

**Minutes of Tairawhiti Community Voice Network Meeting
held at BNZ Partners, 14th March 2016, 12.30pm**

Present Executive Committee:

Gillian Creach (Tairawhiti Community Law Centre), Jenny Greaves (Gisborne Volunteer Centre)

Present Members

Leslyne Jackson (MSD), Patricia Walsh (Ruia), Ivan Cash (Various Orgs), Barb Baillie (CAB), Rata Nepe (Inland Revenue), Marg Price (Health & Disability Advocacy), Glenda Stokes (Sunrise Foundation), David McEwen (Salvation Army), Nicole West (Autism NZ, Fruit Harvest, TCV)

Apologies:

Christine West (Independent), Liz Graham (St John), M-J Bloem (Life Unlimited), Linda Coulston (SuperGrans), Tina McEwen (Salvation Army).

Guest Speaker:

Rata Nepe – IRD Community Compliance Officer speaking on new Child Support changes.

There are four new changes coming into effect

1. The age children can be included in your calculation is reducing from 19 to 18 years unless your child is enrolled and attending school.
2. There are two new administrative review grounds.
3. IRD may be able to write off some or all of your penalty debt.
4. The current 10% initial late payment penalty is being replaced with a two-stage late payment penalty.

Find out more about how the changes apply by watching IRD's videos at www.ird.govt.nz/cs-videos

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes of previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record: Moved by Rata Nepe 2nd by Barbara Baillie.

Matters arising from previous minutes: Nil

General Business:

Heartlands discussion –

- Target 2 or 3 dates a year
- Anne Tolley van no longer available.
- Try another East Coast community.
- Volunteer Centre use RSA as a venue.
- Write to MSD requesting to reinstate a Heartlands Clinic coordinator.

Catch Up Round:

Leslyne Jackson – MSD Social Sector Trials

The Business case has been presented to the ADSAC committee of Hauora Tairawhiti, the Business case has now been endorsed by Hauora Tairawhiti and will be submitted to the Ministry of Health for consideration.

On 17 March I attended a meeting with senior to discuss establishment of a national approach to safeguarding vulnerable adults from abuse.

Patricia Walsh – Ruia Project

I liaise between whanau and service providers as part of the Ruia Project.

Jenny Greaves – Gisborne Volunteer Centre

April 11 – 17 is Student Volunteer Week and an art competition to recognise student volunteering is being held. Students can draw, paint or photograph their impression of what volunteering looks like to them. The competition will run through March and close on April 1st. The artwork will be displayed at the Volunteer Centre Stand at the Careers Expo during Student Volunteering Week. The public will be asked to vote for the top three entries in each category.

IRD – Rata Nepe

People are still visiting our previous office! Our new address is 42 Grey St, the ground floor entrance is Childer's Road, 9am to 4.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 10.30am to 4.30pm Wednesday.

Health & Disability Advocacy – Marg Price

Reminder to all that I provide free training on the 'Code of Rights', it's really important for everyone to know their rights before problems occur, problems are then unlikely to occur!

Sunrise Foundation – Glenda Stokes

After our first year of operation we have received donations of nearly \$1 million and promised donations and bequests to the value of \$5 million.

David McEwen – Salvation Army

We have had no Foodbank clients, does anybody know if another group has started up?

We are looking for collectors for Red Shield Day May 5, 6 & 7.

We are facilitating Prisoner reintegration and the first house is ready. This is a National Programme teaching life skills, we aim to reintegrate 12 prisoners into the community per year, living in the house for three months learning life skills such as cooking, toolbox parenting and budgeting.

Ivan Cash – Independent

I attended the Hīkoi for Hope, held at Te Karaka in support of cancer patients and survivors in the region.

It was great being part of a community raising funds for their own community.

Barbara Baillie - Citizen Advice Bureau

Recently some of our staff attended a 'Bullying' workshop in Whakatane.

Gillian Creach - Tairāwhiti Community Law Centre

We are presenting a free Workshop "Getting in to Work; Know your stuff and you can help yourself and your whanau" Thursday 28 April 2016 at the Salvation Army, 9.30 to 2pm, sessions from WINZ, Workbridge, IRD, Law Employment Rights and a Q & A session. Please register.

Nicole West - Autism NZ

World Autism Awareness Week begins April 2nd, have a look at our display in the HB Williams Memorial Library on Autism.

Simon Parkin is holding a Surfing Experience for children with special needs Sunday March 20th 10am at Roberts Road. All gear provided. Please register email surfinglelessons@gisborne@gmail.com

Network Meeting adjourned 2pm.

Next Tairāwhiti Community Voice Meeting will be **April 11th 2016**, 12.30pm at BNZ Partners Centre