

REGIONAL FAMILY AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE HUI 28 FEBRUARY 2013

Whakapapa/Background

In 2011, Auckland Council was approached to take a more active role in preventing family and sexual violence in Tāmaki Makaurau. As a result, a hui was held at Orakei marae in March 2012, attended by 260 people. Networks from the family and sexual violence sectors and Māori rōpu prepared a series of presentations on actions the Council could take. Workshops were also held on key themes.

Following the hui, the Regional Development and Operations Committee approved a series of short term actions that Auckland Council could undertake in 2012/13 within existing resources and budget. One of these was to host three regional networking meetings per year. The first was held in September 2012 in Western Springs. More information from the previous hui is available on the New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse website at: <http://www.nzfvc.org.nz/?q=node/882>

February 2013 Hui

At the September hui, people said they'd like to go back to their local agencies, groups and networks to get their input into what they'd like a Regional Family and Sexual Violence Network to do. So, in order to progress the discussion and hopefully make some decisions about next steps, please come along with the views you've gathered.

As a reminder, the questions for discussion from the September hui were:

- What is our purpose?
- What are our goals?
- How will we work together?
- What networks are you currently part of and how could a regional family and sexual violence network be different?
- What are you keen to do?
- What is there interest and capacity for?
- What are the unique opportunities for working together as a region?

Further questions

The questions below were sent out in October 2012 to assist the Tauwi caucus with their consultation (if helpful). Whanau Tu Rangatira/Maori Caucus – feel free to ignore/adapt/use!

1. What is the need for developing an Auckland Regional network/forum on family and sexual violence?
2. What are the potential benefits?
3. What are the potential costs/risks?
4. What are our goals? (these were similar by nature for the Maori caucus though the focus was more on naming and determining our thinking and actions with our Maori values in tact.

Specific Activities

In terms of specific activities, what would you like the network/forum to focus on:

- Networking, information-sharing, building relationships
- Professional development, e.g. training; guest speakers
- Advocacy to Auckland Council; input from the sectors into Auckland Council processes, activities and plans
- Advocacy to national government
- Identifying service gaps
- Discussing and strategising on policy/service/structural issues/campaigns
- Indigenous and bicultural co-construction of a collaborative interagency approach
- Getting Research in Practice

We thought initially focusing on 2013 might be useful given we are just starting this journey together. We could then reassess in 12 months. The Auckland Council is keen to organise future hui with the Family and Sexual Violence sector, so please consider if you'd like to help out.