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### DSS Service Specification Review – working group representatives

Thank you to people and organisations who expressed an interest and willingness to assist with the Service Specification review. The Executive considered the responses and decided to form the following groups:

A - Intensive meetings and work with MOH

Myree Ahpene Enable

Jane Pembroke Life Unlimited

Sonia Hawea Taikura

B - Larger group to be part of email or teleconf commenting as and when required

Jo-Ann Tohia AccessAbility

Angela Te Whaiti AccessAbility

Raewyn Cameron Enable

Rosalie Eilering NorthAble

Helene Dore Focus

We expect further information from the MOH shortly regarding the process from here.

This is an important piece of work for us as the revised service specification will reflect changes in practice which have occurred in recent years, as well as providing the means of responding to some of the new directions and emphasis being proposed for NASCs through the New Model, Enabling Good Lives and LAC.

### NASCA General Meeting 06 March

The next General Meeting is to be held on **Thursday 06 March** 9.00am – 4.00pm at Wellington Airport Conference Centre. An agenda and RSVP will be emailed shortly.

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## Careerforce Qualification Review

NASCA is generally pleased with the way this review has progressed, and we believe that having the NASC qualification as part of the wider disability workforce qualification will be a stronger position in terms of career pathways. Please see the [Proposed Qualification Framework](#). Any queries or questions please contact NASCA representative [Sonia Hawea](#).

## Show Your Ability Expo

The 'Show Your Ability' expo showcases over 40 suppliers of disability equipment in five venues nationwide. It is the only opportunity for clients and specialists to see the entire range of equipment available and to experience the equipment first hand. Locations and dates are:

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| <b>Auckland</b>         | 19 February, 9am - 3pm<br>Trusts Stadium, Waitakere  |
| <b>Hamilton</b>         | 20 February, 9am - 3pm<br>Mystery Creek Event Centre |
| <b>Palmerston North</b> | 21 February, 9am - 3pm<br>Arena Manawatu             |
| <b>Christchurch</b>     | 25 February, 9am - 2pm<br>Pioneer Stadium            |
| <b>Dunedin</b>          | 26 February, 9am - 2pm<br>Edgar Stadium              |

Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Visit Show Your Ability in 2013 and be in to win an iPad.

## Renaissance Group Conference

### Supporting Change, Moving Forward - The Next Generation of Disability Supports

A 2 day conference to be held at Waipuna Hotel, Auckland on 04 and 05 June 2014.

This year's theme references the most significant changes to the funding and delivery of Disability Support Services New Zealand has seen in over a decade, with 'Choice' at the heart of all new discussions. Change can be unsettling - but changing times can also bring with it new opportunities for innovation. For further info visit [Renaissance website](#).

### Funded Family Carers - Important Information - Health of Older People and Mental Health NASCs

The Ministry of Health are aware that Health of Older People and Mental Health NASCs have been fielding some enquiries about Funded Family Care services that became available on 1 October 2013.

The MoH would like to ensure that anyone who makes an enquiry about Funded Family Care (FFC) receives information that will be useful to them in finding out about this service.

There is definitive information about [Family Funded Care on the Ministry of Health website](#) and a pamphlet that can be handed out. Please make this information available to any people making enquiries.

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## December General Meeting – Notes of the Meeting and Evaluation

The General Meeting held in Christchurch on 05 December 2013 was attended by 30 people.

[Notes on the sessions and discussion are available on the NASCA Website.](#)

Following the meeting an evaluation was conducted – 17 responses were received. Responses were generally positive and some good suggestions and feedback was provided. The Executive appreciates feedback as it helps us shape future events which are relevant to people's needs.

A [summary of evaluation](#) is available on the NASCA website.

## DSS – E-Filing Project

Rachel Brunell – business analyst – is currently working on a project to develop protocols and structure for electronic filing and an agreed format for naming of files. The first draft of the proposed structure is out now for comment by NASCs.

## DSS Business Continuity Plan Project

Carol McDonald is developing a template and guidelines for NASCs to write a BCP. This will assist NASCs to meet the MOH requirement that all NASCs have BCP in place by next June. The draft will be available in the next few days.

## NGO Forum 14 March 2014

The annual Health and Disability NGO Forum to be held in Wellington on Friday 14 March. [This Forum is free and you register online](#)

This year the forum focus is on showcasing the NGO sector and sharing expertise with each other. The morning sessions will feature presentations from a range of non-profit providers that are achieving success in different ways. These will include presenters from NorthAble (Navigator), as well as the Smokefree Coalition, NZ Family Planning Association, , the Haemophilia Foundation of NZ, Progress to Health, and Switched On.

## DSS Pricing Project Forums

The Stage 3 consultation forums for the Ministry of Health Disability Pricing Project will be held between Thursday 27 February and Friday 07 March 2014. The forums will be led by KPMG, and the purpose is to present the pricing models, proposed prices and pricing implementation plan for four DSS services:

- Community Residential Support
- Respite
- Home and Community Support
- Supported Living

Similar forums for the remaining three DSS services (AT&R, Child Development and the Carer Support Subsidy) will be held at a later date.

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The forums represent a final opportunity for providers to comment on the prices and pricing models. It could be pertinent for DSS NASCs attend these presentations to hear the same information and discussion as providers who may be affected by the new pricing models.

The dates and venues for the forums are as below. All meetings are from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

City	Day	Date	Venue
Wellington	Thurs	27 Feb	KPMG Centre, 10 Customhouse Quay
Palmerston North	Fri	28 Feb	110 Fitzherbert Ave, West End,
Auckland	Mon	3 Mar	KPMG Centre, 18 Viaduct Harbour Avenue
Hamilton	Tue	4 Mar	Kingsgate Hotel 100 Garnett Ave, Te Rapa, Hamilton
Dunedin	Thur	6 Mar	Dunedin Centre, Municipal Chambers, 1 Harrop Street
Christchurch	Fri	7 Mar	Riccarton Park Function Centre 165 Racecourse Road, Sockburn

To participate in any of the above forums please register by contacting: [matthew.dwyer@moh.govt.nz](mailto:matthew.dwyer@moh.govt.nz) as soon as possible but not later than 21 February 2014.

### Upcoming NASCA Meetings

To check up to date information about meetings scheduled go to the 'News and Events' page of the NASCA website page at any time:

[www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/](http://www.nznasca.co.nz/membership/news/)

#### Meetings 2014:

- **General Meeting 06 March**  
Wellington Airport Conference Centre, Mezzanine Floor Main Terminal
- **DSS National Operations Meeting 15 May**  
Wellington – venue TBC
- **General Meeting 05 June**  
Auckland – venue TBC
- **General Meeting & AGM 04 Sept**  
Wellington – venue TBC
- **DSS National Operations Meeting 13 November**  
Wellington - venue TBC
- **General Meeting 04 December**  
Christchurch - venue TBC

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