



MINUTES

MONDAY, 5th July 2010

**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: Vera Boston (NYCH). There were 18 in attendance including Sandra Fox (NRCH), Morgan Scholz (Victoria Police @NJC), Sarah Gillett (Yarra Council), Danny Jeffcote (NYCH), Chris Hardy (NYCH), Anna McDonald Yarra Centrelink, Saille Creane (GSYFS), Amanda Olle (GSYFS) Sonia Hernandez (JSS Connexions), Pier Moro (Hep C Vic), Sean Cuthbert (JSS Connexions), Chris McDonnell (VAADA), Kye Mitchell (YSAS), Alex Jarvis (LaTrobe Student), Michele Lee (Vic Legal Aid), Toni Paynter (The Wellington Centre), Maureen Chesler (Dept of Health), Barbara Taylor (Dept of Health), Bernie Lane (Dept of Health), Rebecca Williams (Hanover Fitzroy), Norman Vella (Hanover Fitzroy), Simon Kroes (St Vincent's Northern Nexus), Donna Williamson (Youth Projects) and Marcelle Kayrooz (Youth Projects) .
2. **APOLOGIES:** Peter Wearne (YSAS), Jackie Zombolas (City of Yarra) and Kevin Myers (St Vincent's Northern Nexus)
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes were accepted
4. **GUEST SPEAKER:** John Ryan CEO of Anex will spoke on his experiences at the Harm Reduction Conference in Liverpool and during visits to European prisons on the topic (see attachments on the website)
5. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
 - Free Butterflies and Water through Outreach and Foot Patrol services. Joe reported that there doesn't appear to be any pattern in whether or not they are paid for by clients but he will try to collate them in some way.
 - Position Paper Launch – The Position Paper launch was very successful with a wide coverage by the media. (A copy of the media coverage is on the website with these minutes)
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**
 - Supervised Injecting Centre Working Group Next Meeting date – The next meeting of the SIC Working Group will be on Tuesday 13th July. The meeting will look at what is the next steps.
 - EO Position advertised with applications closing on the 14th July
 - Eviction of Tenants Letter to Minister Wynne. We are awaiting a reply to this letter
 - Email to Minister Wynne's regarding his question about a second NSP in Richmond. Currently we have not received a reply to this email
 - Letter to Director of Housing Re: Wilson Security Statistics being available to the meeting. We have not received a reply to this letter. It was suggested that we could possibly obtain them through a Freedom of Information request.
7. **CURRENT DRUG USE PATTERNS:**
 - NYCH same as usual; Youth Projects reported a non fatal overdose; NRCH reported two overdoses, one of these was fatal in Elizabeth Street; City of Yarra reported syringes in Clifton Hill near their depot.

A community based response to alcohol and other drug issues

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8. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS PRESENT:

- VAADA reported that they meet all the Political Parties during Drug Week nothing particular to report; KPMG Report on the unit cost of drug treatment; Drug treatment services stay with the states not a part of the Federal Health Reform
- Joe to ask Roland Jauernig Dept of Health if there is an Interim report on the NSP review
- Joe to ask Roland Jauernig if there are any Terms of Reference for the Pharmacotherapy review.
- If people want to contribute to the Pharmacotherapy review they need to contact Roland Jauernig at Dept of Health
- The Melbourne City Council/Youth projects AOD Film Festival was a sold out success with interesting discussion following the verbal presentations.
- The idea of a Naloxone trial for AOD workers was raised

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

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10. WORKER'S REPORT: The report was accepted.

11. NEXT MEETING: - Monday 2nd August 2010 at 12.30 pm in the Meeting Room of Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

Guest Speaker: This has changed and will be Belinda Lloyd Coordinator of the 'Earlier Identification of Drug Harms Project (EIDHP)' at Turning Point. The project commenced in March 2007 and aims to develop an information collection system that identifies changing drug use and practices in a timely manner in order to prevent and minimise drug related harms to illicit drug users and AOD service clients in Victoria