



## MINUTES

MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010

**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 27 in attendance including Morgan Scholz (Victoria Police @NJC), Kerri Felemonow (Turning Point DROP), Glenn Harbeck (Vic Police), Sarah Gillett (Yarra Council), John Mowat (PHaMs), Belinda McNair (Depart of Health), Danny Jeffcote (NYCH), Sandra Fox (NRCH), Rebecca Williams (RDNS Southbank), Arry Valastro (YSAS), Liz Rowe (YSAS), Chris McDonnell (VAADA), Saille Creane (GSYFS), Mark Power (City of Melbourne), Victor Bilous (Mary of the Cross), Fiona Cameron (JSS TOE), Renee Sinclair (PILCH), Anthony Woodruff (Merri CHC), Shelley Cross (Turning Point), Julie Ware (ANEX), Kevan Myers (NEXUS), Amanda Olle (GSYFS)
2. **APOLOGIES:** Elyse Maurelli (BSL) Bernie Lane (Department of Health), Vera Boston (NYCH), Chris Hardy (NYCH), Pier Moro (Hep C Vic), Janette Berry (NJC), Jo Sultana (JSS), Norman Vella (Hanover Fitzroy).
3. **ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The Minutes were accepted
4. **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Guest Speaker: Fiona Cameron, Program Coordinator of Jesuit Social Services, The Outdoor Experience (T.O.E.) an outdoor adventure program for young people between the ages 16 – 25 years who have or have had issues with substance abuse. (Information is on the YDHF Website)
5. **BUSINESS ARISING:**
6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**
  - Supervised Injecting Centre Working Group Next Meeting date – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Launch will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June between 3.00pm – 5.00pm. Professor David Penington has agreed to launch the Position Paper. Other speakers are still being finalised
7. **CURRENT DRUG USE PATTERNS:**
  - NYCH has no room for pharmacotherapy clients unless they are indigenous or just out of gaol.
  - NRCH has had a reduction in contacts since Operation Elizabeth. Construction of the new building has commenced
  - A recent OD was from injecting Unison which is an over the counter sleeping tablet.
8. **UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS PRESENT:**
  - YSAS has been involved in 3 sessions for Office of Housing Security Staff
  - Vera Boston will be acting chair during June & July in the absence of Peter Wearne
  - Dr Dan Lubman has been appointed to head up Turning Point as Clinical Director and Professor of Addiction Studies at Monash University.

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## **9. OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **10. WORKER'S REPORT:** The report was received

- The Position Description has been update to fall in line with our auspice NYCH PDs.
- Joe Morris announced that he was leaving the position of Executive Officer; he is going to do some voluntary work and is available for short term contract work. Time lines are – the position will be advertised in late June, Interviews will take place in late July and it is hoped that the new Executive Officer will commence in mid – late August. The Position is funded with the Dept of Health until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 (.5) and the City of Yarra until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 (.2)

### **11. NEXT MEETING: - Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 12.30 pm in the Meeting Room of Mary of the Cross Centre 7 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.**

Guest Speaker: Mark Power, Senior Policy Officer, Community Safety & Wellbeing, City of Melbourne. Mark will be introducing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Drugs in Focus – Free Film Festival in Rutledge Lane Melbourne during Drug Action Week, showing us a preview of the films to be shown, inviting us to tell our customers and to come ourselves.