

Canterbury Disability Provider's Network Meeting

Wednesday 01 November 2023 ~ 1300-1500 pm

Venue: Bromley Community Centre, 45 Bromley Road, Christchurch

1. Welcome

In Attendance: Karen Rickerby, Glory Rath, & Charlotte Basner-Marralomedas; Sharon Utteridge-Allenvale; Vicki McGlurg & Kim Morton-Hawksbury Turst; Chaz McConachy-Paulownia trust; Victoria Ross-SkillWise; Donna Valenski-IDEA Services; Pip Stewart & Nick Scott-Brackenridge; Sarah Hillier & John McManus-St John of God; Jenifer Stewart-Ali's Care; Willem de Vocht & Roxanna Quinn-Explore; Dianne Gimpl-Chris Ruth Centre; Peter Kelly-Donaldson Trust; Debbie Andrews & Andy Woodhouse-Helen Anderson Trust; Mary-Anne Robson-Claddagh Haven; Henrietta Trip-University of Otago (Chair); Gordon Boxall-Whaikaha & Weaving Threads

Regrets: Marionette Chaney-Kilmarnock; Peter Reynolds-NZDSN; Penny Taylor-emerge; Marilyn Paston-Chris Ruth Centre – Thanks for all your support and knowledge shared over the year...

2. Correspondence:

- Peter Reynolds, NZDSN : <https://thespinoff.co.nz/society/30-10-2023/will-national-deliver-fair-pay-for-the-health-and-disability-frontline>
Pip provided a recap of the pay equity process. NB – This agreement is between 15 employees. Brackenridge received notice of collective bargaining i.e. claims by Unions beyond uplift.
Sarah Hillier has been appointed onto the NZDSN Board.
- John Grant, ARA : **NASDA 2nd Year Student & A Different Light Present - FAUST.US** <https://events.humanitix.com/faust-us>
National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Art: NASDA THEATRE, ARA, Chch 7PM - NOVEMBER 10,11,13-16
Faust.US very loosely adapts Marlowe's Elizabethan play about selling your soul to the devil to our era of climate emergency. It investigates what we mean by 'Us' through a unique collaboration between NASDA and nine learning disabled artists from Different Light Theatre.
- NZ Division ASID (Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability): *Your Tales of the Tail – Focus for the Future: Pandemic & Other Events*
Free Workshop – **FRIDAY 03 November** 10am-2.30pm, Rarakau Riccarton Centre 199 Clarence St, Chch
NB – Contact henrietta.trip@otago.ac.nz if wanting to attend and have not yet applied directly via ASID website.

3. Info to Share – Updates on Projects:

Whakawhanaungatanga: Your place, your people – staff and those whom you support that you honour to mention, happenings & aspirations...

- *Skillwise* – Undertaken staff education fully funded by Te Pou
 - Ātea – Disability 101: <https://www.tepou.co.nz/initiatives/atea-disability-101>
 - NB – **Victoria advised key outcome was both personal and translational action plan. This training is fully funded and disability-led.**
 - Kia Noho Rangatira Ai Tātou: <https://www.tepou.co.nz/initiatives/kia-noho-rangatira-ai-t%C4%81tou>
 - Te Pou runs both programmes regularly throughout the motu (including online), check out their events page: <https://www.tepou.co.nz/events> But if you are DSS funded service, they can also come and present to your staff & communities.
 - Ally Steenhuis, Project Coordinator at Te Pou: Phone: 09 301 3726 Email: ally.steenhuis@tepou.co.nz
- *Hawksbury Trust:*
 - Vicki advised they now have a Resident's Advisory Group
 - Reviewing UK Models of Care
 - Have accessed CCS house in Southland, Westport, Tekapo...: Accessible accommodation (incl financially with \$20 annual fee to be member CCS).

- *Paulownia*: Provided a Halloween Party for friends and families of people they support.
- *Te Tekura*: – Transition Hub, combining Ferndal & Allenvale at Phillipstown School. Two-year pilot, 33 students on site.
 - Students run a café on site **Fridays 11am-12pm. ALL WELCOME** Please contact Sharon Utteridge if any queries
- *Claddagh Haven*: – Started a tunnel house to increase sustainability. Fresh veges and eggs which can be sold at Lincoln Events Centre
- *Helen Anderson Trust*:
 - Also running tunnel house at Men's Shed. Focus is on work skills and growing for food banks. Embryonic stage. Goal is to link to community. Will be open **Friday afternoons 184 Clyde Rd**
 - Spirit of NZ next week 30 people going linked with BlindLowVision NZ & Week after that, Duke of Edinburgh candidates will be out.
- *St John of God*: Working on therapeutic outdoor space AND social services with a focus on the reintegration of youth offenders.
- *Hawksbury Trust*: Six weeks out from opening new Avonhead Rd
- *Explore*:
 - New website will include online training. There is Te Pou funding for PBS
 - **Coaches & Leaders Course 19 January 2024** (NB – Prioritising smaller providers).
 - Roxy is four months in as new manager. Focus is on increasing resourcing and recruiting for 8 more staff in Chch.
 - Fee for service – Oranga Tamariki with a disability in the residential space.
 - Corrections pilot to undertake supervision with staff
 - Proposal in with Whaikaha re proactive support and advice to providers.
- *Marralameda*:
 - Charlotte has started there in role with a focus on individual support to people who are older. Keen for ideas to learn. **Email her on:** charlotte@marralameda.org.nz
 - Karen alongside Hōhepa, have developed an interview guide / manual to upskill the people we support with interviewing: **Happy to share**
- *Lifelinks*: Speed dating event went well – 30 tables, rotating every 6mins. Some key things re need for respite care, employment support. Working with Whaikaha re National Referral Centre.
- *Brackenridge*:
 - Humanly project Maddisons Rd. Revising preferences of people for next 2-5yrs alongside whanau
 - Families asking for different things such as increased community-based support to promote areas of independence. May included brokering connections for families and accessibility for people with complex needs.
 - There is a waitlist and could respond if housing was available. Also Nick spoke about the assessment process for Community Choices.
 - Noted respite care is a loss leader although still mechanism to draw people into residential. Sig financial loss & subsidized by res care. Need to incentivize respite care.
 - EGL – Consistent actual cost to deliver needs to be established as variable between providers...
- **Gordon Boxall, Whaikaha : My Home My Choice (MHMC) Project Team**
 - Is and has been involved in the following; MOH re earthquakes and impact PWD; Akld/Waikato Choices in Community Living; 1st EGL Director Chch; Involved in development of L5 PBS national curriculum to enable providers to develop capacity; Te Pou – Equitable Access to Wellbeing within MH. Current contract due to end Dec 2023.
 - Patron of MHMC is Gary Williams and is a cross-party responsibility. Links to Deinstitutionalisation guidelines...
 - Questions: What are the barriers from Whaikaha? What could Whaikaha do now?
 - Discussion:

- What is the evidence that this is not happening? That people are not supported to have choice and control? NB – All providers get lumped together when there have been concerns.
- Notions of 'residential' or place of 'residence' or facilitating shared living arrangements vs institutionalisation in the community
- SJOG: 40-bed facility in Wgtn. Need to work with Whaikaha. Purchased in 2015 & is not fit for purpose.
- Housing is a disability related issue per s.
- EGL Connectors need to be more financially literate and access to other subsidies at schools
 - i.e. harder to get ORRS funding & increased number of people with disability in families
- Historically, data sent by Lifelinks to Whaikaha to enable planning: Uncertain as to how that is or has been used.
- Residential pricing needs to include how a person is supported in their day. Audits include how person-directed services are, but providers need info around how to unpack choices which, in turn, need to be affordable. Many negative messages that providers need to be open to change, many are engaging the EGL Principles, however the reality to actualise them is limiting.
- Current challenge is the increasing complexity of health needs alongside needing to be able to provide dignity to the end: This includes young folk with high & complex needs. PBS is important but so is environment
- Pip reminded comment by Michael Kendricks – The need to work with one family at a time... For example, taking on five young people in a house built by another trust was status quo... Within current pricing model feasibility is questionable and inequitable between regions given the costs of administration, resourcing for recruitment, retention & immigration of staff...
- Recommendations:
 - Snapshots of examples as to how *My Home My Choice* will work
 - This to include the opportunity to respond to a range of support needs given the complexity for many.
 - NASC tools are needed alongside of this process as well.
 - Implementation of changes needs to be commensurate with the scope and role of the workforce.

4. Standing Items: Community of Practice – Quality Improvement – *No time for updates at this meeting...*

- *Peter Kelly* : Property Management
- *Rebecca Franklin* : Supporting People to Maximise their Funding
- *Carolyn Stiles* : Quality, Recruitment & Retention Group – Will update 2024
- *EGL Provider's Leadership Team*

5. Other News & Updates

- Te Pou : <https://www.tepou.co.nz/disability-grants/training-grant-approved-qualifications>
- *See attached for other info pertaining to:*
 - EOI NZ Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Level 5) – Applied Practice in Employment Support
 - Changes to access criteria for COVID-19 Antiviral Medication
 - Link – Thanks Michelle, IHC: Chch Based Support for Neurodivergent Students and Whānau
<https://sites.google.com/view/lisapoiesis/home>
 - Separate email forwarded – **Helen Anderson Trust Tee Ball Competition**

6. NEXT Meeting: *Dates TBC. Thanks Sarah and John for offering St John of God as the venue once again.*

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Approved qualifications

The following qualifications are approved by Whaikaha Ministry of Disabled People to receive funding through the disability workforce training grant. The 'average duration' refers to the expected time for a trainee to complete the qualification.

- **New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Level 2**
- **New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing - Level 3**
- **New Zealand Certificate in Youth Leadership - Level 3**
- **New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) - Level 4**
- **New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) (Level 4) with strands in Community Health Work; Disability Support; Diversional Therapy; Mental Health and Addiction Support; and Whānau, Community and Social Services**
- **Residential Limited Credit Programme: Dementia - Level 4**
- **New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Rehabilitation Support) Brain Injury - Level 4**
- **Diploma in Rehabilitation Studies - Level 5**
- **New Zealand Diploma in Health and Wellbeing (Practice/Applied Practice) - Level 5**
- **New Zealand Diploma in Hearing Therapy - Level 6**
- **Diploma in Vision Habilitation/Rehabilitation with strands in Daily Living, Low Vision Therapy, Orientation and Mobility, and Technology and Communication - Level 7**
- **PSME439 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice – Level 8; 30 Credits 9 - University of Otago, Christchurch**

The purpose of this Otago University qualification is to advance the knowledge base, clinical and practical skills of health and disability practitioners working in the specialist field of and alongside people with an intellectual disability. The core aim is to understand the current philosophical underpinnings within the sector and to explore the application of practical tools to support individuals and communities to proactively manage physical health, dual diagnosis, behavioural and access challenges that arise for people living with intellectual disability across the lifespan.

For more information visit [PSME439 Intellectual Disability: Theory into Practice, University of Otago, New Zealand](#)