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Next Meetings

DSS NASC National Operations Meeting

Thursday 14 May 9.00am – 4.30pm

Quality Hotel, Cuba Street, Wellington

Agenda DSS National Operations Meeting - circulated to DSS mailing list yesterday.

NASCA General Meeting

Thursday 04 June 2015

Novotel – Auckland International Airport

This meeting will provide further input and discussion on the topic of joint funding between our various funding streams. Included will be a presentation by John Hopkins, Consultant Psychiatrist, currently at Middlemore Hospital. He has had a long term interest in working in the disability and mental health sectors – and particularly in inter-nasc joint working and funding approaches.

Koru Lounge Passes

NASCA accrues Above and Beyond reward points for our travel with Air New Zealand. From these rewards we have a limited number of single use Koru Lounge passes available. If any NASCA Member is travelling home from a NASCA meeting and has a wait of more than 90 minutes at the airport please apply to [NASCA EA Judy Preston](#) - we will allocate passes until the resource is used. Please request early to allow time for the pass to be posted to you before your travel commences.

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NASCA Forum 2015 **02 - 03 September – Wellington** **Rydges Hotel, Wellington**

Planning is well underway for the NASCA Forum in September and the venue is now confirmed as Rydges Hotel, Featherston Street, Wellington.

Registrations will open towards the end of May with the option as in previous years of paying in the current or the following financial year. The cost of the two day Forum will be \$350 plus GST (\$402.50 incl) the same as two years ago. Great value for a two day forum including the Forum dinner.

Topics and Speakers The organising committee would welcome your suggestions for topics and key note speakers - please forward any ideas to the team - they would really appreciate your input.

[Susan Bowden](#), Care Coordination

[Raewyn Cameron](#), Enable NASC

[Helene Dore](#), Focus Wairarapa

[Sandie Cherrington](#), Northland DHB

[Bronwyn Taylor](#), Northable

NASCA AGM The NASCA Annual General Meeting for 2015 will be held as part of the Forum.

NASCA General Meeting

The General Meeting held 5th March was well attended by 34 attendees.

Available on the NASCA website are:

- [Meeting Notes](#)
- Presentation [ACC & FOCUS Wairarapa – Working Together](#)
- Presentation [Family Based Home Care for children with Disabilities & CYFs](#)

Financial Reports - February 2015

- [Balance Sheet](#)
- [Profit & Loss](#)

Meeting Evaluation A total of 15 responses were received. Responses were generally positive and the suggestions and feedback provided is appreciated and helpful to us in planning future events. Thank you to those who responded. [Summary of the Evaluation](#)

Altogether Autism Conference **22-23 July** **Holiday Inn Airport Hotel, Auckland**

The conference will be a unique opportunity for professionals, parents and people on the autism spectrum to come together to discuss best practice, hear lived experiences and share learnings.

Through a range of presentations and workshops, speakers will draw on their experience and expertise of the changing environment and latest developments in the field of autism, providing information and strategies to generate successful and

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positive outcomes for individuals and families living with autism.

[Further information and to register](#)

Health & Safety – Safer Sector Work Group - Expressions of Interest

NASCA seeks expressions of interest for a representative to represent NASCA at the Health and Disability Sector 'Safer Sector Work Group'. The group meets 2 – 3 times per year generally by video conference so the time commitment is not too onerous. For further information contact [Sonia Hawea](#) who has already attended one of these meetings.

If you are interested please send a brief bio or for further information.

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 **Wednesday 20 May**.

Socrates Refresher Training – Te Pou Funding

As discussed briefly at the March meeting NASCA is able to apply for funding through Te Pou to engage in a collaborative training across NASCs. It was suggested that it would be a timely opportunity for NASCs to gain refresher training around best practice with Socrates.

Raewyn Cameron, Enable NASC is willing to co-ordinate a group of 6 or so people to be

involved in this. If you are interested in members of your team being involved in this please email [Raewyn Cameron](#) to register your interest. Details will then be worked out with interested people.

Palliative Care in NZ 2015

This valuable resource introduced by Helene Dore at the last General Meeting has recently been compiled collaboratively by Focus and Wairarapa DHB. It provides a range of information about resources in New Zealand that support palliative clients – identifying the geographical areas covered by the named DHB, the NASCs related to that area and the hospices located within that community.

Link to [Palliative Care in NZ 2015](#)

'Conversations that count' about end-of-life care

The National Advance Care Planning Cooperative (ACP) is encouraging people to talk with 'their partner, a mate, the girls over lunch, or around the barbie' about the kind of care they would want if they were seriously ill and at the end of their life. [The ACP website has resources](#) to help start the conversation and prepare a written advance care plan.

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Vulnerable Children Act and implications for NASCs

Child Protection Policy Guide: Following the presentation to NASCA in Christchurch in December NASCA commissioned Child Matters to develop a 'Child Protection Policy Guide'. This is designed to support all NASC services with a framework from which to:

- evaluate and assess child protection policies currently existing within your organisation, or to
- write and develop a child protection policy for your NASC or your organisation

The policy guide includes recognition of the requirements for child protection policies under the Vulnerable Children Act, 2014, and also guidelines for best practice for comprehensive child protection policies and practices.

[NASCA Child Protection Policy Guide](#)

For information and reference the [Vulnerable Children Act 2014](#).

[Message from the Childrens Action Plan National Director](#) regarding Safety Checking of Children's Workers.

The upcoming DSS MOH NASC National Operations Meeting on 14 May will also include speakers and discussion on these topics.

Disabled Children Voluntary out of Home Placement Review

The current review is a joint project of MSD and MoH. The purpose of the review is to understand what could be done differently to support, protect and empower disabled children who are (or face the possibility of being) placed in out-of-home care, under sections 141 and 142 of the Children, Young Persons, and Their Families Act, 1989. The areas of interest are on what needs to change to ensure disabled children have the same rights as other children to live in a family environment, and if they are unable to live with their own family, to find out what changes are needed to provide an effective system.

Consultation closes on 29 May. Further information is available on the [MSD Website](#) including the Submission Form, and the Public Consultation Document.

Reducing Harm from Falls Programme

Reducing harm from falls is the fifth focus for the [Open for Better Care](#) patient safety campaign supporting the Health Quality & Safety Commission's [Reducing Harm from Falls](#) programme.

The theme is 'Stand up to Falls' and focuses on an integrated approach across the health sector to falls in older people. This theme applies in all care settings – it is as pertinent at a central agency level, as it is across hospital, aged residential care and

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primary/community care settings. Having older people at the heart of everything we do is essential.

The 'Stand up to Falls' campaign commenced in April with a month-long profile through April Falls activities including the release of the Atlas of Healthcare Variation falls domain and other resources for download.

NGO Council - Update April 2015

For the latest information and updates from the MoH NGO Council Chair's [Update](#)

Productivity Commission Report Released

The New Zealand Productivity Commission has recently released their draft report 'More Effective Social Services'. This is now open for public discussion and response by 24 June 2015.

The recommendations are far reaching in their potential effect on the health and disability sector. There are a large number of findings and recommendations and the 'devil will be in the detail' as to how government picks up implementation. A couple of examples:

R11.1 When commissioning services, the Government should look to empower clients where such empowerment would not be detrimental to the client or the broader interests of society. Disability support services, home-

based support of older people, respite services, family services, and drug and rehabilitation services are good prospects.

R12.3 Departments, agencies and non-government providers should expand the use of contracting for outcomes where it is efficient to do so.

R12.4 The Government should improve the capabilities of agencies to contract for outcomes, ideally with payments for outcomes achieved in those contracts.

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time go to:

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

Dates for NASCA Meetings 2015:

04 June	Auckland International Airport - Novotel
02 - 03 Sept	NASCA Forum & AGM Wellington Rydges Hotel, Featherston Street,
04 Dec	Christchurch Commodore Airport

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