

**NASCA General Meeting – Novotel, Auckland International Airport**  
**Thursday 04 June 2015: 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Present: Mark Brown (Chairperson), Don Sorrenson, Bruce Green, Susan Bowden, Helene Dore, Sandie Kirkman, Sonia Hawea, Kym Park, Lynn Jones, Raewyn Cameron, Jo Martin, Scott Ambridge, Anna McGregor, Claire Hefferman, Jo-ann Tohaia, Jan White, Anne Simpson, Pene Maddock, Marlon Hepi, Sue Fitzpatrick, Bettina Hesse, Andrew Neas, Karen Mora, Craig Hutchison, Anne Simpson, Kate Miller, Margaret Sargent, Jocelyn Williamson, Michelle Main, Adrienne Grigg, Jil Coutts, Rosalie Eilering, Bronwyn Collett, Anne-Marie Shaw, Renee Delamare, Rosemarie Webb, Emma Lowe, Liz Munt, Barbara Walters, Beverley Carney, Pauline Holland, Judy Preston (EA)

Apologies: Deb Nind, Catherine Bennett, Mihi Backhouse, Angela Te Whaiti, Graham Guy

The meeting was opened with a Karakia by Sonia.

Mark welcomed everyone, introductions were given by all and the Agenda for the day reviewed.

Mark referred to the strategic direction of NASCA and discussed a vision that *every person's support needs should be met by the system somewhere, somehow .... taking a let's work out together how we can do that for this person approach.*

Our response can happen on two levels – and the first the local level is most possible for us to be effective at in the short to medium term

- Best practice locally – within and between NASCs
- Vision and promote changes to systems structure and policy eg IRP and LTS-CHC & DSS National Resolution Panel

Farewell to Bruce Green - Mark paid tribute to the time Bruce has been with the Executive over the past 6 years, his work and commitment particularly in expanding the Mental Health membership, interest and involvement in NASC, as well as his interest in working across the NASC streams with DSS & HOP. Best wishes were extended for his new role in social work clinical leadership for Hawkes Bay DHB.

Welcome to Kym Park (Capital Coast DHB). Kym has been seconded to the Exec in place of Bruce until the elections for Exec Members at the AGM in September.

**Meetings 2015**

- 02-03 Sept – National Forum & AGM, Rydges Hotel, Wellington
- 12 November – DSS National Operations Meeting, Quality Hotel Wellington
- 03 December – General Meeting, Commodore Hotel, Christchurch Airport

### **National Forum 2015** (Susan Bowden)

- Planning is well underway. Key note speakers and topics are being invited and arranged. Hoping to have 21 topics which will be relevant across all streams.
- Forum registration: \$347 (+GST) \$400 (incl GST) for 2 days including conference dinner
- Accommodation: Recommended Rydges Featherson or Thorndon Hotel by Rydges. There are also other options available in the vicinity
- The committee continues to meet via teleconference. Further updates will be given as details are confirmed. Information will also be disseminated via the NASCA Newsletter. Ideas and suggestions welcome via Susan and the Committee.

### **NASCA Executive Updates**

Productivity Commission – “More Effective Social Services”.

- Mark referred to the Draft Report which has been published. The Commission seeks input on the draft findings and recommendations by 24 June 2015. A 4 page summary is on the website [www.productivity.govt.nz](http://www.productivity.govt.nz). NASCA will probably not make a submission.

In between Travel – Update (Susan Bowden)

- DHB NASCs have been advised that implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> July is now unachievable – an interim solution will be put in place as to how this will be managed. Further meetings and work will be underway towards the final solution. Exceptional Travel is on hold. No discussion or agreement how this will be managed. No impact on NASCs at the moment. Susan and/or Helene Dore will continue to provide updates.

Introduction to “Moving & Handling People” produced by Home and Community. (Susan Bowden)

- New guidelines have been produced and launched by Home & Community Health Association (HCHA) in conjunction with Carers NZ – these are available on the website. A copy will be posted to each NASC by Laurie Hilsgen.

Workforce Reference Group (Sonia Hawea)

- Chaired by Feala Afoa, MOH. Primary concern for the group is getting a response to the Business Case which addresses resourcing in the sector. Updates from Te Pou on activities such as ASD training.
- Careerforce L4 & L5 Quality Framework Qualifications. Two qualifications currently out for consultation. NASCA needs to make a submission – feedback welcome from NASCs. Sonia will email out to collate feedback.
- Te Pou Let’s Get Real Disability Framework. Te Pou will be looking to provide funding for applications in this regard. NASCs are encouraged to apply. Has anyone seen the Framework and is considering using it or is using it? Feedback is welcome. Sonia will follow up.

Disability Safer Industry Forum (Sonia Hawea)

- Next video conference is 5 June. Key topic is the reform of the legislation. Lots of discussion at this stage. Please contact Sonia if you are interested to be involved.

**Financial Report** (Don Sorrenson)

Don provided a brief summary of the monthly report and balance sheet.

- Balance sheet showing a healthy equity with funds held in reserve. Mark advised that he and Sonia are working on a significant that will benefit NASCs and will be focused on best practice operational processes with a strong emphasis on looking to the future. This will require some of this resource, and will be further advised over the next couple of months.
- Don noted that the full quarterly reports are available on the website and both Don and Mark are available to respond to queries at any time.

**Remote Working at Life Links** (Craig Hutchinson)

Craig provided information and some insight into operating the NASC business in Christchurch before and post-earthquake - in particular as the NASC workplace was no longer accessible due to damage/demolition resulting from the earthquake. He discussed the benefits and challenges of staff, in some cases, having no option but to work from home and the issues around this.

**HSA Global Information System** (Bettina Hesse)

Bettina spoke briefly regarding the CCMS (Connected Care Management System) currently being established for Options HB, HBDHB. In the first instance this was a “like for like” replacement for the old client management/ payment management system. Bettina said it had been great working with HSAGlobal, being very responsive to changes/ tweaks to make work easier and reduce the number of different data bases they have to use at present to record referrals etc. Cutover date is 1 July. Bettina will provide a further update at the December General Meeting.

**Submission on review of Out of Home Placements for disabled children** (Karen Mora)

NASCA appreciates the work of Karen Mora, Options Hawkes Bay in researching and writing a submission to the current review of CYF legislation. NASCA made a submission based on Karen’s work.

**Presentation: Co-Funding – from Myth & Legend to Everyday Reality**

Sonia and Bruce introduced Dr John Hopkins who then went on to present and discuss the methodology of working collaboratively between the streams. He discussed practical approaches to sharing the funding for a person’s support package by 2 or more separate Health & Disability sectors and presented case examples.

- Good discussion followed and Mark thanked John for an interesting and thought provoking presentation and hoped NASCs would be able to take this information and put to useful practice. A handout was available for all.

**Summary & Close of Day - Sonia**

4:00pm Thanks was given to all for their commitment today. Sonia closed the meeting with a Karakia