



Meeting Minutes

NATIONAL FVPLS FORUM MEMBERS' E-MEETING

Thursday, 30 November 2023, 2.30pm AEST

General meeting

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies

Many Rivers: Julie Perkins

Warra Warra: Lisa

Attendees

QIFVLS: Wynetta Dewis

NFVPLS: Kerry Staines, Kari Greenswag, Pryia Devendran, Lianne Brown

AFLSWA: Corina Martin

FVLSAC: John Tonkin, Tosha

NPYWC: Louise O'Connor

AFLSQ: Kathleen Wincen

Denise Ranby, Wendy Jennings, Melissa Calliss, Anne Lenton

3. Introduction to new staff, Pryia and Kari

- Priya, senior policy officer, introduced self. Describes work on policy submissions and be a representation for the Forum on different panels
 - Background in government, previous role was with Dept of Justice and Community Safety and worked in Youth Justice
 - Previously with NZ police
- Kari did brief self introduction

Continuation of members' meeting

4. Minutes from previous meeting (Phee)

- Members have been provided a copy of the minutes of the last meeting in September.
 - AFLSQ now not AFLSSQ

5. Actions from the previous meeting

- Funding Gap—Edwina emailed everyone, but we're still waiting on that. Will touch base in mid-Feb if we don't hear back by then
- Added David to the contact list
- Wynetta and Kerry will be reaching out to do a site visit next year for each member org.
- Kerry's 1 on 1s with all members almost done
- Provide August and September financials done



- Checklist for the company to become registered—paperwork submitted to ASIC and waiting to hear back on company status of NFVPLS
- Completed Yes Vote tasks
- Held over updates from Corina and Julie, try to get to that today

6. Forum Finances (Wynetta)

- New accountant, so no October financials. Wynetta will do another quarterly financial report until new staff member settled in
- Status update on Company completed

7. NFVPLS Company Status Update

- Paperwork fully submitted to ASIC
- Waiting to hear back
- Next steps are to produce back of house documents

Feedback

8. SNAICC

- Kerry circulated the SNAICC paper
- In terms of the national safety plan that SNAICC got the 6month funding. Are keen to partner with the FVPLS sector and put forward options on how to partner with them
 - Consultation to support exec steering committee in developing the plan
 - NOT to be the PEAK body
 - Members to note: under the coalition of PEAKS, the next big sector is the Domestic and Family Violence and Languages,
 - Wynetta has put in a nomination for the exec steering committee
 - Wynetta saying that it puts us in a good position to have a voice at the table
 - Corina's not happy to work with SNAICC because in the past they've stolen our IP and not acknowledged what the FVPLS does
 - Wynetta says that we could put forward having a liaison but not giving them help like the FVPLS sector has done in the past
 - Kathleen stands with Corina on this topic; Kathleen doesn't think the Forum should seek membership consultation before following through on any partnership with SNAICC—and as an individual organisation she would not work with them.
 - Anne notes that there has been a creep with SNAICC and notes
 - From the Forum's perspective, we want to keep a reign on SNAICC, and if we don't interact in some way, they might end up running a race where we don't know what's going on. The idea is to partner, which will help put parameters on SNAICC's activities
 - Kerry did work with Katherine Little and explained membership's position vs. SNAICC
- SNAICC/NATLS partnering—Lisa said she was interested, Kerry will put her forward
- Kerry asked if any points from the document looked good?
 - Kerry has insisted on payment for our services
 - Our badging will be added to any documents
 - Kerry asked for people to email her with any points
- Wynetta asked for any other comments—None

9. NLAP review update



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- Kerry sent NLAP review to everyone
- Position: wherever our funding comes from, that the integrity of the model is maintained and continually educate on what the FVPLS model is
- Kerry backed up to this after DSS things: we need info on staffing. Senior lawyer, principal lawyer, and senior non-legal roles. What percentage of staff is female, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and retention rates.
 - Djirra, Warra-Warra, and FVLSAC have gotten back
 - Wynetta, Wendy, and Corina will need to send
 - Kerry needs it all by close of business tomorrow
 - Anne wants to know what the value of the retention rates are and what's an easy way to measure that
 - People can just say if retention has been good or poor, and if it's been on the legal or non-legal side
 - Louise asks: should she send just DFVPLS? Or others?
 - Kerry says just under the FVPLS funding and make a note about how the model is slightly different

10. Family Law Bill

- Priya put up a submission for the family law bill
- Submitted on Dec 9, and commented on the exposure draft on some amendments that are being made around the bill
- Our focus was on the heightened focus of family violence in the bill
- Will also be published by the AGD
- Worked closely with senior policy officer at QFVLS to make sure messaging was in line

11. Blue Print NFP

- On Dec 22 is deadline for another submission for Sector Development
 - Focus is on what needs to happen on the social work/community services space in developing the sector
 - It would be good at the conference to get some feedback from the members about what they think would strengthen the sector and to realize the sector development opportunities
 - We can do brainstorming the NOUS section at the conference
 - What Priya would like to do is take feedback from conference and put that into the submission so that it is informed by our members
- Voices of women Submission: Due on Dec 20
 - Priya working on that now
 - Will send to members for further feedback
 - Focuses on development of a research institute and framework and is fairly broad on how we think those things can make an impact

12. DFV Peak

- Phynea brought this to Kerry's attention
 - In NT, DSS has gone out into community looking for feedback about a potential first nations domestic and family violence PEAK body
- Want to follow up with ministers with a letter



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- DSS wants a PEAK that does everything: prevention, victims, perpetrators, organisations that are not community controlled, but might take first nations money to provide services
- This is not what the Forum provides, but we haven't been consulted
- Kerry wants to make sure the position that Kerry wrote about in the letter matches the membership's reactions/takes
- After early next year, we'll have a STRAT plan for the Forum, and we can add in this information and put together a group to head to Canberra and meet with ministers to put forward the Forum's position
- Anne notes that the position that DSS holds seems contradictory to the AG's.
- Wynetta says: in Queensland, there's a submission for a DFVP PEAK, but not Indigenous focused
 - It's about aspiring to be the PEAK and will set up different arms: first nations, disability, etc.
 - Is there a move like this at a national level
- Kerry: DSS didn't give out a lot of info, but glad was able to have a conversation with them
 - Still struggling with DSS to get them to sit at the table and really get them to understand with what their role can be—Kerry doesn't understand how we can't fit in to DSS's domestic and family violence departments
 - They gave examples of how arrangements work, and how NFVPLS arrangement works
 - Along with 2 different structures to comment on, and we put the membership structure as the best one due to lack of conflict of interest
 - Once DSS gets the responses and there will be a new team to look at this, then it will go out to tender for the PEAK
 - That's all we know
 - In the interim, need to get letters to the ministers.
- Kerry asks members to review letter again and give feedback

13. Wiyi Yani U Thangani Framework For Action

- We didn't get to this

General Business

14. Conference Updates

- Headcount for the Djira Visit
 - Denise – 2 people, WA side - 3, QIFVLS, John and Tosha will let us know, as will Melissa
 - No from Wendy, Louise
- Members cannot change after 12pm on Friday—talk to KG by then or forever hold your peace
- Agenda will be circulated with the Model of Service and the NOUS report

15. NOUS

- Ben arrived at 3:15pm, along with Aaron and Zoie
- Preliminary wrap up and what to expect for the conference
- Aaron: NOUS was engaged to support FVPLS to tell strongest possible story about their work
 - Helping develop tools to gather information, strengthen data collection, develop tools to help “tell a more powerful story” (to explain to funders), create ways to sustain this in service and program delivery

