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March 2014 General Meeting

Notes of the Meeting, Financials and Evaluation

The General Meeting held in Wellington on 06 March 2014 was attended by 35 people.

Available on the NASCA Website are:

[Minutes of the Meeting](#)

[P&L Report](#) and [Balance Sheet](#)

[Summary Evaluation March meeting](#)

Following the meeting 17 responses were received to an evaluation survey. Responses were generally positive and good suggestions and feedback was provided, which will help us plan future events.

Mental Health – DSS Interface

Following discussion at the General Meeting the DSS and Mental Health streams are setting up a joint interest group looking at "Best practice guidelines" for NASC workers when working with people with both Intellectual disability and Mental Health support needs. The interest group will be made up of two members each from both the DSS and MH NASCA membership along with two clinicians working in this dual disability role.

If you have an interest in this area and would like to be considered for this role please contact either [Karen Bailey](#) or [Bruce Green](#) by **Monday the 7th April**.

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Socrates Working Group

Expressions of Interest

As Ray Williamson is moving on to a new role we are seeking expressions of interest from people with expertise and interest in the Socrates Working Group. Work is mostly by email and teleconference and assists with identifying and prioritising areas for development of the DSS Socrates database.

If you are interested please submit a brief CV and statement regarding your interest and expertise in no more than 2 pages.

Closing date with [NASCA EA Judy Preston](#) is **12.00 noon Tuesday 01 April 2014.**

DSS Service Specification Review

Update

The working group representatives (Myree Ahpene, Jane Pembroke and Sonia Hawea have had an initial meeting with MOH Doug Funnell.

This was a positive meeting with wide ranging discussion and recording of scope and directions for the Review including the need to reflect changes in practice over recent years, as well as responding to new directions and emphasis being proposed for NASCs through the New Model, Enabling Good Lives and LAC.

Review and Reassessment Processes Call for expressions of interest from individuals or contractors

To support the DSS NASC Service Specification Review the MOH have requested that NASCA undertake a specific piece of work to develop a revised approach to Reviews and Reassessments.

The intent of this is to move from the current prescriptive approach at set intervals to an approach based on assessment of need and risk.

NASCA wishes to appoint a contractor to undertake this work. Please pass this on to anyone you consider would be suitable and interested in undertaking this work:

[Request for Proposal and Project Brief](#)

Closing date for applications is **12.00 noon Tuesday 01 April 2014.**

DSS – E-Filing Project

Update

Rachel Brunell, business analyst contractor, is nearing completion of a project to develop protocols and structure for electronic filing and an agreed format for naming of files. Rachel discussed the final draft of the proposed structure at the March General Meeting.

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Investigation is currently underway with the MOH regarding possible arrangements for auto batch upload of files to Socrates. Watch for further information shortly.

DSS Business Continuity Plan Project Update

Carol MacDonald presented the final draft template and guidelines for Business Continuity Planning to the DSS breakout at March General Meeting. Once several NASCs have used the template any final changes will be made. Carol MacDonald is willing to offer further advice if required. Contact her directly at 027 289 3404 or carol.macdonald@xtra.co.nz

Guide – [Word](#) and [PDF](#)

Template – [Word](#) and [PDF](#)

NGO Forum 14 March 2014

The annual Health and Disability NGO Forum was held in Wellington on Friday 14 March. This year the forum focused on showcasing the NGO sector and sharing expertise with each other. A presentation by NorthAble on the Navigator Model was very well received.

For information [Council Chair's Update for March 2014](#). Included is reference to the Children's Action Plan supporting the Vulnerable Children Bill, and a link to sign up for regular updates from the Children's Action Plan team. This Action Plan will have impact on any NASC teams with members

going into people's houses where children may be present.

Navigator Model – availability to NASCs

At the last General Meeting Noel Matthews intimated that the MOH DSS were wanting to see the Navigator Model used in another NASC area, and were prepared to assist with training costs. NASCA are seeking confirmation from the Ministry regarding the approach they wish to take to this initiative.

Behaviour Support Service

The MOH DSS have announced that "the tender for the new Behaviour Support Services has been completed. The new Behaviour Support Service provider is Explore which is a company of Health Care of New Zealand. The new contract will begin on 30 March 2014 and the Ministry will be working with Explore to implement the new service across the country over the next 12 months.

The implementation will be rolled out in stages through the country. We will have further details about the initial implementation shortly including the first areas to move to the new provider. There is a [FAQ on the Ministry's website](#) for behaviour support and we will be updating this regularly.

If you have questions about the new BSS

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please contact [Gordon Sinclair](#) who is the Development Manager for this project.”

opportunities for innovation. For further info visit [Renaissance website](#).

DSS Faiva Ora Plan 2014-2016

[Faiva Ora – The National Pasifika Disability Plan 2014 – 2016](#) which has recently been out for consultation has been signed off by the MOH.

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

To check up to date information about meetings scheduled go at any time to the [‘News and Events’ page of the NASCA website](#)

DSS MOH Reference Group Meeting

Call for agenda items

The next DSS MoH Reference Group Meeting is to be held Wednesday 30 April 2014.

If you have items or particular perspectives you would like NASCA to raise and discuss with MOH please email [Mark Brown](#) or one of the DSS Executive.

Meetings 2014:

- **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

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

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