



## MINUTES

MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Meeting held at 12.30pm in the Meeting Room of  
Centacare – Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy**

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Chairperson: Peter Wearne (YSAS) There were 30 in attendance including Danny Jeffcote (North Yarra Community Health), Morgan Scholz (Victoria Police @NJC), Bernie Lane (Department of Health), Jamie Davis (Centrelink), Kerri Felemonow (Turning Point DROP), Sandra Fox (NRCH), Dean McWhirter (Vic Police), Sarah Gillett (Yarra Council), Mark Power (City of Melbourne), Kealy Smith (City of Melbourne), David Hartman (Odyssey), Julieanne Nguyon (NRCH), John Anderson (NRCH), Sally Mitchell (Resident), Barbara Taylor (Dept of Health), Linda Cropley (RDNS HPP), Danielle Thomson (Melb Div of GP), Vera Boston (NYCH), Christa Grapentin (YSAS), Ilana Jaffa (Living Room), Rod Mackintosh (Youth Projects), Jason Webb (PHaMs), Cleo Papageogiou (PHaMs), Alexa Ridgway (VACRO), Renate Uzubalis (Reckitt Benckiser), Marcelle Kayrooz (Youth Projects).
2. **APOLOGIES:** John Beckwith (Yarra City Business Forum), Pier Moro (Hep C), Sam Mastro (Salvation Army), Adam Tilley (Victoria Police), Norman Vella (Hanover), Pravin Ram (Office of Housing), Carolyn Pickett (BSL), Simon Conway (Inner East Mental Health PHaMs), Janette Berry (NJC), David Silcoff (NYCH), Chris Hardy (NYCH), Julie Borninkhof (MDGP).
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
4. **GUEST SPEAKER:** It was decided not to have a guest speaker so giving more time for socializing
5. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

We are awaiting a reply back from Minister Wynne for a date of a meeting with agencies to discuss the support agencies can give to the innocent family members of someone who is evicted owing to information received that strongly suggests that their tenancy is being used for the trafficking of drugs.

Our financial situation at the 30<sup>th</sup> June showed a surplus of \$6,213.12 and that we didn't spend all the AER Grant owing to our own savings and so have to return \$4,625 out of the \$10,900 grant.
7. **CURRENT DRUG USE PATTERNS:**
  - The number of overdoses for the year to date is 130 there have been 3 on the Collingwood estate recently.
  - 'Living Room' reported Heroin Impurities on the increase; increase in the use of Benzo's.
  - YSAS seeing an increase in Heroin in the mix of drugs that young people are using.
  - Using Benzo's are causing the main overdoses
8. **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS PRESENT:**
  - John Anderson NRCH and Victoria Police and Operation Elizabeth

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*A community based response to alcohol and other drug issues*

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It was reported that this project went well as it assisted NRCH to refer people to support services. The people seen did not know of support services. NRCH and Police would like to expand this project in future to have agency staff involved at the Police Station when someone involved in drugs is taken in for questioning. The difficulty is having staff available at short notice to do this.

A report on Police agency relationships was prepared by Turning Point for Triple C when that was a part of the Police. We will try and get a copy of that Report so see what process was used at that time.

The current project between NRCH and Police will be evaluated and the report made available.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Summary Offences and Control of Weapons Acts Amendment Bill 2009  
The Executive Officer in conjunction with a number of agencies has written to the Premier and Parliamentarians asking them not to pass this legislation prior to a further consultation with agencies. The legislations gives the police power to move people on if they are gathering in a public place and to carry out strip searches if they believe people are in possession of drugs or other illegal substances or equipment..

**10. WORKER'S REPORT:** There were no questions relating to the report

**11. NEXT MEETING: - Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 12.30 pm in the Meeting Room of Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. (N.B. This is the second Monday which will give some people a chance to get back to work after the January break)**

**Guest Speaker:** Michele Gardner, Director of Justice Health, Corrections Victoria, Department of Justice. Services and information regarding drug use and BBV provided to people whilst they are in prison and when they are exiting prison