



## MINUTES

MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> June 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 23 in attendance including - Max Broadley (YSAS), Danny Jeffcote (North Yarra Community Health), Barbara Taylor (DHS), Maureen Chesler (DHS), Victor Bilous (Mary of the Cross), Andrew Atkinson (Victoria Police), Chris Hardy (NYCH), Carolyn Pickett (BSL), Bernie Lane (DHS), Louisa Tenace (Hanover Southbank), Morgan Scholz (Vic Pol @ NJC), Liz Tehan (Melb General Practice Network), Paul Bowman (Dept Education & Early Childhood Development), Michael Rumpff (Pharmacist), Eve Powell (Centrelink Yarra), Rob Stoll (JSS-Connexions), Maggie Abdelmalak (NYCH), Vera Boston (NYCH), Marita Delany (NJC)

**2. APOLOGIES:** Pier Moro (HepC Vic), Kevan Myers (NEXUS) Dean McWhirter (Victoria Police) Bobbi Cheetham (Wellington Centre), Christa Grapentin, Arry Valastro (YSAS), Elyse Maurelli (BSL Coolibah Centre)

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The minutes were accepted

**4. GUEST SPEAKER:** Kay from the Steroid Education Program speaking about the use of Steroids and the Steroid Outreach Program.

Kay spoke in depth about steroid usage, outlining their illegality and negative impact on people particularly long term users.

Kay is available to speak to users and potential users on a one to one or small group basis. Kay is also available to speak to agency staff in a training session.

Kay can be contacted on 0417 529 678. The program is funded by DHS and operates out of Darebin Community Health Centre

### **5. REPORTS**

- **Executive Committee**
- Supervised Injecting Centre Working Group Position Paper. - Two Expressions of Interest have been received and will be considered at the next meeting of the SIC Working Group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Community Forum – Post-Release Health Needs of Prisoners Who Use Drugs Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The Forum Guest Speakers are confirmed and registrations are coming in.

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- YDHF Website - Danny Jeffcote from (Innerspace NYCH) was organised the Website at [www.ydhf.org.au](http://www.ydhf.org.au)
- Letter to the Pharmacy Guild - At the last meeting there was a request from George Tambassis (Pharmacist) that we consider writing to the Pharmacy Guild regarding Pharmacists being allowed to write repeat prescriptions for Methadone and Buprenorphine. The point was also raised about the need for Pharmacists to be subsidised for dispensing Methadone and Buprenorphine. It was decided that we needed more information about both topics. Joe and Exec to follow this up

## **6. CURRENT ISSUES**

- **Current drug use patterns** – Same as usual

## **7. UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS PRESENT**

- Council Grants Scheme will be announced soon with a focus on Health and Wellbeing
- Centrelink contact list has changed and new requirements regarding Same Sex relationships come in on the 1<sup>st</sup> July
- DHS has given the YDHF an additional \$8470 per year until the end of the current contract in 2011.
- The Innerspace Liver clinic is doing well and people can refer clients to it

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **9. WORKER'S REPORT** – there were no questions on the Report

## **10. NEXT MEETING: - Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 12.30 pm in the Meeting Room of Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.**

**Guest Speaker:** Paul Dietze and members from Burnet Institute to give an overview of Research that they are doing that will be of interest to the AOD sector.