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NASCA September General Meeting and NASCA AGM

The 2016 NASCA AGM will be held as part of the NASCA General Meeting.

The business of the AGM will include:

- Receive the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports
- Receive the 2015/16 Financial Statements
- Election to vacancies for Executive Officers

Executive Nominations

[Notice of AGM & Nomination for Executive Members 2016](#)

A reminder that [nomination forms](#) must be submitted by **Monday 01 August 2016** and remember that all nominees, proposers and seconders must be paid up financial members by that date.

Principal Members may vote at the AGM, Associate Members, and any others interested are welcome to attend as observers.

Proxy Voting

Voting at the 2016 NASCA AGM by organisations who hold Principal Membership with NASCA may either be undertaken by:

- the person nominated as Principal Member on NASCA Membership Register (Here is a link to the [NASCA Membership Register](#) which will be

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updated every few days as payments are received), or

- someone else nominated as proxy which may be either:
 - someone from their own organisation, or
 - another Principal Member

Proxy arrangements must be clearly indicated on the [attached form](#) which must be received by the NASCA EA 24 hours prior to the AGM – ie no later than **12:00 noon on Wednesday 31 August 2016**.

NASCA General Meeting 02 June

The June General Meeting held in Auckland was attended by 35 people (around 22 DSS, 6 HOP and 7 MH). Fewer people responded to the evaluation survey regarding this meeting. However those who did respond indicated that the guest speakers and presentations were very well received, and breakout sessions were valued. We continue to appreciate responses and comments provided in the evaluations.

Available on the NASCA website are:

- General Meeting [Minutes](#)
- Presentation – [NZ Health Strategy](#)
- Presentation – [Refugee Migrant Centre](#)
- Presentation – [Service Delivery to Maori](#)

NASCA Membership Renewals

Invoices for renewal of NASCA membership for the 2016-17 year were sent out on 01 July 2016. To vote at the AGM, you need to be a paid up Principal Member. If you have not received your Invoice or have any other queries please contact [EA Judy Preston](#)

DSS NASC/DIAS Review

Sapere last week provided an interim report to the Ministry of Health. We understand that a copy of the report will be released in the next 3 – 4 weeks, and that Sapere will be seeking further input from NASCA over the next month or so as more detailed work is undertaken on the resource implications of the options proposed.

We appreciated the time that DSS NASC Managers spent talking with Heather Browning regarding the discussion paper NASCA developed with Dr Simon Duffy 'Self Directed Support in New Zealand – A Model for Transformation'. Here is a link to a [NASC Manager Interview Summary](#) re discussions with 9 of the 12 NASC Managers. Thank you to all involved for your valued input. In summary:

- All NASC managers spoken with agreed that the model is feasible.
- Most believe that they are delivering some, if not all of the primary functions described in the document, to a greater or lesser degree.

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- They consistently acknowledge that they do some functions more effectively than other and the manner in which some are delivered is not always with a focus on empowerment.
- However, all were concerned that they do not have enough resource and / or cannot easily re-prioritise workloads and other demands to effectively engage in the secondary functions that are fundamental to whanau and community engagement, change and community development for social action.

DSS NASC Management Fee

Following earlier correspondence between NASCA and DSS Ministry of Health regarding the Management Fee, Mark, Sonia and Don met with Toni Atkinson and Phil Wysocki in early July to continue pressing the issues raised. Prior to this meeting a survey had been circulated to gather current information on pressures being experienced by DSS NASCs.

We appreciated the feedback and are in the process of compiling a summary of the extensive feedback received.

The Ministry strongly pushed back on any significant movement in the Management Fee, but did indicate that a small increase in the order of the lower end of 1 – 2% would be considered this year. They were also keen to work with NASCA to review areas where there could be increased efficiency in the way that NASC services are

delivered. Several actions will contribute to this consideration:

- As part of the NPA work programme the previous work undertaken on Reviews and Reassessments is being picked up again, with the view to fine tuning and getting to agreement and then implementation.
- NASCA have engaged Heather Browning to undertake a high level exercise to:
 - create a schedule of all roles, responsibilities and tasks which NASCs undertake
 - suggest any areas which could be open for further study or consideration regarding either: doing differently and more efficiently, doing in a combined or centralised way regionally or nationally, or stopping altogether
 - circulate to NASC Managers for input and feedback
 - note – this work will be to identify areas for further study and consideration – and will not lead to immediate decisions
- Work with Sapere on resource implications of options being considered in the NASC/DIAS review may also provide information useful to this thinking.

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National Practice Advisor - Update by Helene Dore, NPA

Current areas of focus for the NASCA/MoH work plan are:

1.2 Budget Management: Sub project E – Needs Assessment Quality and Consistency

Your representatives on this project are:

- Craig Hutchison (LifeLinks)
- Jane Lyle (Support Net)
- Kelly Woolston (Enabling Good Lives Waikato)
- Claire Heffernan (AccessAbility)
- Karen Mora (Options)
- David Darling (MoH)

The aim is to update and modernise the Needs Assessment section in the *2002 Support Needs Assessment Service Coordination Policy, Procedure and Information Reporting Guidelines* to ensure it remains current and appropriate to the DSS environment and also caters for new models of assessment that have been developed since 2002 including supported self-assessment and Enabling Good Lives.

2.2 Review and Reassessment Project

Your representatives on this project are:

- Sonia Hawea, Lisa Clark, Marlon Hepi (Taikura Trust)
- Karen Bailey (Support Works)
- Michelle Main (Life Unlimited)

- David Darling (MoH)

This important piece of work is looking at the cycle of what we do when and why to ensure the best use of time and service to our clients. There is a delicate balance between risk and resource. Our starting point is the work started by Carol McDonald on this subject. If you have ideas you would like considered please contact one of the team members.

Other important bits and pieces

- Training dates for ICARE leads have been set.
- Training dates for the “remodeled SPA” will be out soon.

NASCA Website

The NASCA website requires renovations to make this a user friendly site, to store, source and be “updated” on everything NASC related for DSS. Do you have an interest and knowledge in helping us design and develop the new look website?

If this sounds like you please contact either myself or Mark Brown (NASCA Chairperson) for more information.

Cheers

[Helene Dore](#)

NGO Health and Disability Network

Chair’s Update June 2016

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

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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

DSS Independent Review Panel (IRP)

Congratulations to Emma Lowe (Support Net Tauranga) on her appointment to the IRP Panel. Emma will work alongside Karen Mora, the current IRP representative.

New Disability Strategy for NZ – Join the Conversation

A new strategy has been drafted by the Office for Disability Issues, with advice from the Expert Reference Group, based on what people told us in the phase one consultation over the past few months.

The second phase consultation runs from 25 July to 21 August 2016. The Office for Disability Issues wants to find out what you think about the new draft strategy.

They are running regional workshops and providing groups with support to run their own workshops. You can also have your say directly via the [Join the conversation website](#) or on [facebook](#).

NASCA Conference 2017 WORKING IN THE SPACE BETWEEN

Planning is underway for the 2017 event:

Venue: **Waipuna Conference Centre**

When: **07-08 September 2017**

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

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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

- 01 Sept – Wellington
- 01 December – Christchurch

Executive Members

Mark Brown

Chairperson

(Life Unlimited)

Don Sorrenson

Treasurer

(Support Net, Bay of Plenty)

Sonia Hawea

(Taikura Trust, Auckland)

Kym Park

(Capital Coast DHB)

Karen Bailey

(Nelson Marlborough DHB, Nelson)

Sandie Kirkman

(Northland DHB)

Bronwyn Collett

(NorthAble, Whangarei)

NASCA Executive Assistant

(Judy Preston – Life Unlimited)