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Waitakere Anti-Violence Essential Services

**WAVES Trust Inter-Agency Meeting
August 7th, 2012 10–12noon
Massey Community Church
(8 Vadam Road, Massey, Waitakere)**

Present: Poto Williams, Jo Richdale, Deirdre Tollestrup, Deborah Yates (Waves Trust); Kimiyo Yamasaki (Unitec Student); Kelly Maung (Auckland Council); Andrea Partington (CADS West); Michelle Hazeldine (CYFS); Janine Harris (Aged Concern); Ann Ross (Waves Trust- Minute Taker); Susan Armstrong (Women's Centre Waitakere); Leanne Frost (Vision West Counselling Centre); Jim Hayes (Man Alive); Howard Dawson (Man Alive); Estelle Mendelssohn (Home & Family Society: Private Practice); Sam Farquhar (Massey Matters); Debbie MacEwan (CYFS); Rebecca Gross (CYFS); Belinda McLeay (CYFS); Donna Rihani (Te Whanau o Waipareira); Waiora Pene Hare (Te Whanau o Waipareira); Ian Tomkins (Family Works); Colin Birch (Family Works); Peter Toews (Strengthening Families); Ana Bennett (Family Works); Trish Covich (Family Works); Tracy Kirkley (Henderson Massey Local Board: Healthlink); Lil Clark (Victim Support Waitakere); Sharyn Chow (Barnardos); Michelle Clayton (Family Action); Will Ruha (Westside)

Apologies: Tiaria Fletcher and the Lifewise team; Samuel Cho (The Asian Network Inc.); Jane Bruce (Dayspring Trust); Angela Culpin (ARPHS); Gaye Guptill (MSD-WINZ); Caro Watts (Plunket); Nicki Tatana (Family Whanau Support); Tim Tipene (Warrior Kids); Penny Hulse (Deputy Mayor)

Welcome: Opening at 10:10 Karakia by Deirdre Tollestrup.

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

Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on 5th June 2012 were moved as accepted by Michelle Hazeldine, 2nd by Deborah Yates.

Matters Arising: None

Update from Deirdre:

Deirdre said that the "It's not OK" banner that was outside the entrance to the Massey Church was available for agencies to use.

Deirdre also reminded people that if they had any events coming up to let her know. She will advertise the event in the Waves 'newsletter' email that goes out weekly.

Deirdre acknowledged the Massey Community Church for letting Waves use the space for the Inter Agency meeting. She acknowledged the Massey area which is a part of Waitakere.

Deirdre advised that she has stocked up on resources so please call into Waves if you need brochures or pamphlets on family violence agencies or resources.

Massey Matters:

Sam Farquhar spoke about Massey Matters, a ten year project started in 2006 which is supported by Auckland Council. Massey Matters supports the Massey area by, amongst other things, organising events. They have an action plan for Massey and are currently working on school holiday programmes. They have a Face Book page which is updated daily with jobs, events and other information.

Massey Matters To Me is a project that is working in the three streets of greatest need.

There is a Massey Matters newsletter which Deirdre has copies of if wanted. Travel is a major problem for people in the area with people car-pooling to go to Pak'n Save. If this is not an option they are simply walking to the nearest dairy and paying Dairy prices. A lot of people don't have computer skills so find it hard to apply for jobs. Many need to travel to WINZ to use their computers.

Sam would love to hear from agencies in the Waves network. Her email is masseymatters@gmail.com

Waitakere Taskforce on Family Violence Projects:

Kelly Maung, Family Violence Project Leader for Auckland Council presented to the meeting a hand out which showed, in a visual form, the Structural Model of how the Waitakere Taskforce on Family Violence works, and Waves relationship to this.

Kelly went through the highlights of the 2011 year which culminated with White Ribbon Day on 25th November.

The 2012 Action Plan which sets the direction for activities during 2012 and supports the objectives outlined in The Waitakere Taskforce on Family Violence Strategic Plan 2010-2015 also formed part of the hand out.

Kelly's hand out on the Waitakere Taskforce is attached below.



WTFV Structural Model.pdf



Project Leader's Report Highlights 201



2012 Action Plan.doc

Deirdre thanked Kelly for her update.

Massey Community Church:

Will Ruha explained the Massey Community Church is governed by a Trust Board to meet the needs of the local community.

Will briefly explained some of the programmes run from the centre. The programmes for youth have been particularly successful as the youth bring their families to the centre who are then connecting with the community.

Michelle Hazeldine, Differential Response Coordinator, Waitakere CYF's:

CYF's are handing out a questionnaire to gain regional views on how CYF's work with the community.

Deirdre will forward the questionnaire by email to the network. It is also attached.

Michelle asked that you complete and return the questionnaire to her by the end of the week.



CYF Michelle's
questionnaire.pdf

Workshop and Discussion focus:-

Creating better pathways to services for children: Deborah Yates

Deborah Yates, project manager of the newly renamed Waitakere Children and Family Violence project, reported back briefly on her findings to date, with emphasis on the need for the FV sector to come up with ways to improve referral pathways and access to services for children who experience family violence. Three options were workshopped as possible remedies: 1) a centralised reporting process, along the lines of Your Choice in the mental health sector, 2) child advocates working alongside refuge workers or as social workers in schools, 3) points in the current pathways that could be tweaked and/or better resourced. There was a great response from participants.

General Business/Announcements:

Elaine Dyer of VFW mentioned that a new initiative for creating a safe, bully free environment for all children and youth is emerging at this time through MSD, with a high emphasis on collaboration. She pointed out that children exposed to family violence are also at risk of stepping into a bullying role and passing on the power and control abuses inflicted on them. VFW is interested in conducting a scoping process to explore creative ways of involving the whole community in supporting such action. Any agencies interested in being involved, please contact VFW . vfw@xtra.co.nz or 8374849.

Meeting Dates for 2012:

October 4th and Waves AGM
December 4th

Meeting Closed at: 12:30