**Wellington Central Pacific Leaders Fono**

**Wednesday, 7 December 2016 – 6pm-8pm**

**Ministry for Pacific Peoples Meeting Room, ASB Building, Level 1, 101 – 103 The Terrace, Wellington**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Samson Samasoni (Chair), Liz Tanielu, Sai Lealea, Elisapeci Waqanivala, Sefa Tuinukuafe, Rev. Tofilau, Pepe Robertson, Anne Allan-Moetaua, Tauiliili Nari Auelua, Tae Tuinukuafe, Sera Tapu-Taala, Phaedra Ekeroma (minutes)

**Apologies:** Jone Saqayalo, Heker Robertson, Loretta Hunt Tevaga, Aseri and Jocelyn Kua.

1. **Welcome/Introductions**

Samson Samasoni chaired the meeting and kicked off round-robin introductions.

1. **Confirmation of last meeting minutes**

Meeting minutes approved with revisions.

1. **Report back** on follow-up actions from previous meeting
   1. It was noted that new plans and strategies were added to the database.
   2. With regards to the definition of Fijian ethnicity adopted by MPP and MSD, Sefa provided confirmation letter from MPP’s Chief Policy Advisor that confirmed definition:

‘In terms of Fijian Indians, it is noted that they are listed under the Asian ethnic category on Level 4 of Statistics New Zealand’s Classification of Ethnicity, which clearly demarcates Fijians from the Fijian Indians.’

**3.3** Elisapeci advised that she would summarise and compile the Pacific summary for the Children’s Commissioner Report and Fijian interpreters and translators’ strategy.

**3.4** Sai also advised that as Chairman of the Pacific Education Centre in Auckland he would provide group with its long term language and cultural strategy.

**3.5** It was noted that WCC had originally booked their conference room for today’s meeting but had changed due to damages by earthquake.

1. **Action Plan Follow Up**
   1. There was a new community centre at Berhampore - Pepe mentioned that she would do Pasefika segment to drop ins. It was an effort to encourage pacific people in Berhampore to be part of the community including parents and elderly to collaborate and utilise available resources in the community. Pepe has been asked by a Berhampore school to do an afterschool learning/homework programme for their Pacific students. There was also work in the same area being led by the AOG Church to connect with local community.
   2. Pepe is a member of the Management Committee of the Residence Association of the Berhampore Community Centre funded by Housing New Zealand. Pepe offered to host the next meeting at the Berhampore Community Centre.
2. **Database Update:**
   1. Social service providers & community groups: It was noted that the Atafu Group was about to release their 5 year plan. This was a Tokelau specific plan for Tokelauans in Porirua. Central Pacific Collective to be included in the database. Note that Alopha programme/Op-zone are the same thing. Members to send Phaedra more info to include in database of affiliated organisations. Add Fiji Truth research summary to database. Also include Pasifika Futures and Pacific Arts and Culture Strategy – WCC, Wellington Tongan Leaders Council, Wellington Central Mafutaga o Faifeau, Ora Toa. It was also noted that Whitireia and Weltec partnership were developing a Pacific strategy for Pacific learners in Wellington led by Tae. To include Wellington Pacific Churches in the database.
   2. Services in central Wellington: Get info from Nari about Pacific Patrols. Also note Pacific Health Organisation in Karori – Consignee. Chairman clarified that the database will include categories of governance groups, national bodies with regional branches, organisations that provide social services to Pacific communities, organisations that provide other services to Pacific people and service providers that provide social services. Work done on the database duly acknowledged by the group.
3. **MSD update:**
   1. Liz updated all on the South Island Fono in Christchurch. MSD worked with MPP, CDHB, MOH to collaborate and lead Fono. There was strong agency presence and youth discussion. Similar issues arose about how to connect better with community, government and little awareness of services available in back-yard. MSD made a commitment to hold a national youth forum potentially in Auckland early 2017. Currently looking at how we support at regional level to mobilise our young people and use them as voices at a national gathering. Applaud Wellington leaders for leading the charge, MSD has a vested interest for the Wellington Central group to get a project off the ground and we will provide seeding support.
   2. The three Fono that MSD has hosted has raised the Pacific profile and making it possible for Liz to speak and push for issues raised by Pacific people. A report to Ministers Peseta Lotu Iiga and Anne Tolley outlining issues raised by our Pacific people will be sent before Christmas.
4. Prioritisation & agreement of Action Plan activities for 2017
   1. CPC has done research on health for Pacific people and Anne will send statistics/report to Phaedra. Follow up with Taima for stats on hospital admission for Pacific children.
5. **Project Management Team/Resourcing**
   1. Samson presented a table of the eight 8 original issues identified by the group from the Wellington Fono for the group to prioritise.
   2. It was discussed that several issues affecting Pacific families have been linked to **financial capability** of Pacific families including violence. It was noted that Liz and Samson follow up on this activity as Samson had already been in contact with Commission of Financial Capability and Liz would check with MSD regarding their programme, with a view to holding workshops from February next year.
   3. **Disengaged youth** a real problem. Youth are not being connected and face identity issues, suicide and mental health issues etc. Protective factors to note for youth – strengthening/connecting youth. Strathmore and Newtown have been identified by Loretta (NZ Police) as hot spots. All agreed that there needed to be more activities to engage youth over Christmas/New Year/Summer period. Sai advised that WCC facilities could potentially be used for free for this purpose. Youth related activities to run over summer working with WCC. Involve Loretta to play key role in Strathmore (Elizabeth Solomona) and Newtown. Nari and Loretta would form Sub Group.
   4. **Development of awareness campaign** - It was also agreed that more positive messaging about safe alcohol consumption and peaceful holidaying was needed over summer as this is a time when violence and stress peaks for Pacific families. Agreed to develop an awareness campaign targeting Pacific communities for violence prevention in Strathmore and Newtown. Pasefika Proud to support and provide funding for this. Tae and Samson to lead and involve other members to progress.
   5. **Health issues** – Team agreed to invite Taima and team to talk to the issues of mental health and all health issues affecting Pacific people.
   6. **Data/Research** - It was suggested that a sub-group be formed to support the collation of data and research analysis with Phaedra – Elisapeci has offered to assist.
6. **Wrap Up**

Next meeting to be confirmed. Phaedra and Samson to develop calendar of meetings for 2017.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

**ACTION POINTS**

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| **Task description** | **Responsible** | **Deadline** |
| Meeting minutes/agenda confirmed by Chairman and sent to all. | Chairman - Sai  MSD - Phaedra | Fri, 6 Jan 2017 |
| Send to Phaedra - Pacific summary for the Children’s Commissioner Report and Fijian interpreters and translators’ strategy | Elisapeci | Fri, 6 Jan 2017 |
| Send to Phaedra - Pacific Education Centre long term language and cultural strategy. | Sai | Fri, 6 Jan 2017 |
| Send to Phaedra - plans/strategies/research/info to include in database. | All  Elisapeci – Children’s Commissioner Report  Sai – PEC strategy  Nari – Pacific Patrols  Anne – Pacific health stats/infographics | Fri, 6 Jan 2017 |
| Organise Financial Capability workshops/info from Feb 2017 | Samson and Liz | Report back to next mtg in Jan 2017 |
| Organise Youth Activities in Newtown and Strathmore for Summer | Nari, Loretta, Sai | Over Summer period  Start December 2016 – February 2017 |
| Develop Summer primary prevention awareness campaign for Pacific communities – Positive messaging | Tae and Samson | Over Summer period  Start December 2016 – February 2017 |
| Invite Taima and team to present on Pacific health to group | Samson | Fri, 6 Jan 2017 |
| Organise calendar of meetings | Samson/Phaedra | Fri, 6 Jan 2017 |