



MINUTES

MONDAY, 1st March 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: Peter Wearne (YSAS). There were 23 in attendance including Morgan Scholz (Victoria Police @NJC), Bernie Lane (Department of Health), Kerri Felemonow (Turning Point DROP), Andrew Atkinson (Vic Police), Sarah Gillett (Yarra Council), Mandy Brown (PHaMs), Cleo Papageorgiou (PHaMs), Alexa Ridgway (VACRO), Renate Uzubalis (Reckitt Benckiser), Janette Berry (NJC), Mark Durran (Dept of Health), Bernie Lane (Depart of Health), Marion Sheppard (St Vincent's Primary Health), Mick Beattie (Vic Pol), Vera Boston (NYCH), Gabby Cohen (Odyssey), George Kiridis (Odyssey), Jinesh Wilmot (NRCH), Shelley Gordon (RDNS HPP), Marcelle Kaynor (Youth Projects), Barbara Taylor (Dept of Health).
2. **APOLOGIES:** John Beckwith (Yarra City Business Forum), Rebecca Williams (Hanover) Pier Moro (Hepatitis Vic), Carolyn Pickett (BSL Family Centre), Norman Vella (Hanover Fitzroy), Liz Rowe (YSAS), Danny Jeffcote (NYCH), Chris hardy (NYCH), Julie Borninkhof (MDGP), Mark Power (MCC), Kealy Smith (MCC), Shelley Cogger (Turning Point), Sandra Fox (NRCH), Miranda Manning (Odyssey), Pier Moro (Hepatitis Victoria)
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted
4. **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. (Link for Information <http://www.ydhf.org.au/YDHF1.html> under Forum Presentations.)
5. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
 - Worker of the Year Award Nominations. Nominations have been extended until Friday 5th March and Joe has emailed this information.
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**
 - Supervised Injecting Centre Working Group Next Meeting date – Tuesday 16th March to discuss the Position Paper launch
 - Meeting with Minister Wynne re- Evictions. The outcome was that the OoH would draw up a referral system that with the consent of the tenant their details would be handed to a support agency who would contact them. The referral system already used by the DHS was suggested as a model by the DHS worker also the meeting suggested involving the DHS High Risk Tenancy Worker.
 - Executive Committee for 2010. There being no other nominations the following were elected for 2010. Pier Moro (Hepatitis Victoria); Meghan Fitzgerald (Fitzroy Legal Service); Morgan Scholz (Victoria Police/Neighbourhood Justice Centre); Sandra Fox (NRCH) and our Auspice representative Vera Boston (NYCH)
 - The City of Yarra has approved the 2nd year of our 3year grant
 - Involuntary detention & treatment under proposed new laws: the Severe Substance Dependence Treatment Bill 2009 – the last meeting referred this to the executive to consider a response. It was decide

A community based response to alcohol and other drug issues

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that within the membership there were some agencies supporting the legislation and some opposing it and so the Executive decided not to comment.

7. **CURRENT DRUG USE PATTERNS:** Youth Projects reported that there was a lot more drinking happening on the streets; Innerspace were seeing a lot more alcohol around; The Local Law 8 has displaced aboriginal people from Smith Street to throughout the municipality.
8. **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS PRESENT:** Staff vacancy for a counsellor at Innerspace; Turning point has a new referral system; Turning Point Pharmacy has vacancies for pharmacotherapy dispensing; Living Room has a new doctor and vacancies for Pharmacotherapy prescribing; Yarra Police Drug Unit is starting with operation Elizabeth for 2 weeks and 5 agencies will provide access to services for people arrested; There are 12,927 people in Pharmacotherapy Treatment since January; NYCH closed for pharmacotherapy prescribing; ANEX Rapid research for pharmacotherapy.
9. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
YDHF Oration & AGM & Worker of the Year Award Presentation Tuesday 23rd March at 3.00pm. (YDHF Orator, Professor Robin Room "10 years on the Pennington Report - *Drugs: Responding to the Issues Engaging the Community* where are we now")
10. **WORKER'S REPORT:** The report was received
11. **NEXT MEETING: - Monday, 12th April 2010 at 12.30 pm in the Meeting Room of Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. (This is the 2nd Monday due to Easter Monday being on the 5th April)**

Guest Speakers: Liz Rowe and Horace Wansborough from YSAS speaking about their Primary Health Program, Assertive Outreach and Forensic Drug and Alcohol program & Belinda McNair (Dept of Health) to speak about Dept of Health and Moreland Hall Community Education project in Collingwood, Fitzroy and Heidelberg West