



MINUTES

MONDAY, 6th July 2009

**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), Victor Bilous (Mary of the Cross), Andrew Atkinson (Victoria Police), Bernie Lane (DHS), Louisa Tenace (Hanover Southbank), Morgan Scholz (Vic Pol @ NJC), Liz Tehan (Melb General Practice Network), Vera Boston (NYCH), Pier Moro (HepC Vic), Kevan Myers (NEXUS), Christa Grapentin (YSAS), Elyse Maurelli (BSL Coolibah Centre), Dawn Stark (Bridge Withdrawal Unit), Crissa Papanastasiou (Burnet Institute), Amy Kirwan (Burnet Institute), Lucinda Franklin (Burnet Institute), Rebecca Winter (Burnet Institute), Huong Ngo (MHSS), Binh Chu (MHSS), Sarah Kerwick (VAADA), George Kiridis (Odyssey House), David Hartmann (Odyssey House), Kylee Brennan (Turning Point), Marcelle Kayrooz (Youth Projects), Michele Lee (Victorian Legal Aid), Renate Uzubalis (Reckitt Benckiser)

2. APOLOGIES: Carolyn Pickett (BSL) Barbara Taylor (DHS), Maureen Chesler (DHS), Chris Hardy (NYCH), Dean McWhirter (Victoria Police) Bobbi Cheetham (Wellington Centre), Anna McDonald (Centrelink), Monika Schwarz (NRCH), Paul Dietze (Burnet Institute)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes were accepted as written.

4. GUEST SPEAKER: Lucy Franklin and members from Burnet Institute gave an overview of Research that they are doing that is of interest to the AOD sector. The projects they covered were: The networks Study (N2); Prisons Studies – Hit & Miss (A study of post release support for prisoners with a history of injecting drug use); and Melbourne Injecting Drug Use Cohort Study (MIX). A copy of their Power Point presentation is available on our website www.ydhf.org.au

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Supervised Injecting Centre Working Group Position Paper Contractor.
Burnet Institute have been given the contract to produce the Position paper. The Burnet Team will be headed up by Rebecca Winter who will attend the next SIC meeting
- Community Forum – Post-Release Health Needs of Prisoners Who Use Drugs
The Forum was very successful with an attendance of 115 people. It was felt that there needed to be a chance for a senior member of the Department of Justice – Corrections to speak about what they are doing. Can there be more solutions.

A community based response to alcohol and other drug issues

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- Letter to the Pharmacy Guild – We are awaiting a reply from Angelo Pricolo regarding what is involved in dispensing pharmacotherapies to people going on a Methadone etc program

6. CURRENT ISSUES

• Current drug use patterns

Innerspace has been busier than usual; YSAS is seeing more heroin usage with young people; there is a lot of heroin about; the Police are seeing people using OxyContin (oxycodone or slang term 'hillbilly heroin'); Xanax is still very available; Wilson Security report more drug usage and loitering with seeming intent to procure or sell drugs on Collingwood and Richmond Estates; Police seem to be concentrating on Footscray.

7. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS PRESENT

- Regional Alcohol and Drug Plan – Bernie Lane. The Plan will be building on the Blueprint released earlier this year and provide a plan specific to the N & W region. The AOD Network meeting on the 14th July will give funded agencies a chance to put suggest input into the Plan.
- The question was posed that “In light of the Government suggestion that the tax on cigarettes be raised it was asked at what point does a Black Market situation come into force for tobacco?”

8. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

9. WORKER’S REPORT – There were no points raised for discussion and the report was accepted

10. NEXT MEETING: - Monday, 3rd August 2009 at 12.30 pm in the Meeting Room of Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

Guest Speaker: Inspector Dean McWhirter “Trends in Crime over the past 12 months particularly those relating to Alcohol and Other Drugs”.

Sophie Gale from the City of Yarra will also speak about the “City of Yarra Municipal Public Health Plan”