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WEST COAST

Meeting Record Friday 31st October 2008

Welcome: Cate Kearney, ADANZ

Apologies: Jill Wilson, Hecta Williams, Malcolm White

Attendance: See end of record

Service Updates

Methadone Programme: Currently 67 on programme funded for 50. *Child Youth and Family:* Most youth justice referrals go to CAMS or private practitioner. *Youth Workers Collective:* Work up and down the Coast networking meetings in Hokitika, Greymouth and Buller. *Family focus:* reviewed stats and seems 70% of clients with AOD. *Community and Public Health:* CYFs care and protection cases often find AOD involved. A & D service; mainly alcohol and cannabis: do not see a lot of methamphetamine or designer drugs. *Home Builders:* social workers and family workers case loads also include those with AOD issues.

Discussion about West Coast trends. Australian research on AOD education for young people. National Updates.

Presentations:

- **Circles of Change**, Raelene Gibson
 - Service developed six years ago.
 - Joint project 3 services involved: Bridge; Vincentian, CADS
 - Women with their children aged 6 months to 12 years.
 - Package of supported accommodation, day programmes and childcare or school placements.
 - Service developed over past 6 months.
 - Day programme at He Waka Tapu.
 - Accommodation via 24 hour staffed family service.
 - Super Grans.
 - Programme for children through Familial Trust

Questions and Answers

- **Odyssey House Youth Service**, Brian Johnson and Gary Boucher
 - Youth service with residential
 - Young people 14 – 17, young men and women
 - Common for young people to leave and return at a later day
 - Mainly cannabis, then alcohol; some "P" use.
 - Description of therapeutic community approach.
 - Discussion on residential component.
 - Suggested about 80% of young people coming in have Mental Health issues.
 - Description of recreational services.
 - Education and career options part of the programme.

Meeting closed 12.10pm. Next meeting 27th February 2009. Meeting dates available on www.adanz.org.nz.

Please note: These notes are a summary of opinions expressed by meeting attendees. If anyone would like further information please email reception@adanz.org.nz

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