**Enabling Good Lives (EGL)**

**MidCentral Regional Leadership Group**

**Record of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 March 2023**

**From 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**At the Function Room, Focal Point, 223 Cuba Street, PN**

**Facilitator**: Ann-Marie Stapp

**Notes:** Jo Brew (via transcription)

**Present:**

* Annette (Deaf Rep) (+ 2 Interpreters Sarah and Janet)
* Deanna, Antnz, Abby, Hamish (Observer), (Disabled People)
* Tracey, Zandra (Family)
* Rachel, Elizabeth, Marie (Meeting Asst/Observer), (People First)
* Rangirea, Nadia, Maidie (Mana Whenua)
* Lovely, Rasela (Pasifika)
* Toni G, Mike (Providers)
* Jen (OT)
* Andrew (IT)

**Apologies:**

* Martin, Natt, Peter, Wayne (Disabled People)
* Pip, Ally (Family)
* Dion (Mana Whenua)
* Eru (Providers)
* Jeanette (MoE)
* Gabrielle (Te Whatu Ora)

**Karakia**

The meeting opened with karakia at 10.40am followed by a round of introductions.

**System Transformation (Next Phase) Meeting**

Whaikaha recently extended an invitation to MidCentral RGL/MGG leadership to attend a meeting regarding the next phase of system transformation for the disability support system. Peter, Pip, Dion and Natt are joining other team leaders from the disability community, Whaikaha

executive and the project team in Wellington today to discuss and plan the next phase. Pip, Peter, Dion and Natt are attending on RLG’s behalf.

Representation from People First will also be present.

A RLG member raised an objection regarding the 6-day turnaround seeking disabled people’s consultation/representation from this area.

A second objection was raised regarding the Director, Mana Whaikaha not having the authority to ‘get things done’ or a budget (resulting in her paying for catering etc. from her own pocket).

**Previous Minutes**

**Action points**

* Pip to re-circulate the budget template to Pasifika, Mana Whenua and Providers with the February minutes.

**Some people/groups had and some had not received the template. The template wasn’t attached with the February minutes.**

* Individuals and core groups to send information to contribute to a joint proposal/business case for 20 hours per week sustainable funding for Sector Engagement capability and capacity/resourcing to Ann-Marie before the March meeting.

**No information was contributed. After a discussion at disabled representatives work day, it was identified 2 roles/proposals were required; sector engagement and social media/co-ordination. To be discussed further in Sector engagement update.**

* The guidelines and expectations for using the MSD funding be distributed to the core groups by Natt. **Completed**
* Pip to write to Whaikaha requesting the workforce working group be reinstated and completion of the employment hub design. **Carried over.**

The minutes were taken as read and were accepted as a true and correct record. There were no matters arising.

**Sector Update**

* No update until a conversation with all core groups has been had. A collaborative effort is required.
* There was a discussion about Whaikaha responsibility and accountability for action and resourcing including the funding for promoting good lives philosophy.
* The lack of collaboration and consultation process from Whaikaha is disheartening, e.g. the late notice regarding today’s meeting in Wellington prevented true consultation of all groups.

***Action: A sub-group of RLG representing each core group (Toni, Antnz, Rangirea, Rasela, Tracy, Zandra, Hamish and Annette) to work together to write a letter reminding Whaikaha about their commitment to collaboration, consultation process and accessible documentation, i.e. cabinet paper being presented by Whaikaha to Treasury regarding the drawdown of funds for rollout.***

**Application for Capability & Capacity Funding**

* An application for capability and capacity funding for a venue for a MidCentral Hub to enable people to watch zoom meetings together and participate in discussions etc in Palmerston North and Levin will be submitted to the Capability & Capacity Funding Panel for consideration.

**Admin/Secretariat Recruitment Update**

* The employment sub-group has drafted a position description for the Secretariat role.
* Until an appointment has been made responsibilities will be shared:
* Venue and food – Pip
* Communications – Ann-Marie
* Agenda – Pip/Ann-Marie
* Attendance Register - Tracy
* Meeting notes transcription – Jo

**Updates**

**Deaf**

* Provided census completion assistance to 8 people.
* Met new deaf/hard of hearing connector at Mana Whaikaha.
* Waiting on date confirmation for deaf community EGL gathering. Proposed date is 21 March and all welcome.

***(Post lunch – recording failed for first 40 minutes.)***

**People First**

* Presented by Rachel but not recorded.

**Disabled People**

* Not recorded.

**Family Whanau**

* Not recorded.

**Mana Whenua address to Family Whanau**

On behalf of Mana Whenua, Rangirea read a statement to Family Whanau Core Group with the following points:

* When Family Whanau requested Mana Whenua’s approval of their new name ‘Whanau for Whanau’ at the March meeting, Mana Whenua were unprepared and had hastily responded and mistakenly and embarrassingly agreed to the change without consulting with elders.
* Issues pertaining to adopting a te reo Maori name are:
* What is the whakapapa to the name?
* How many Maori are being served by the group?
* A process of relationship building with Mana Whenua core group and tangata whenua is needed for creating a te reo Maori name.
* A commitment to correct pronunciation of whanau and other words is needed if using te reo in the name.
* Tracey requested the above details be sent to the Family Whanau core group to enable further discussion at their next meeting.
* Zandra acknowledged the korero and gave Mana Whenua assurance Family Whanau will address the feedback.

There was a short break in the meeting while the facilitator checked in with Mana Whenua and Family Whanau. Acknowledgements were given about the difficulty in raising hard issues on the table.

***(Recorder checked and started part way through Mana Whenua update)***

**Mana Whenua**

* Mana Whenua have a venue for their meetings and a place for people to drop in for connection and/or information.

**Officials**

**OT**

* A successful vision and strategy consultation hui with Jen, Claudia and the disabled core groups has been held. Feedback from the consultation meetings will be collaborated and presented to OT leadership. Once developed, the vision and strategy will be presented to community.

**Pasifika**

**PN**

* Focusing on personal and family budgets.
* Rasella and Lovely’s groups operate in different geographical areas and cater to different Pasifika groups.

**Levin**

* Main focus is on building relationships with disabled people within the community and maintaining and sustaining these.
* A disabled youth working in a voluntary role in 2 schools in Levin has identified 19 children with disabilities (11 – high school and 8 – primary) who are not connected to the system. Those families are encouraged to join the Pasifika core group.
* 3 children with disabilities are already in the system.
* Wishes to build the capacity of disabled youth through connection and work experience.
* As the original laptop allocated to the core groups in 2022 is held by the PN Pasifika group, and there are 2 regional Pasifika core groups, Rasela proposed a laptop be allocated specifically for the Levin group.
* The group agreed in principle for a laptop to be allocated to the Levin Pasifika core group and supports this request be presented to the MGG.
* As Tracey holds 2 laptops she has been asked to rescind one laptop (for the secretarial role?). Is an equitable redistribution possible?
* A talanoawas held on Sunday 26 February for Pasifika and Maori disabled people and families. A second community meeting is planned after Easter.

**Providers**

* Waiting to hear back from Whaikaha re pay equity.
* Staffing shortages within the disability and healthcare sector continue.
* Recruitment project – no update. Next meeting to be held on Friday.
* The sub-group has increased to include representation from all core groups.

**Budget**

* Mana Whenua shared their budget template and estimated budget total for 2023-24.
* Providers have not yet received the template or budget
* Do they have a budget for minute taker? If not, why not?
* Providers have chosen not to receive funding to attend meetings.
* Pasifika have never set a budget and would need guidance in setting one and need template.
* Disabled Peoples core group and family core group are unsure whether they have a template.
* Brainstormed ideas for budget considerations for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 24 included:

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| Venue hire | Who gets paid | Admin costs |
| Mileage – who/where to | Guest speakers – airfares/accommodation | Catering including tea, coffee, milk |
| Interpreters/Meeting Assistants | Resources – photocopying/paper | What do you need for people to attend |
| Strategic planning hours | Wifi/zoom | Parking |
| Core group workshops | Childminding | Actual and predicted budgets |
| Sector Engagement |  |  |

* All groups are encouraged to prioritize the completion and submission of their budgets Mana Whaikaha Ltd as soon as possible before 1 April 2023.

**365 Training**

* Those wanting the training please email Tracey.

**Closing comments**

One thing to take away from this meeting:

Gone next level today – thank you, a lot of time to in front of us for these meetings, be good to get more People First to these meetings, interesting meeting – plenty of notes, food was yummy, a lot of information, we all do things differently by we all want the same thing – go back to the basics sometimes, lots of information and work ahead of us, have a lot written down and actions to follow up, have enjoyed myself and seeing the different groups, a lot information, only filling in for the Chairman and will be passing all of this on, liked my iced chocolate, liked the way we are moving forward and getting a bit feisty again.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm