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NASCA June General Meeting

Thursday 02 June 2016

- Novotel Auckland International Airport

Please RSVP your attendance to Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz

NASC/DIAS Review

Sapere is progressing with work on the DSS NASC/DIAS Review. We understand that initial feedback workshops have been held with Ministry of Health managers. At this stage no further information is available on the directions being taken.

NASCA Executive continues to consider that the Review has fairly and comprehensively heard and taken on Board the range of information and views contributed by individual members and by the Executive. The final report is due in September.

DSS NASC Management Fee

Below are links to the letter sent to the Ministry by NASCA requesting review of the Management Fee paid to DSS NASCs. A formal reply has been received from Toni Atkinson.

The Executive are considering how best to further this discussion with the Ministry.

Link to [letter from NASCA](#)

The response from [Ministry of Health](#).

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National Practice Advisor - Update by Helene Dore, NPA

The year is speeding by, whilst phase 1 projects continue, phase 2 is starting. I would love to hear from passionate NASC people that are keen to be involved in the following projects:

2.1 Data/information analysis

This is targeted to those with interest and knowledge in Socrates reporting and data.

2.2 Review and Reassessment Project

Looking at the cycle of what we do, when and why to ensure the best use of time and service to our clients.

2.3 Good NASC Practice

This is your opportunity to shine - a collection of examples showcased to exemplify what good NASC practice is... and yes just what good NASC practice is, will require a definition.

2.4 NASC Manger Induction and Support

How to equip new managers in their role of DSS and NASC; think about this particularly if you have examples to add or have a view of what would have been useful for you way back then.

2.5 NASCA website members section

How do you want this to look, what information do you want housed where?

Drop me a line if you would like to jump on board. I will also be attending the NASCA

General Meeting 02 June so can answer questions then.

Cheers

[Helene Dore](#)

Updates from DSS National Operations Meeting – 12 May 2016

Presentations

The following presentations are now available on the website:

- [Easie Living & Demonstration Centre](#)
Raewyn Cameron, Enable NZ
- [Intellectual Disability, Dementia & Health](#) – Sharon Brandford –
Registered Psychologist, Member of
NZ Dementia cooperative
- [Update on National Behaviour Support](#) – Joan Cowan & Louise Mitchell, Explore

Refugee Settlement into New Zealand

A change of process with respect to NASC support for refugees with disabilities has occurred. Previously Taikura has visited refugees within a few weeks of arrival at the Mangere reception centre, and at this point completed a Needs Assessment. This has proven to be problematic as the Assessment is being undertaken without knowledge and understanding of the family's eventual living situation.

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The process from now on will be that Taikura will visit the Mangere Centre and provide general information and details regarding the NASC process and disability services in New Zealand for all refugees. Taikura will also continue to provide NASC services to those refugees that are likely to remain in the Auckland area.

For Refugees that will settle elsewhere in New Zealand referrals to the NASC in the region of settlement will be made through the GP practice at Mangere or through the local regions GP on resettlement. Then as a matter of priority NASC will make contact and undertake Needs Assessment and Coordinate any support services as appropriate.

Any queries regarding this process please contact either:

- [Doug Funnell](#) at the Ministry (Doug is the Ministry liaison person with other government departments), or
- [Marlon Hepi](#) Taikura Trust

Refugee Trauma Recovery

Enable NZ staff had attended a very worthwhile workshop facilitated by Refugee Trauma Recovery which was recommended for any NASC wanting to increase understanding and skills in supporting refugees settling in New Zealand. The following contact details were shared:

Francesca Faggioli – Clinical Manager
Refugee Trauma Recovery
DDI 04 805 0353
Email: Francesca@refugeetraumarecovery.org.nz
www.refugeetraumarecovery.org.nz

DSS Independent Review Panel (IRP) – Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are sought for an additional representative to contribute to and support Karen Mora as the NASCA representative on the IRP.

In the past this role has been filled by Ray Williamson, Wendy Kopura, Jay Kutztz, and currently by Karen Mora. All people who have been involved have said that the experience was extremely interesting and beneficial to them in understanding and gaining a wider perspective on the issues faced by NASCs and responses to them.

We have found over the last few years that having two people who take turns on the panel on a 3 month rotation works well, and we are therefore seeking an additional person to compliment the work that Karen Mora is doing.

The panel is convened approximately 2 weekly usually by teleconference to 'support NASCs in the completion of their role and to achieve national consistency, equity and fiscal responsibility with high cost packages' across all DSS NASCs. The panel works in conjunction with the role of the NASC National Reviewer, Jan White.

See the [Terms of Reference and Guidelines](#).

If you are interested in this role please forward a one page statement summarising your CV, and your interest and suitability for the role to [NASCA EA Judy Preston](#) by **17 June 2016**.

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NASCA Conference 2017

Planning is underway for the 2017 event:

Venue: **Waipuna Conference Centre**

When: **07-08 September 2017**

Theme:

"WORKING IN THE SPACE BETWEEN"

The NASCA website has now been updated to include the NASCA [Conference 2017](#). Details will be updated regularly as planning evolves so keep any eye out for all Conference information and highlights.

As previously mentioned, your suggestions, requests or comments are very welcome.

Please contact Craig Hutchison, Conference Convenor, directly on craig@casnz.co.nz or 0274 399691

Gerontology Conference

Early bird registrations are now open for the 2016 Conference of the NZ Association of Gerontology. Check out this

- [Making Active Ageing a Reality](#)
- 15-17 September 2016 Wellington

New Disability Strategy for NZ

MSD through the Office of Disability Issues are well advanced with the consultation phase for review of the New Zealand Disability Strategy.

The new disability strategy will provide clear direction for the government over the next ten years, helping them to make

informed decisions on issues that impact disabled people.

The MSD campaign has invited the disability community and others to tell them what the most important things are for disabled New Zealanders and their whānau to live a good life, to feel valued, supported and able to participate in their communities. Disabled people, families and organisations in the disability sector have joined these conversations by attending events and by recording videos, and filling out surveys.

Keep up to date with next steps in this process by following MSD on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nzofficefordisabilityissues>.

Lakes DHB Mental Health and Addictions NASC

Advice has been received from Lakes DHB that - as of 1 July 2016, Lakes NASC (Mental Health & Addictions arm) will be disestablished and a new model for service co-ordination will be introduced.

Linkage Rotorua have been successful in securing this contract and are currently recruiting to a service navigator role and a peer support role to undertake the work previously done by Lakes NASC. Details of the new service provider will be advised closer to the time

In the meantime referrals or enquiries that are received by Lakes NASC will be redirected appropriately. Lakes NASC will continue to operate the Health of Older People's NASC.

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NGO Health and Disability Network

Chair's Update April 2016

For the latest information from the MOH
NGO Council [Update](#)

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time dates of upcoming meetings
are available on NASCA website:

www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/

NASCA General Meetings 2016

- 02 June – Novotel Auckland International Airport
- 01 Sept – Wellington
- 01 December – Christchurch

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(Life Unlimited)

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