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Minutes of TCV Network Meeting held Monday June 12th 2017, 12.30pm at BNZ Business Partners Building

Present Executive Committee: Liz Graham (St John), Mary-Ann de Kort (Independent), Christine West (Community Networks Aotearoa), Leslynne Jackson (Manaaki Tairawhiti), Meredith Akuhata-Brown (GDC)

Present Members: Jane Kibble (Hospice Tairawhiti), Wendy Miller (Barnardo's), Barb Ballie (CAB), Kate Macrae (Age Concern), Jenny Greaves (Gis Volunteer Centre),

Apologies: Nicole West (TCV), Gillian Creach (TCLC) Lynda Markie (Gisborne Budget Advisory Service), Trudel McKeown (DPA),

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting held April 10th, 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record: Moved by Liz Graham; Seconded by Jane Kibble

Matters Arising:

Survey completed by Leslynne, Molly and Wendy and the results were given in a meeting. The results will be on the Manaaki Tairawhiti website.

In addition, there were 15 people who came to a community champions meeting/

Age Concern

Kate advised that it is elder abuse week so there is a meeting at treble court on Thursday 15th 10am -12pm.

Age concern also didn't get the contract for this area so they have no funding but won't turn people away for the interim. She advised that several groups around the country didn't get funding in the latest round including Wellington, Pacific and Maori.

Gisborne need is very high and highest in the country. They have trouble finding emergency housing, they are unable to get the elderly into rest homes and their home support entitlements have been reduced.

Leslynne from MSD and Meredith from DHB are surprised and will try to find more details.

Currently they are teaching the elderly how to book appointments at MSD/WINZ and also getting referrals from police, families and the community about elder abuse and need. They also have complaints about rest home abuse.

Hospice

Jane reported that awareness week May 15-21 was completed.

GDC, DHB and Te Ara Hau

Meredith reported she is learning that infrastructure needs like pipes, roads, waste water, library and pool have been pushed back and the new council has inherited decisions where projects haven't been completed.

Re the DHB, the data and charts haven't changed much.

She is hoping to change some of the street names in Puhī Kaiti so that the names provide a fit for the neighbourhood so that there will be ownership from the residents.

The navigations project should reflect all stories.

Manaaki Tairāwhiti

Leslyne advises that she is working on a community action plan and there are various changes being made as there are lots of different groups which are at different places. Now action plans will be on the same place on the same website.

There are some good initiatives eg the local champions re family violence.

So many didn't feel safe in their neighbourhoods. Police intend to find key people and invigorate neighbourhood support groups.

They are mindful of the impacts of NGO partners and there are implications to discuss. The police family harm team has increased from 3 to 20 but what is the flow on effect to the volume of services.

Gisborne volunteer centre

Jenny advised the newsletter is on their website.

The minister is happy at the number of young people who are getting certificates for volunteering.

There are a number of courses to help NGO and voluntary organisations which have been negotiated. Some of them are normally very expensive to attend so will be worthwhile.

There is a list on the website <https://www.gisbornevolunteercentre.org.nz/support-events> and subjects include, capacity building for non profits, effective use of social media,

managing difficult personalities at work, sustainable/long term funding and growing great teams of volunteers.

Barnados

Wendy advised there will be another family fun day in Elgin on 25th June to celebrate Matariki. Free food and entertainment will be provided from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Barbara advised there were 282 enquiries for May with lots of consumer, family/custody and legal service enquiries. There is a spotlight on employment related queries through head office.

CAB have a contract with immigration about providing forms and answering queries on their behalf.

Community Network

Christine advised that there is an association with Rothberry Insurance with a package deal for members.

There will be conference at the Quality Hotel The Lincoln Green in Henderson on 26/27 October. The theme is Empowerment and success, Possible pathways for the NGO sector.

St John Alarms

Liz reported that they have been busy doing medical alarms with numbers boosted especially in Wairoa.

Their financial year starts 1 July and there will be a kaumatua seminar at the RSA on 4 July for Turanga Health.

Meeting closed 1.30pm.

Next TCV Meeting Monday July 10th, 12.30pm at BNZ Business Partners