**Pacific Community Leaders Follow up Fono - Wellington Central**

**Wednesday, 19 October 2016 – 6pm-8pm**

**Boardroom, Level 11, Grace Neill Building, Wellington Hospital, Newtown**

**MEETING MINUTES/NOTES**

**Present:** Samson Samasoni (Chair), Sai Lealea, Liz Tanielu, Taima Fagaloa, Mokalagi Tamapeau, Tofilau Kerupi Tavita, Loretta Hunt-Tevaga, Elisapeci Samanunu Waqanivala, Maureen Tukaroa-Betham, Desmond Tupangaia, Anthony Leaupepe, Phaedra Moors Ekeroma (minutes)

**Apologies:** A number of apologies were received but all were eager to support and attend future meetings.

1. **Welcome/Introductions**
   1. Samson welcomed and acknowledged all then clarified that the meeting was a follow up of the group meeting formed by representatives of the Wellington Central area at the last Pacific Community Leaders Fono in Porirua on the 21-22 September 2016.
2. **MSD Update** - Liz will provide a follow up from the Fono last month and any other regional matters
   1. Liz thanked Samson and all for taking the initiative to meet today and provided an update on other groups and actions motivated as a result of the Leaders Fono.
   2. The Pacific Unit (MSD) to hold a South Island Pacific Community Leaders Fono on 24-25 November 2016 fuelled by momentum of the Wellington Fono.
   3. While one of the key aims of the Fono was to address and prevent family violence in Pacific communities, the bigger picture is about strengthening Pacific families and the wrap around services that are included to achieve this.
   4. Purpose of us being together is to support all services that seek to achieve this same goal. Hon Minister Peseta Sam Lotu-Iiga clear for all of us to role model a united front and take a ‘whole of government’ approach to address issues faced by Pacific families.
   5. Positive response from the community and Fono participants was noted as well as the positive responses from the Ministers of Parliament who had attended.
      1. Ministers Tolley and English both had positive comments and welcomed the questions and feedback from community members.
      2. Liz acknowledged and thanked the Tokelau Atafu Group for writing a thank you letter to the Minister following the Fono.
   6. Reports of other community actions and initiatives as a result of Wellington Fono:
      1. Youth group from Wellington Fono met again to organise a special church service for youth groups held at the Kokiri Methodist Church and invited guest speakers to inspire the youth (Loretta Hunt-Tevaga from Police was one of the guest speakers) – led by Toe Fiu and her daughter Tangi, who both attended the Wellington Fono.
      2. Three Pacific Advisory Group members of the Wellington City Council were also prompted after the Fono and currently working with the new Wellington Mayor on the alignment of work for Pacific services.
      3. Elisapeci has begun work with the Kiwi Advocacy Forum to include a segment for Pacific people as part of their Career Advisory services.
      4. Loretta (Police) also in process of organising dates to meet and collaborate with Pacific social services and health providers to share resources and make referrals to)
3. **Coordination & Collaboration** -
   1. There was a need to define the geographic boundaries/parametersof Wellington Central that the group would work within. It was suggested that the boundary be defined by Wellington City Council which includes Wellington City to Linden and Petone. The meeting agreed to ‘think regionally but act locally’.
      1. There was consensus to take a helicopter view and consider a high level approach of social issues that impact Pacific communities; identify specific locations and areas of need, gaps and opportunities to collaborate.
   2. A stocktake of providers and plans was necessary before developing a strategic plan for group and before another meeting.
      1. It was noted that there was a gap in how the Government funds services in a silo-ed way across the sectors and community – the stocktake will ensure a more coherent collaborative approach is taken and prevent the duplication of work.
      2. MSD agreed to take the lead and put the directory together from the stocktake supported by all to provide the information to Phaedra (MSD). A template email will be sent to all on Friday, 21 October 2016 to request plans to be submitted.
   3. Need a calendar of events from all to ensure effective planning and no clashes with other stakeholders.
   4. Need to know how we engage with local Wellington Central residents/Providers. It was noted that Pacific community members do not come to Fonos – there was a need to be clear how we reach out to them (i.e. blogs, Facebook, in Churches etc)
   5. Need evidence and relevant statistics for the Pacific population in Wellington central. Everyone to send it relevant stats and evidence to identify locations and areas of need.
      1. Sai gave a presentation showing Wellington demographic statistics used by WCC to help with the group planning and agreed to circulate this to all meeting members.
      2. Police identified Strathmore and Newton as top areas of need for intervention for Pacific people. Loretta to send everyone a copy of her Newsletter Update.
      3. Leaupepe identified inadequate housing as a priority for Pacific people as a cause of other social impacts on Pacific families i.e. overcrowding leads to poor health, increased pressure and stress on parents which can contribute to family violence etc.
4. **Action Plan Follow Up -** 
   1. To revisit action plan when stocktake and other actions have been completed.
   2. Phaedra to send to all the transcript of flip chart presentations from the Wellington Fono with objectives identified per group.
5. **Working Together -** 
   1. It was agreed that there was no need to implement a formal structure for the group at this time. All agreed for Samson and Sai to continue to make arrangements to progress the work in the meantime.
6. **Wrap Up**
   1. The Chairman thanked DHB for the venue, MSD for the catering and folders; and everyone for their attendance. He also encouraged all to involve others who attended the Wellington Fono and allowed all to bring interested community providers/partners to the next meeting.
   2. Next meeting to be held on the 9 November 2016 at a venue to be confirmed.
   3. The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

**ACTION POINTS**

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| **Task description** | **Responsible** | **Deadline** |
| Meeting minutes confirmed by Chairman and sent to all. | Chairman - Samson  MSD - Phaedra | Fri, 21 Oct 2016 |
| Email stocktake request for all plans to be submitted. | MSD - Phaedra | Fri, 21 Oct 2016 |
| Transcript notes of action plans presented at Wellington Fono email to all. | MSD – Phaedra | Fri, 21 Oct 2016 |
| All to send MSD ([phaedra.ekeroma001@msd.govt.nz](mailto:phaedra.ekeroma001@msd.govt.nz)) the following documents for the stocktake:   * Strategic/Action Plans * Calendar of Events * Supporting evidence (stats/evaluations etc) | ALL | 12pm- Thu, 3 Nov 2016 |
| MSD to compile directory/stocktake of Wellington Central providers/services with support of meeting members. | MSD – Phaedra | Wed, 9 Nov 2016 |
| Distribute Wellington demographic statistics power point presentation to all meeting members. | WCC – Sai | 12pm – Thu, 3 Nov 2016 |
| Send all a copy of Police Newsletter Update | Police – Loretta | 12pm – Thu, 3 Nov 2016 |
| DHB list of govt funded Pacific providers/services. | Health Board - Taema | 12pm – Thu, 3 Nov 2016 |
| Venue for next meeting to be confirmed. | WCC - Sai and Leaupepe  Health - Taima | Fri, 21 Oct 2016 |