

NASCA NEWS

An update on all the great things happening in NASCA

OCTOBER 2011

Whats happening

Secondment opportunity

Earlier this month an invitation was sent to all under 65 NASC with an invitation to apply for a six month secondment position with the Ministry of Health as a Contracts Relationship Manager.

This opportunity will provide either a current manager or senior Team Leader within NASC to experience this role for a period of time and is a great way of both the MoH and NASCA learning more about each other by literally experiencing first hand.

Director Training

The Executive have confirmed dates for their Institute of Directorship Training. This will take place between the 21st and 23rd November. The training will be combined with the Federation Executive and will form a joint training exercise around governance, financial responsibilities and strategic planning.

Sadly two of the current and immediate past executive will not be able to attend this training with us so these two vacancies were put out to the entire membership for expressions of interest in taking up this opportunity. There were three nominations for the two positions and the successful members were Wendy Kopura and Karen Mora.

Membership Fees

Note changes to Membership Fees for the **2012 – 2013** year set at:

Principal Membership	\$300.00 inc GST
Associate Membership	\$100.00 inc GST

Membership invoices for 2011-2012 have been sent. For any queries regarding membership fees please contact the NASCA finance administrator Raven Baird: BairdR@Lifelinks.co.nz

NASCA Executive Members

- **Noel Matthews**, President (Northable, Whangarei)
- **Marlon Hepi**, Vice President (Life Unlimited, Wellington)
- **Craig Hutchison**, Treasurer (Lifelinks, Christchurch)
- **Judy Bilderbeck** (Access Ability, Wanganui)
- **Penny Feyen** (Tairāwhiti DHB, Gisborne)
- **Sandie Cherrington** (Northland DHB, Whangarei)
- **Sonia Hawea** (Taikura Trust, Auckland)
- **David Darling** (Capital Support, Porirua)
- **Bruce Green** (Hawkes Bay DHB, Hastings)

People who support activities of the NASCA Executive:

- Debbie Webster, Executive Assistant (Invercargill)
- Raven Baird, Financial Administrator (Christchurch)

NASCA Meetings 2011

General Meeting December:

Thursday 1st, Christchurch, Venue Sudima Hotel, Christchurch Airport.

NASCA Conference – ‘Influences 2012’

The Conference committee have had 3 meetings since the last NASCA general meeting. Some robust discussion has been had over the venue destination of Queenstown. The end result has seen a change of venue to the more central location of Wellington. Although Queenstown was a favoured venue, with the current economic environment it was agreed that holding the conference in Queenstown would not be tolerated by the tax paying public.

The Conference will be held in October 2012. Confirmed dates will be out in the December newsletter. Start thinking about whether you may wish to present an item as calls to submit an abstract of your research or innovative practice will be made in the new year.

Older People Section

Moving Forward Together

NZ Christian Council Social Services (NZCCSS) - Services for Older People Conference, 29th - 30th March 2012 – Wellington. Steering the waka requires teamwork, good coordination and everyone contributing to help move forward together. 'Moving Forward Together' is about continuing to get closer together and reducing inequalities. Different parts of the sector (home & community support, residential care, housing), different cultures together with tangata whenua, and different levels of wealth and income. The future of aged care in New Zealand is one where we all have a part and wellbeing.

This conference aims to explore how we can help to build this vision into a reality.

Development of DHB Manual for + 65 Managers

Penny Feyen and Sandie Cherrington have begun work on a NASC Managers Manual for DHB + 65 Managers. They are in discussion with the MoH about using the Ministry Manual as a template to begin this work. Working with the Health of Older Persons Portfolio Managers, they hope to include DHB specific sections such as interNASC transfers (currently being worked on by Susan Bowden) and interRAI specific information (with agreement from the National Project team).

Keep an eye out for further updates in upcoming newsletters.

Mental Health Section

Mental Health NASC's had strong representation at the last meeting on the 1st September with members from:

- Lifelinks Christchurch
- Hutt DHB NASC
- Taranaki DHB NASC
- Tu Tama Wahine, Taranaki Maori MH NASC
- Whanganui DHB
- Hawke's Bay DHB NASC
- Tairāwhiti DHB NASC
- Capital & Coast DHB NASC

Areas identified as priorities to focus on for the rest of the year and 2012 include:

Growing Mental Health membership of NASCA

Standardised NASC assessments and agreed process on inter-regional transfers. There was also discussion with Bridget Mein from the Ministry of Health on Interai for Mental Health

Working more closely with older persons NASC providers to address issues in relation to the support needs of those within Mental Health who also have developing age related support needs.

Working more closely with other NASC providers to address support needs for people with an Intellectual Disability and Mental Illness

NASCA Exec Portfolio's

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Final Words

Monday morning we all awoke to a rugby world in complete balance. The All Blacks had been reinstated as true world number 1s and we all can take huge credit in the satisfaction of being part of the most successful world rugby competition ever.

Now sadly its back to the real world where families and people continue to need our valuable services to continue to lead their lives as they can.

Its great to have the first executive meeting completed and new exec underway. At the last meeting we studied the current business plan and updated this to include the new executives.

We also looked at the roles and responsibilities currently being undertaken by executives and in our next meeting we will look to even these responsibilities out across the whole executive.

Growing membership and working to utilise our existing membership to carry out projects that benefit all NASC are areas we have already begun work on and hope to update you through this newsletter each month.

Please feed back to tell us if there are any ways in which we can improve your news letter.

We look forward to seeing you all in Christchurch for the next General Meeting on Thursday 1st December 2011, book your tickets now.

Noel Matthews