

Partners in Prevention

Evaluation Working Group

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Present: Kylie Murphy (RMIT), Claire Zara (WHGNE), Michael Flood (VicHealth/ LaTrobe Uni), Renee Imbesi (CASA House), Kiri Bear (DVRC)

Apologies: Liz Senior (EACH)

1. Introductions – aim of meeting is to deliver/discuss results of needs analysis
2. Delivery of Needs Analysis Results
 - a. Concern about number of responses, 9 is too few to get comprehensive result but good beginning
 - b. Do we need more responses? Yes, discussion around doing focus groups, concern about time constraints
 - c. **Decision to call particular workers to solicit further responses using same survey**
3. Discussion of main themes
 - a. Over arching theme – they want help!
 - b. Time, money and expertise major barriers
 - c. Range of support requests – mentoring, training, guidelines, resources
4. Plan for action
 - a. Want specific numbers for 9 and 7
 - b. **Can get copy of DHS eval resource, Michael to send to KB**
 - c. Advocacy is needed with workers, organisations and funders to put aside eg. 10% of all funding for evaluation. In time this may become standard practice, field in state of transition vis a vis need for integrated evaluation with all projects.
 - d. PiP can respond to needs under 4 categories:
 - i. Training/professional development
 - ii. Mentoring, could happen through –
 1. web discussion group with professional evaluator/academic
 2. some network members acting as contacts
 - iii. Tools – guidelines, templates, surveys
 - iv. Linking network with external resources/ opportunities
 - e. **Decision to present summary of potential actions at next meeting**
5. RMIT 3rd year consumer studies students need evaluation projects
 - a. Must have a liaison person within the agency
 - b. Do all the work themselves but can use existing data (not a student placement)
 - c. **Kylie to send through details of coordinator**

Next meeting late Jan/early Feb TBA in new year.