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General Meeting Evaluation

Only 11 responses were received this time. Responses were generally positive and the Executive appreciate your feedback and regularly review the comments and ratings and take into account in planning future events.

Read the [Summary](#) of the evaluation here.

Breakout Notes and updates

- [DSS](#)
- [HOP](#)

Presentation by Sarah Clark

- [An Aging Population](#)

NASC/DIAS Review – Update

We understand that Sapere have given an initial report to the Ministry and are in the process of beginning the second phase of the Review where our impression is that more detailed consideration will be given to various possible models and approaches.

The Executive are pleased with the way that the Review team sought and received significant input from many DSS NASC managers as well as from the Executive.

NASCA March General Meeting

The General Meeting on 04 March in Wellington had very good attendance of 36 people (around 22 DSS, 7 HOP and 6 MH).

Available on the NASCA website are:

- [General Meeting Notes](#)
- Financial Report - February 2016

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National Practice Advisor - Update by Helene Dore, NPA

Phase 1 of the NASCA work plan projects are underway. Priority pieces of work under development right now include:

Development of the ICARE Guide – a draft has been circulated and feedback is now being considered so this guide can be finalised.

Review of the SPA - Progress to date in this project is being tested this month with Capital Support, Life Unlimited and Support Works.

Needs Assessment Quality and Consistency - representatives from Lifelinks, Support Net, MoH and Enabling Good Lives are reviewing the "Needs Assessment" section of the *Support Needs Assessment and Service Coordination Policy, Procedure and Information Reporting Guidelines 2002* to review the contents in today's context.

Service Allocation Tools and Review of peer review, case reviews and internal escalations - The aim of this project is get a better understanding of what happens 'on the ground' at each NASC. This is currently in the planning stages and NASC managers can expect to be contacted in the next 3 weeks.

Planning for phase 2 is due to start in May. Thanks in advance for your input and

support as ideas get explored and tested to ensure any changes enhance our current position in working in a consistent way, promotes sustainability and supports NASCs in their practice.

NASCA Updates from DSS MoH Reference Group Meeting – 23 March 2016

DSS NASC Management Fee

Further to discussion regarding MoH rationale and adequacy of the DSS NASC Management fee, a letter was sent by the Executive to Toni Atkinson and Phil Wysocki. Link to [letter](#)

This letter was briefly referred to at the Reference Group Meeting and the Executive expect to receive a formal response in due course.

NASCs Working with Refugees on Arrival

Up until recently the first point of contact for refugees arriving in New Zealand was the Mangere Centre, Auckland for initial assessments - followed by referral to the appropriate NASC.

This has caused some issues so rather than a baseline assessment at Mangere, the client will be given general information regarding their local NASC (final destination).

A notice clarifying this process will be sent by Sonia Hawea (Taikura Trust) and Doug Funnell (MoH) to all NASCs in due course.

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Behaviour Support Services (BSS)

Explore have now been the national provider of BSS for one year. An unexpected demand from services has caused challenges in terms of waitlists. Some regions are still hot spots and BSS are currently focusing on supporting resources in these areas and are working to develop tools to determine what is challenging behaviour and what is not.

Andrea Darling and Amanda Bleckmann presented graphs providing a national overview. See graphs [here](#).

Overall the good news is that there are more than 3 times the number of staff employed by Explore than previously through the local providers – and almost 50% of staff employed by Explore are psychologists.

MoH have been working closely with Explore and by June expect that waiting times will be no more than 3 months in some parts of the country.

Family Funded Care (FFC)

A new national referral form is currently being developed, and a draft will go to NASCs for feedback in due course.

For up to date information on Family Funded Care Question and Answers, families can be directed to the recently updated MoH [website](#) or phone the Infoline 0800 611 116.

Whaia te Ao Marama and Te Arero

Te Arero is a small caucus of NASC managers interested in supporting the

outcomes of Whaia Te Ao Marama, the MOH Maori Disability Action Plan.

The current convener of Te Arero is Marlon Hepi (Taikura Trust). Other Te Arero participants are Craig Hutchison (Lifelinks); Angela Te Whaiti (AccessAbility); Noel Matthews (NorthAble); Sonia Hawea (Taikura Trust).

Bernadine Mackenzie, who is currently on secondment to DSS from CYF is currently leading work on Whaia Te Ao Marama.

On 24 March Te Arero had a teleconference with Bernadine to discuss the MOH's intentions for Whaia Te Ao Marama and how Te Arero could assist.

In summary the discussion covered the current Te Ao Marama Steering Group, datasets from Socrates, the latest client profile report from DSS based on Socrates information; and possible indicators for outcomes.

Te Arero will be connecting monthly with Bernadine and will provide updates to NASCA.

Health of Older People

interRAI update

The decision document post feedback from the proposal sent out by TAS has been delayed. Instead an interim paper for discussion has been released.

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The TAS team have decided to circulate an interim discussion document to give key stakeholders and potentially affected staff an opportunity to provide further feedback especially about the scope and activities of the proposed new roles.

The interim discussion paper provides a description of the integrated model, including the proposed employment structure, the locations and job descriptions of the roles within the structure and key themes from the feedback.

Feedback to the paper is required by 5:00pm, Friday 15th April 2016.

The timeframe for a final decision has now moved to early May.

The NASCA Executive are preparing to submit feedback to the document. Sandie Kirkman (HOP Rep on the executive) has sent an email to all NASCA HOP members to ensure you have received a copy of the document and the opportunity to provide a collective feedback paper.

Please send any feedback you would like to be part of the NASCA feedback to sandie.kirkman@northlanddhub.org.nz by today, **Thursday 14th April 5pm**.

GERONTOLOGY Conference

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

NASCA Conference 2017

Venue: **Waipuna Conference Centre**

When: **07-08 September 2017**

Theme:

"WORKING IN THE SPACE BETWEEN"

This theme comes with a very detailed and varied concept. The NASCA website will be updated shortly to host a conference page where the themes and concepts will be published.

The conference will be a full two day event including a conference dinner along with amazing entertainment.

Now we have a theme, we are beginning to put together a marketing campaign to attract key note speakers as well as developing the conference programme.

As in the past we are intending to have three workshop streams running together, throughout the two days, so that greater choice and information sharing can be provided. Regular updates of conference details will be published on the website.

To date, apart from my team, we have only two offers to assist on the organising committee. While I am keen to have as many people on board as are interested, I do need to have a specialist Mental Health person. The two volunteers so far come from Under 65 and HOP.

Finally, if you have any suggestions, requests or comments I am very keen to hear them, please contact me directly on craig@casnz.co.nz or 0274 399691

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WATCH THIS SPACE!

Craig Hutchison –

Conference Co-ordinator

New Disability Strategy for NZ (MSD)

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.

MSD have recently launched a campaign inviting 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 can join the conversation by attending an event, holding a workshop, recording a video or filling out a survey.

MSD have sent an e-newsletter on the day of the launch. Which included a link to a new website with all the information needed to take part. You can also keep up to date by following MSD on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nzofficefordisabilityissues>.

NGO Health and Disability Network

Chair's Update March 2016

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

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time dates of upcoming meetings:

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)

Don Sorrenson

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