



MINUTES

MONDAY, 8th February 2010

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

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: As there were no other nominations, Peter Wearne was declared Chairperson of the YDHF for 2010.** Chairperson: Peter Wearne (YSAS) There were 33 in attendance including Danny Jeffcote (North Yarra Community Health), Morgan Scholz (Victoria Police @NJC), Bernie Lane (Department of Health), Kerri Felemonow (Turning Point DROP), Toni Pantelidis (NRCH), Andrew Atkinson (Vic Police), Sarah Gillett (Yarra Council), Mark Power (City of Melbourne), Kealy Smith (City of Melbourne), Sally Mitchell (NYCH), Maureen Chesler (Dept of Health), Julie Borninkhof (Melb Div of GP), Christa Grapentin (YSAS), Ilana Jaffa (Living Room), Mandy Brown (PHaMs), Cleo Papageogiou (PHaMs), Alexa Ridgway (VACRO), Renate Uzubalis (Reckitt Benckiser), Jenny Kelsall (Harm Reduction Vic), Angela Hose (JSS Richmond), Mark Fowler (JSS TOE), Kevan Myers (NEXUS St Vincent's), Liz Rowe (YSAS), Pier Moro (Hepatitis Victoria), Janette Berry (NJC), Rebecca Williams (Hanover Southbank), Liz Day (Fitzroy Legal Service), Hui Zhou (Fitzroy Legal Service), Meghan Fitzgerald (Fitzroy Legal Service).
2. **APOLOGIES:** John Beckwith (Yarra City Business Forum), Barbara Taylor (DOH), Vera Boston (NYCH), Sandra Fox (NRCH), Alissa Walsh (NYCH), Chris Hardy (NYCH), Dean McWhirter (Victoria Police), Simon Conway (PHaMs), Alex Taylor (Hepatitis Victoria).
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
4. **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. Brief Power Point Presentation Attached.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** SIF Position paper to be launched
7. **CURRENT DRUG USE PATTERNS:** NYCH seeing a lots of Heroin about; there is a high demand from Drug Users to go on pharmacotherapies but no places available; Footscray numbers are up; Richmond numbers are down; YSAS still seeing a continued increase of young people using Heroin
8. **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS PRESENT:**
 - Julie Borninkhof Melbourne General Practice Network – Drug & Alcohol alert in GP Newsletter. Julie has obtained funds to hold a forum with doctors. YDHF to discuss possible joint Forum. Julie stated that Doctors feel that they need extra support to administer pharmacotherapies.
 - Involuntary detention & treatment under proposed new laws: the Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Bill 2009 – Fitzroy Legal Service. Fitzroy Legal service asked agencies to consider writing to the various members of Parliament and Ministers asking that the Bill not be passed as it contravenes Human Rights legislation.
 - Council are collecting information about the impact of Local Law 8 on the community

A community based response to alcohol and other drug issues

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9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Worker of the Year Award Nominations by Friday 26th February
- Nominations for Executive Committee to be received by Tuesday 16th February
- YDHF Oration & AGM & Worker of the Year Award Presentation Tuesday 23rd March at 3.00pm in the Reading Room of the Fitzroy Town Hall. (**YDHF Orator, Professor Robin Room -“A Decade Onward: Drugs, Alcohol and the Community Since the Era of the Penington Report”**)

10. **WORKER’S REPORT:** Received

11. **NEXT MEETING:** - Monday, 1st March 2010 at 12.30 pm in the Meeting Room of Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

Guest Speaker: Cleo Papageorgiou, Manager of Inner East Mental Health Services’ **Yarra Service, Personal Helpers and Mentors Program** based in Collingwood will speak about the program for people 16 years and over whose lives have been disrupted by mental health and drug issues and who need support towards recovery and living independently.