



**WAVES Trust Inter-Agency Meeting
April 3rd, 2012 10–12noon
Glen Eden Baptist Church**

Present: Poto Williams, Jo Richdale, Deirdre Tollestrup, Deborah Yates (Waves Trust); Kimiyo Yamasaki (Student); Kelly Maung (Auckland Council); Andrea Partington (CADS West); Annmarie Ritacce (Family Works); Gary Sutcliffe (Waitakere Health Link); Michelle Hazeldine (Barnardos Waitakere); Estelle Mendelsohn (Private Practice/Home and Family); Mary Underwood (MSD/W & I); Maja Mumenthaler (Aged Concern); Natalie Dillan (Waitakere District Court-Victim Advisor); Wills Ruha (Westside Counselling); Ann Ross (Waves Trust- Minute Taker); Michelle Clayton (WATCS and Viviana); Selina Vaifale (Auckland District Court); Elaine Dyer (Violence Free Waitakere); Jane MEEK (WINZ); Gayle Bosanquet (Women's Centre Waitakere); Eileen Iripa-Vainikolo (Raeburn House); Jane Bruce (Dayspring Trust); Susan Armstrong (Women's Centre); Liz Roberts (Family Works); Lil Clark and Bec Pope (Victim Support Waitakere); Ross Hunter, Steve Kehoe and Nadine Richmond (NZ Police); Teresa Jooste (Te Ukaipo); and Fay Pouesi (Waipareira Trust).

Apologies: Sharyn Chow (Barnardos Waitakere); Penny Hulse (Deputy Mayor Auckland City); Amitha Krishnamurthi (CYFS); Nicky Tatana (Challenge Trust); Peter Toews (Strengthening Families); Gail Guptill (MSD); Joe Waru.

Welcome: Opening at 10:15 by Deirdre Tollestrup and Karakia by Wills Ruha.

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

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on 7th February 2012 were moved as accepted by Michelle Hazeldine, 2nd by Eileen Iripa-Vainikolo.

Matters Arising : None

Waves Role in the Family Violence Network:

Poto spoke about Waves Trust.

Wave was established in 1993 and provided service provision for advocacy and support in the Court. Other projects over time have included Crying Baby Evaluation and Project Evergreen with the DHB.

Now Waves provides:-

- Network coordination
- Training and best practice
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Collaborative practice

- Submission and research
- Waitakere Taskforce on Family Violence

Waves is looking at developing a Level 4 NZQA family violence course. Poto gave an overview of what the course would cover for its students. This project is in the predevelopment stage and a reference group has been established. The Inter-agency group were asked to endorse the need for this course. All present indicated their support and many agreed to complete attestations. Forms were handed out to the group for completion.

Steve Kehoe, Waitakere Police Area Commander:

Steve gave the following stats the police have-

Offences	1,000
Reported	410
Recorded	287
Detected	75
Charged	37
Court	21
Guilty	15
Custody	4

i.e. for every 1,000 offences committed (whether reported or not) only 4 people end up going to jail, so a strategy of prevention has been identified as an alternative, more effective approach to crime reduction.

Prevention 1st Strategy is for the police to be proactive in their policing as clearly 'putting people in prison' will not go far in preventing offences.

The main strategy's in Prevention 1st are:- Targeted patrolling, Focus on prolific offenders/repeat victimisation and Prevention activities.

The priorities are families, youth, organised crime & drugs, alcohol and roads.

The Waitakere police are committed to the Prevention 1st Strategy until 2014 however they do hope it will continue on for longer. The strategy is gradually being picked up in other areas of the country.

Steve then introduced Nadine.

Dt. Senior Sergeant Nadine Richmond, District Child Prevention & FV Coordinator:

Nadine wanted to make the meeting aware of family violence changes the unit is making. She said that Waitakere is well resourced in the family violence and child protection areas.

A review in 2010/11 found that a blanket approach to family violence was not working and that 20% of police work was family violence related.

When police drilled down the family violence stats they found that 70% was intermediate partner violence and 14% of this was physical or rape.

The police will start using ODARA which predicts the rate of recidivism. The 14% of cases that are physical or rape will be given a score and it is hoped that with trained police and judges the ODARA score of offenders will be taken into account when considering bail.

All other family violence incidents will have a child risk assessment and/or victim vulnerability report.

These changes take place on 1st July 2012. There is a presentation by the police on Friday 27th April at 7 Buscomb Avenue for anyone in the network who is interested in more details; an flyer will also be emailed to the network. Phone 839 0632 or email wendy.pickering@police.govt.nz if you are going to attend.

Nadine introduced Ross Hunter.

Senior Sergeant Ross Hunter, O/C Youth and Community Services:

Ross joined the police force in 1979 when police walked the streets. As criminals took to using cars so the police had to follow. This took the police out of the community and reduced their presence. The community only saw police coming into the community to arrest someone and they were not seen again until they came back to arrest someone else.

Ross sees the Prevention 1st Strategy fitting in well with the community way his policing career started out as.

Neighbourhood policing teams will go in and try to sort out problems at the top of the cliff. They will try to give families direction rather than be an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff. They will walk the streets where possible so that they are known. Police are introducing themselves to different groups in the community i.e. schools, churches, iwi and community groups. They want to build community confidence so communities are able to look after themselves. The team would stay in the area for 3 to 4 years before they move to another area where they are needed.

Deirdre thanked Steve, Nadine and Ross very much and the network applauded.

Police Training Re Family Violence and Children:

Poto explained that at 52% of police callouts, children are present.

Children are a good motivation for change in family violence situations when parents realise the children have seen them.

The Waitakere Task Force has a subcommittee for children.

Jack cards were developed for children and police have been trained to acknowledge the children present (at their level) in a family violence situation, to ask if they are OK and to pass on the jack cards.

Poto and Michelle Hazeldine have done 5 police trainings so far.

The jack card is a simple intervention that works well.

Deborah Yates Schools Project:

Deborah explained the origins of her schools project. She wants to consult with as many West Auckland schools as possible and especially wants to hear how they currently respond to family violence issues and how they would like to respond and what resources they would need to do this. Deborah runs 2 sessions for schools the first explaining what family violence is and what the effects are on children. The second session explores how they currently respond to family violence issues, how they would like to respond and what resources they would need for this.

As part of Deborah's project she needs to connect with agencies in the community and learn how they respond to children and how they connect to schools. Deborah will then be able to tell schools what is available in the community to help and support them.

The aim is to produce a strategy or series of strategies which are:-

Child Focused

Collaborative

Community Based

Contact Deborah on 838 4836 or email deborah@waves.org.nz

She would love to hear from your organisation.

General Business/Announcements:

- Jo has written a summary of notes on the submissions she has and is doing on behalf of the network. Deirdre encouraged people to take a copy.
- Kelly handed out a flyer on a Japanese and Korean workshop on 30th April.
- For following Waves meetings, Deirdre will be inviting men's agencies to present some of their work and challenges; also Kaupapa Maori services. If you have suggestions for topics of relevance to the network please contact Deirdre.

Deirdre wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Meeting Dates for 2012:

June 5th
August 7th
October 16th
December 4th

Meeting Closed at: 12:05