



Moreland Youth Commitment Network Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday 9 September 2020

930am to 1130am on Teams

Cynthia Acuna	Alexandra Riddell
Janan Allouche	Caroline Massa
Pek Lin Cerase	Chris Tranter
Danielle Croci	Emma Soloai
Georgie Concannon	Natalie Henry
Jansu Gaz	Steve Huf
Liam Walsh	Lillian Dunn
Lori Long	Rosemarie Mastropaolo
Michelle Lukey	Miriam Bilander
Charbel Moukbel	Edwina Nagorcka
Natalie Russell	Michelle – pq20
Richard Craig	Ruth Lynch
Sam Champion	Simon Wilson
Thomas McGregor	Vicki
Fiona Thiessen	

Chair: Liam Walsh (MCC)

Minutes: Steve Huf (MCC)

Guest Speakers: Sam Champion (YACVic) and Natalie Russell (Vichealth)

Welcome and Introductions (Liam):

Acknowledgement of Country (Mim);

YACVic updates (Sam);

Explained that young people are finding it hard to understand the messages from the government in relation to COVID-19

Found that infographics/graphics have been an effective method of communication to young people.

Fines have increased to young people since the introduction of the curfew.

Sam has shared a link to an infographic outlining how COVID-19 has affected young people.

YACVic resources, infographic and research: <https://www.yacvic.org.au/covid-19/>

FYA research and report: <https://www.fya.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Foundation-for-Young-Australians-Reserach-Report-2020-D2-1.pdf>

Commission for Children and Young People reports: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/news/new-findings-reveal-massive-impact-of-covid-for-children-and-young-people-in-victoria/>

Vichealth (Natalie Russell – Mental Wellbeing VicHealth)

Last 12 months have had a focus on young people. 15 -29

Found alarming rates of loneliness for 18-29-year olds

Objectives improving social connection and reducing loneliness

- Burnet Institute 'Coping with COVID' Youth study

Top issues of concern mental health COVID-19, education, climate change finances, friendship, employment

- Masculinities and Health resources;

In partnership with Monash into masculinity and health. The developed a framework in challenging masculine stereotypes.

- Youth engagement indicators project

The aim is to have a tool on the website to help youth engagement.

Service Updates

Michelle Lukey – Navigator

Waiting lists are still increasing

Trialling getting case workers to help wait list workers.

Around 40 on waiting list. But more coming through.

Chris Trantor – Navigator

Have a new VACCA worker who is adding cultural aspects to Indigenous population in northern region.

Caroline Hart – Brunswick Secondary College

Things have been hard and challenging

Students have been exposed and subjected to suicidal content media

Everyone desperate to get to school holidays and re-calibrate.

Cynthia Acuna – Centrelink

New to Moreland

Will put contact details on the chat

Job seeker will decrease to \$250

Young people will feel this hardship

Happy to be contacted with any questions

Alex Riddell – School Focus

Staggered return to term 4 which impact delivery.

Hoping to fund interventions to schools

Natasha Rose has resigned and finished up with Merri Health

Will continue to work with schools with disengaged young people

Pek-Lin Cerase – Lynall Hall/The Island

Support disengaged young people with education
High disengagement with online learning
Outreaching to young people whilst not being able to attend school
Continual connection to young people to help keep them engaged/connected to school
Providing remote art therapy and students are showing interest
Staff keen for term 4 to begin and be back on site

Fiona Thiessen – L2P

L2P has been suspended since March
Still supporting clients and volunteers
Hoping for the program to be back up and running by next year
Found applications have a strong connection with schools and services
Have 15 on waiting list but still please send applications if you have them
Getting more mentors during this period

Natalie Henry – Secondary School Nurse, Glenroy Secondary & Gladstone Park Secondary

Mostly working from home
A lot of 1 on 1 engagement online and running classes to provide health information
Working on promo for RU OK Day.

Lilli Dunn – Moreland City Council/Glenroy Secondary

MCC offering youth support – generalist support for young people. Helps bridge the gap for organisations with long waiting periods.
Also provides advocacy, general wellbeing, health.
A lot of capacity. Also seeking feedback of gaps in the program.
Starting a tutoring program – 1-2-hour sessions, referral based, year 9-10 group tutoring.

Lori Long – Moreland City Council

FReeZA – online videos, self-care, looking for young artists. Online events coming up showcasing emerging artists.

Rosemarie Mastropaolo – Squad

Support young people with apprenticeships & traineeships.
Work is still the same, just a change of name.

Charlie Moukbel – Glenroy Secondary

School is going through full renovations
No students during this term
Year will come to school for their GAP
Some students are benefitted from online study
Have found VCE students don't like the rigid structure. Are enjoying autonomy and overall ok
Vulnerable students coming in 1 day a week
Social aspect for year 12's has had an impact

Michelle & Ruth Lynch – Be You

Headspace staff happy to support schools and support critical incidents
Have online tutorial
Are working through holidays'

Richard Craig – Futures Programs

Young people leaving care. 18 + leaving care on orders.

5 Key areas of service. Resources for education, employment wellbeing. Housing options after residential care provide furniture etc. Connections to different group link to Whitelion

Steve Huf – Moreland City Council

Recruiting for youth ambassadors and early years & youth workshop

Thomas McGregor – Youth Projects/Transitions to work

Case has over doubled. Not many opportunities at the moment.

A lot of checking in with young people

Vicki

Hearing a lot of mental health stories

Overwhelmed at the moment

New referrals are stretching the service

Increasing beds 25 – 50 but have no space

But are finding beds at the Northern in Epping

Still busy as usual

Horrible time

11:25am – Training suggestions:

Suggestions for guest speakers etc. Please contact Liam

Next meeting in November. Date TBC