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2015 NASCA Meeting Dates

Next Meetings

NASCA General Meeting

The next General Meeting is to be held on **Thursday 05 March** 9.00am – 4.00pm at Wellington Airport Conference Centre.

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

An Agenda will be emailed shortly.

NASCA Forum 2015

02 - 03 September - Wellington

Planning is well underway for the NASCA Forum. The organising committee would

welcome your suggestions for topics and speakers. The team look forward to hearing from you:

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Budget Management – DSS NASCs

At the December General Meeting DSS NASCs discussed a range of possible actions regarding the projected over-spend of the MOH DSS Budget in the 2014 - 15 year (in the order of \$8M, 3.5%).

Following this meeting Mark as Chairperson wrote to Toni Atkinson and Phil Wysocki outlining the factors and suggestions made by NASC Managers. The main message was that most realistic solutions were medium to long term, and there appeared to be few if any attractive short-term actions.

In discussions over recent weeks between Mark and Phil Wysocki it appears that:

- DSS are working internally within the Ministry to determine how to best manage the over spend so that difficult and potentially arbitrary short-term actions are not required.

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- It is important that NASCs continue to manage spend closely and take all reasonable steps to reduce the over-spend against the budget in the current year. NASC Managers need to ensure all their quality systems and manager's exceptions processes are in place, and may want to consider lowering thresholds. It is important that as NASCs we have confidence in the quality of our overall practice, particularly determining levels of need and subsequent allocations.
- The MOH would welcome NASCA taking the lead and working together with the Ministry to implement some of the longer term strategies. Initial discussions are taking place regarding a possible project to be led by NASCA to strengthen the strategies, tools and reporting available to NASC Managers to enable robust management and monitoring of spend against budget at the time when packages of support are being coordinated with clients.

The Executive will update on any further news and progress on this at the General Meeting on 05 March in Wellington.

Prader-Willi Syndrome Conference Melbourne - April 2015

The conference theme is "From Better Start to Better Living" which symbolises the importance of giving children the best start possible, leading onto a better life for them as adults and alternatives to the current emphasis of looking for residential options.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the intricacies of PWS and to gain further knowledge and information which can then be filtered down to front line staff appropriately.

See [this link for conference details](#) to be held in Melbourne 11-12 April.

New Model in the Bay of Plenty

Support Net in the Bay of Plenty continues to be very involved in the demonstration of New Model initiatives that includes, the use of Supported Self Assessment, a Funding Allocation Tool, Enhanced Individualised Funding and Local Area Coordination.

Support Net is working closely with the Ministry of Health and Synergia in the development and implementation of Supported Self Assessment and a Funding Allocation Tool. As a result of these processes clients are allocated a funding budget that they then work with NASC coordinators (and others) to develop a suitable support plan from. The result of this has been some innovative and exiting plans that embrace the spirit of the New Model philosophy of Choice, Flexibility and Control.

Many clients have taken up the option of Enhanced Individualised Funding that enables them to use funds for a wide range of services in ways that works well for them and their families. Support Net now has about 300 clients who have taken up this option.

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The management of Local Area Co-ordination in this area is now under the auspices of Imagine Better and they are in the process of extending the service to cover all of the Support Net area, including Lakes (Rotorua / Taupo). We have heard of a number of clients who have benefitted from the involvement of LACs and the LAC service seems enhanced when the role works closely with others, including the NASC.

NASCA Meeting with HOP Steering Group

Sandie Cherrington and Susan Bowden attended the regular Health of Older People Portfolio Manager and GM meeting in Wellington on Wed 11 February.

Chris Fleming, who had initiated the invitation, was chairing the meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to look at increased dialogue between HOP NASC Managers (via NASCA) and the funders.

There was a great deal of robust discussion, with some of those present unaware of NASCA, some clearly resistant to NASCA being involved in anything (or their NASC being involved in NASCA), and some who could see opportunity, if managed correctly, for an improved interface to be beneficial to all parties.

The meeting definitely increased the awareness of those present as to how collaboration with and within NASCA could help progress some of the developments, and allow a greater degree of consistency,

as well as an understanding of challenges from different perspectives.

As an outcome, it has been agreed that someone from DHB Shared Services, or the MoH Health of Older Persons group will attend part of each NASCA General Meeting. To this end Jon Shapleski from DHB Shared Services has already accepted an invitation to our March meeting.

To make the most of these opportunities, it will be useful to have ideas of things we might want to discuss with them ahead of the meeting, to allow them time to research or prepare.

Please email [Sandie Cherrington](mailto:Sandie.Cherrington@nzdnz.govt.nz) or [Susan Bowden](mailto:Susan.Bowden@nzdnz.govt.nz).

NASCA Website – Hacking Attempt

Over the Christmas period a hacking attempt took place against the NASCA website resulting in missing images on the website front page. The attempt was discovered and the website returned to normal operations on 06 January. The hacking attempt did not result in any unauthorised access to documents or modification of the website.

As a precaution all User Log In passwords were cancelled forcing each user to follow the re-set password protocol.

If you have not re-set your password following this forced re-set, or have any problems doing so, please contact Judy Preston info@nznasca.co.nz

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Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time go to:

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

Dates for NASCA Meetings 2015:

05 March	Wellington Airport
04 June	Auckland Airport
02 - 03 Sept	NASCA Forum & AGM Wellington – venue TBC
04 Dec	Christchurch Commodore Airport

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