



WAVES Trust Inter-Agency Meeting

December 7th, 2012 10–12:30

UHY Haines Norton (Auckland) Ltd

(22 Catherine Street, Henderson)

Present: Poto Williams, Jo Richdale, Deirdre Tollestrup, Deborah Yates (Waves Trust); Kimiyo Yamasaki (Unitec Student); Diana Neru (Auckland Council); Andrea Partington (CADS West); Michelle Hazeldine (CYFS); Ann Ross (Waves Trust- Minute Taker); Susan Armstrong (Women's Centre Waitakere); Jim Hayes (Man Alive); Estelle Mendelssohn (Home & Family Society: Private Practice); Tracy Kirkley (Henderson Massey Local Board: Healthlink); Sharyn Chow (Barnardos); Michelle Clayton (Family Action); Mary Underwood (WINZ Family Violence Response); Gay Guptill (MSD-WINZ Westgate); Grant Tetzlaff (NZ Police-District Victim Manager); Rosanna Alefaio and Marie Lewins (Salvation Army Waitakere); Osaiasi Kupu (The Project); Lynette Russ (Westside Counselling); Sue Hobbs (Shine/SAFTINET); Wendy Pickering (NZ Police-Waitakere Family Violence); Jane Meek (WINZ); Natalie Dillon (Waitakere District Court)

Apologies: Jane Bruce (Dayspring Trust); Caro Watts (Plunket); Nicki Tatana (Family Whanau Support); Jaanine Harris (Age Concern); Wahida Mitu (Shakti); Ian Tomkins (Family Works); Betty Sio and Tups (The Project); Wendy Ploeg (Child Matters); Eileen Iripa-Vainikolo (Raeburn House); Willese Ruha (Westside)

Welcome: Opening at 10:10 Karakia by Osaiasi Kupu.
Deirdre welcomed everyone to the offices of UHY Haines Norton (Auckland) Ltd who had offered their space in support of, and to learn more about, the FV services sector.
Audit Partner Sungesh Singh welcomed people and said he was pleased to host the Waves Interagency meeting in support of Waves.

Introductions: There was a round of introductions with people giving a brief overview of the services they provided.

Grant Tetzlaff, District Victim Manager, Waitemata Police:

Grant is based in Takapuna covering the North Shore, Waitakere and Rodney. He explained that police traditionally focused on offenders. Over the next 3 to 4 years they are looking at 'prevention first' i.e. how they interact with victims and giving victims some service. They want to reduce the percentage of re-victimisation.

A crime consists of an Offender, a Location, and a Victim. By helping the victim they get another opportunity to try and reduce crime as 6 per cent of victims are involved in 54 per cent of crimes. Grant pointed out that Waitemata has a low rate of victimisation and also has a low rate of high risk re-victimisation.

The new computer programme they use to keep track of victims can sort by age, nationality, and residential address.

Some simple ways of reducing re-victimisation are target hardening the victim's house, locks and low fences.

Deirdre thanked Grant for the information he gave and his support for victims of crime.

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on 7th August 2012 were moved as accepted by Sharon Chow, 2nd by Deirdre Tollestrup.

Matters Arising:
None

White Ribbon Day 2012:

There were 4 events organised for White Ribbon Day

-A march on Friday 23rd November

-A float for the Santa Parade on 24th November

-A BBQ at Westgate

-The 'Behind Closed Doors' display in the Henderson Library

Poto thanked the organising committee for their work with special thanks given to Osaia Kupu and The Project for their chants and the BBQ at the end of the march.

Michelle Hazeldine was thanked for keeping the resources stocked up at the library.

Website Launch:

Deirdre announced that the new Waves website is operational. It is a resource for the community as well as Waves agencies.

The mail out Deirdre currently does will be linked with the website.

Deirdre requested that if agencies find something not accurate on the website to contact Waves.

White Paper for Vulnerable Children:

Jo gave a brief summary and review of the White Paper Action Plan a copy of which can be found on the Waves website:-

<http://www.waves.org.nz/network-services/submissions/in-process/white-paper-for-vulnerable-children/> or



White_Paper_for_Vulnerable_Children-1.pdf

Jo said the paper now defines 'vulnerable' and it identifies exposure to violence in the family as one of the factors contributing to children's vulnerability.

Many of the points raised in Waves submission have been taken up by the White Paper. Concerns with the paper are that there is still no Children's Act and there is no cross party support. There was also concern that the emphasis continues on targeting not universal services for children.

MSD are still working their way through the paper and are looking to the community to get support and advice.

There will be a Vulnerable Children's Bill so that will be another opportunity to have a say.

Fraud in the not-for-profit sector:

After morning tea Deirdre introduced UHY Haines Norton (Auckland) Ltd Partner Sungesh Singh to the meeting.

UHY have been in west Auckland for over 60 years, have an office in Helensville and are internationally linked. Audit is their largest function. Sungesh said that the not-for-profit and smaller clients were more susceptible to fraud as they often do not have the money to get proper systems in place. The Global Financial Crisis (GFC) has left people struggling and has created an environment where fraud may increase. Greed is also a contributing factor for fraud.

Sungesh pointed out that finding fraud was dependant on Boards, Management Committees, Governance Groups and Trustees etc. They are the ones that need to make sure invoices are signed off correctly and blank cheques are not signed. At the end of the day they are the ones responsible for creating the environment for fraud.

Sungesh said that having personal liability insurance if you were on a board was a good step to take as you could personally be sued especially if you were found to be negligent. Sungesh will forward insurance information to Poto to distribute to the network.

When asked about key areas for fraud Sungesh said the most likely person to commit fraud was a female in her 40's with children. Circumstances arose by managers where they trusted the person, let them do everything and did not check paperwork. Sungesh will also forward to Poto factors for key fraud areas for her to distribute.

Deirdre thanked Sungesh for his presentation and he received a round of applause.

White Paper for Vulnerable Children: (continued)

Deborah explained that just as she had finished writing her report 'Waitakere Children and Family Violence' the White Paper was released.

She said that some of the recommendations in her report were covered by the White Papers objectives. She hoped the Child Protection Line would help those children who do not fit with CYF's currently.

She is focusing on bringing together Schools and NGO's as presently both tend to sit in their own silo's and suggests the FV sector start preparing itself well to cope with recommendations in the White Paper.

She has various meetings lined up to cover the 'where to from here' with her project.

Proposed Family Court changes:

Jo gave a brief history of the Family Court Proceedings Reform Bill 2012. (FCPRB)

-A discussion document was released in 2011.

-A workshop was held by Waves in conjunction with Waitakere Community Law Service (WCLS) to discuss and make submissions on the discussion document.

-After the FCPRB was released in November Waves and WCLS ran another workshop to discuss the Bill. The group's responses are on the Waves website and in the PDF below.

<http://www.waves.org.nz/network-services/submissions/in-process/family-court-review/>



Family_Court_Review_Overview.pdf

Waves and WCLS will work together to make submissions on the bill.
Confirmation of the submission due date has not yet been received however it is envisaged that this will probably be in February 2013.
Jo encouraged people to go to the Waves website to keep tabs on progress and to submit your suggestions to her.

Networking:- -Closing dates for the Festive Season

Deirdre passed around a form for agencies to fill in asking for their closing dates for the festive season. She encouraged agencies to contact Waves with this information so that know so it could be put on the Waves website.

-Questionnaire from Community Waitakere

Deirdre handed out the questionnaire from Craig Tunnicliffe and encouraged agencies to complete it. Craig's email is craig@communitywaitakere.org.nz and his phone number is 838 7904 ex 705
He would love as much feedback from the Waitakere community as possible.

-Interagency Meeting dates for 2013

Deirdre handed out a flier with these on and they are below.

-Topics for next year's Interagency meetings

People gave their ideas on topics they would like discussed at next year's Interagency meetings. These were recorded by Poto for Deirdre to use.

Meeting Dates for 2013:

February 12th
April 9th
June 11th
August 6th
October 15th
December 3rd

Meeting Closed at: 12:30