

NASCA NOTICES

23 May 2014

Contents

Page 1

Next Meeting date and venue
Mental Health – DSS Interface
HOP N1004 Referral Form

Page 2

MoH DSS Reference Group Meeting -
Update

Page 3

MoH DSS National Operations Meeting -
Update

Page 4

HDC National Disability Conference 2014

Page 5

DSS Documents NASCA Website
Upcoming NASCA Meetings

streams have set 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. along with two clinicians working in this dual disability role.

- DSS is represented by Karen Bailey and Emma Lowe
- Mental Health is represented by Susan Murray and Bruce Green
- It is intended to include two clinical people working in dual disability roles in due course

Teleconference meetings will be scheduled fortnightly from Monday 19th May. As the work of this group progresses, we will be seeking ongoing advice and having consultation with the wider NASCA membership.

Any enquiries [Bruce Green](#) or [Karen Bailey](#).

Next Meeting – date and venue

- **NASCA General Meeting**
05 June
Grand Chancellor Hotel, Auckland
Airport

Mental Health – DSS Interface

Following discussion at the last General Meeting the DSS and Mental Health

HOP - N1004 Referral Form

On 07 May, Mark Brown, Susan Bowden and Sandie Cherrington met with a small team from MoH Sector Operations (we know of them as Sector Services), to discuss the proposed changes to the NS1004 form and process.

Our meeting mainly covered off overarching principles, and provided background information to both parties in anticipation to a National Workshop that will be held in the coming months.

NASCA NOTICES

23 May 2014

We were well received by the Ministry and Sector Operations and we are optimistic that this will be the first of many opportunities for active engagement directly between NASCs and the MoH.

We have now arranged for someone from this team to attend the morning breakout time at the general meeting in Auckland on 05 June, to talk about some of the principles, processes etc that occur within NASCs and in relation to these changes and as a prelim to the proposed National Workshop.

Any queries [Sandie Cherrington](#), [Susan Bowden](#) or [Mark Brown](#).

MoH DSS NASCA Reference Group Meeting – 30 April 2014

Matters discussed at the recent meeting included:

ASD Eligibility Clarification

- the level of new enquiries and demand is less than feared at this stage
- steps outlined by the MoH on teleconferences including training workshops for NASCs and others, and an agreement between Mental Health and DSS are proceeding
- Further consideration will be given over the next few months to what an Advisory / Support role related to ASD or wider would look like

Individualised Funding – Flexible Respite

- MoH need to develop an implementation approach which manages expectations and financial risk – with consistent processes across NASCs.
- Mark Brown and Sonia Hawea attended a workshop with MOH to progress. Good progress was made.
- Moving to greater flexibility with Respite through IF is part of the move towards allocating budget or packages to clients to manage and apply in ways that best meet their needs. It was clear that for this flexibility to work well NASCs will need to achieve greater consistency in approaches to assessment and service coordination and use of tools such as the SPA guidelines.

Review of NASC Service Specification

- An initial meeting had been held with the NASCA Service Spec Group: Sonia Hawea, Maree Aphene, and Jane Pembroke (replaced now by Ange Te Whaiti). MoH will commence further steps shortly.

Review and Reassessment Project

- Project by Carol MacDonald underway

E-Filing Project

- Project by Rachel Brunel complete – questions are being responded to

NASCA NOTICES

23 May 2014

and revised version of E-filing Standards will be issued shortly.

National Behaviour Support Service

- Refer to presentations under the National Operations Meeting below

Funded Family Care

- Now around 100 people nationally on FFC. Discussion regarding how policy and process is going.
- Need to keep Socrates accurate and up to date.
- NASCs need to complete the 'exceptions' spreadsheet re support being provided by employed family carers through IF or HBSS. Just gather the data at this point.

New Model and Enabling Good Lives

- IF and EIF are being progressively rolled out
- EGL and Navigation role is very similar to LAC
- Update on Christchurch EGL

Socrates Client Demographic Report

- A draft snapshot report was discussed. Intended that document will be made available as a resource in the next couple of months

MoH DSS National Operations Meeting – 15 May 2014

Information and presentations:

Behaviour Support Services

- Introduction to the new national service Gordon Sinclair, MOH [Behaviour Support Services](#)
- Overview by Donna Mitchell, HHL Group of the services to be provided by [Explore Services](#)

Harmful Sexual Behaviour –

- Presentation by Nicholas Hughes, STOP Adult Services [Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)

Maori Disability Action Plan

- Discussion by Inia Eruera, Senior Advisor Maori, MOH DSS [Whāia Te Ao Marama - Maori Disability Action Plan](#)
- [Guiding Principles - Maori Disabled and their Whanau](#)

Equipment and modifications for people with challenging behaviour.

Newstuff Ltd is undertaking this work for the Ministry – they are processing mapping experts. They will be:

- Undertaking research and analysis into this area (including looking at international best practice.
- Preparing a report and a revised process (with process maps, forms and explanatory notes) to the Ministry.

The revised process will identify what, if any, changes and improvements are proposed to manage the provision of

NASCA NOTICES

23 May 2014

equipment and modifications for people with challenging behaviour.

Whilst we acknowledge that the current process is cumbersome and can be time-consuming, we are committed to putting in place a system that involves input from a multi-disciplinary team.

Newstuff has arranged two workshops where participants will discuss the current process and issues and develop a new and improved process that will be considered, thoughtful, safe but most importantly, work well for everyone involved – disabled people and their families and whanau in particular.

[Karen Collings](#) from AccessAbility Dunedin is the NASCA representative for these workshops.

Review of Income and cash asset testing regime

Currently requests by all adults over 16 years for housing modifications and the purchase of a vehicle are subject to an income and cash asset test. This means that in some circumstances, disabled people have to contribute fully or partly to these services. The current regime has not been reviewed since it was introduced almost 20 years ago, in 1996. The thresholds that apply (for example, the maximum contributions towards housing modifications is \$8,076 including GST, if the person is assessed as needing to contribute) are therefore rather outdated.

Sapere Research Group is undertaking this project and will report back to the Ministry

by the end of June. Any changes to the regime or the existing processes will have to be considered within current budget allocations for equipment and modification services.

HDC National Disability Conference

This year's Health and Disability Commissioner's National Disability Conference will be on **02 July 2014** at Alexandra Park, in Auckland.

The theme of the conference is: **"How do we all raise the volume of the unheard voice?"** We are focusing on the rights of disabled people with high and complex needs who cannot easily speak up for themselves. We will be exploring how to encourage consumers, family members, friends, and advocates to speak up; learning about supported decision-making and advocacy; and sharing ideas about fostering disabled people's choice and control when accessing services. Keynote speakers include:

- Anthony Hill - Health and Disability Commissioner
- Robyn Hunt - Principal Consultant at AccEase and former Humans Rights Commissioner
- Rachel Noble - CEO of Disabled People's Assembly NZ
- Clare Teague - CEO of NZ Disability Support Network

NASCA NOTICES

23 May 2014

- Trish Grant - Director of Advocacy at IHC

For further information:

[Registration Form](#)

[Advertising Flyer](#)

[Conference Programme](#)

DSS Documents - NASCA Website

The NASCA website Members Section includes a collection of documents relevant to DSS NASC policy and practice. In collaboration with MoH DSS additional documents will be added so that eventually there is a comprehensive collection of all relevant documents.

Navigation on the NASCA website:

Top Menu Bar	Member Log In
Right Menu	Reference Material and Documents
	Disability Service Documents

Bookmark link [Disability Service Documents](#)

The following is a list of current documents:

- Standards for Needs Assessment for People with Disabilities June 1994
- NASC Operational Manuals Vol 1 and 2 May 2005
- NASC Policy, Procedure & Information Reporting Guidelines 2002

- InterNASC Transfers – Guidelines, Notification Form, Process Map, Transition Form, File Transfer Process
- Working with People with ASD: Interim Guideline for NASC
- ASD Virtual NASC - Terms of Reference
- Business Continuity Planning – BCP Guide and Template 2014
- MOH NASCA Reference Group - Terms of Reference 2013
- NASC Training 2012 – All Sessions over 2 days training

Upcoming NASCA Meetings

At any time go to:

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

- **NASCA General Meeting & AGM**
04 September
Wellington - Venue TBC
- **DSS National Operations Meeting**
13 November
Wellington- Venue TBC
- **NASCA General Meeting**
04 December
Copthorne Hotel Commodore
Christchurch Airport

NASCA NOTICES

23 May 2014

NASCA Executive Members

Mark Brown

Chairperson,
(Life Unlimited)

Don Sorrenson

Treasurer
(Support Net, Bay of Plenty)

Sonia Hawea

(Taikura Trust, Auckland)

Bruce Green

(Hawkes Bay DHB, Hastings)

Karen Bailey

(Nelson Marlborough DHB, Nelson)

Susan Bowden

(Care Coordination, Hutt Valley)

Wendy Kopura

(Access Ability, Taranaki)

Executive Assistant

Judy Preston