ops Manager, Mana Whaikaha on behalf of RLG to outline these concerns and seek correct information.**

**Family**

* Jeanette (Manager, Learning Support - MoE) attended yesterday’s meeting; the education focused discussions were much appreciated.
* Receiving feedback re too many ‘no’s’ / and compliance queries around funding.
* Connection made to Family Leadership Alliance; one rep from each EGL region will attend future meetings.
* The core group requested an opportunity to join in NEGL monthly meetings.
* **Action: Pete to arrange and forward info email.**
* Arrangements made for Care Matters to facilitate a series of 5 x ‘EGL and EGL in Action’ workshops; advertising to follow. The workshop includes a resource booklet; members were keen to receive a copy.
* **Action: Toni I to send workshop details to Jo to circulate to RLG members.**
* **Action: Toni I to check with Tina re forwarding resource to members AND if the resource is available in accessible formats.**

**My Life My Voice (MLMV)**

Peter Wilson, Business Manager and Ebony Lowe, Senior Leader – Kaitūhono Team from MLMV attended:

* Established the ‘Peer to Peer’ programme (peer support network).
* Provides a self-referral, connector service at no charge, as an alternative to Mana Whaikaha.
* Based at Call for Charity, 602 Main Street, Palmerston North.
* Natt and Pete are also employed my MLMV to promote peer support work.

**Action: Pete to connect Ebony with Lovely and Rasela.**

**Updates – Part 2**

**Mana Whenua**

* The organisational structure of the core group is a work in progress.
* New date for the postponed EGL-Mana Whenua final hui at St Michael’s yet to be confirmed.
* Mana Whenua will be promoting EGL at Te Hauora Tangata in Levin on 1 October
* Planning a hui with Mana Whaikaha to build supportive working relationships.
* Future core group meetings to be held on Friday 10am – 12pm.
* Enquired about including technical functionality to include wifi usage from Square Edge.
* As the core group has increased from 1 – 4 people, a budget increase would be appreciated. Proposed budget increase sent to Chair, MGG - how do we access this funding?
* Focussing of the 8 EGL principles and the Maori aspect of each.

**MoE**

* Met with YAAY’s and Family members this week; happy to hear people’s stories.
* Some decision making has been moved from central office to regions. MidCentral is part of the Tai Whenua central region. Expected improvements include system shifts and flexibility to better suit regions.
* Major focus on attendance and engagement at present.

**Pasifika**

* Continuing to support Pasifika re what they need to know prior to connecting with connectors and helping them understand the information they get. Uses own experience with personal budgets to assist. Helps to narrow the cultural gap.
* Personal budget training opportunities would assist people.

**People First**

* Attends People First monthly meetings, first Monday of the month from 5.30 – 6.30pm at Hancock House. Must be a member to attend, can register at the beginning of a meeting or via Facebook.
* Central meeting to be held this Saturday in Wanganui. Register to attend. More information via ‘People First New Zealand’ website or Facebook page.
* Will be attending a Money Smart Course.

**Providers**

* Approximately 26 providers in MidCentral are invited to meet monthly to get together, share learnings and information as colleagues.
* Current focus on a working group for recruitment; Creative Solutions will be contracted to complete this project.

**General Business**

**Policy/role clarity**

* Conflict of interest regarding multi-representation on EGL groups.
* Confusion about policy and roles.
* **Action: To reschedule the agenda business first – updates later.**

**Guide for group updates what have you done, what are you doing, what are you going to do? What are you doing to develop your policies etc.**

* **Action: Policy clarity to be an agenda item at the September meeting (i.e numbers of representation, refine and review structure and purpose of MGG, RLG and core groups and understand overall structure – where do the EGL groups sit relative to each other).**

**Multi Core Group**

* Mana Whenua is hosting the next multi core group – note date change Wednesday 17 August.

**Action: Ally and Natt to organise calendar.**

Sept/Oct – Providers Tuesday 11 October

Nov/Dec – Pasifika Tuesday 13 December (YAAY’s back up)

**Sector Engagement**

* Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September ‘EGL in our Community ‘Safe Community
* Friday 23 Sept – training day targeted at disability support services and psycho-social services and interactive disabled people.

AM – EGL and how to put into practice

PM – Safeguarding.

* Saturday 24 September – Community Day for disabled people, family/whānau and community.
* Self Defence and situational training
* De-escalation training – tips and tricks for families
* Streaming kit has been organised – and used today. Need a condenser microphone to improve sound to zoom attendees.
* Planning personal budget training and intro to EGL workshops.
* Presented to AccessAble – Auckland.

**Matters arising from previous minutes and action points**

* Ann-Marie to be the central point to pass through various documents for collation.
* Process for unspent money – carried over to next meeting.
* Set up precedent for attendees to report on funded Conference experiences.
* Pip proposed the group approve the updated monthly cost of $150.00 for Smartpay. Last month the quoted price of $60.00 had been agreed to.
* More clarity about accountability (briefing, budget, and role) would be appreciated.

**All present agreed.**

**Ending comments**

Progress, motivated, hard work, challenging, interesting, progression, equilibrium and equity, a bell – ding a ling a ling, information, deciphering minutes, moving on, work to be done, thanks.