



MEETING MINUTES

Subject	FNAAFV Member's Team Meeting
Date	Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 2:30pm AEST

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Welcome and Apologies

Attendees: John Tonkin (FVLSAC), Carol Smith (CAAFLU); Jake Smith (SiSTas); Corina Martin (AFLSWA); Cindy Torrens (NAAFLS); Kathleen Wincen (AFLSQ); Julie Perkins (Many Rivers)

FNAAFV Team: Jenn, Lianne, Marlo, Priya, Kari

Apologies: Wynetta Dewis (QIFLVS); Kerry Staines (FNAAFV); Phee Clarke (CAAFLU); Nick Sharke (Warra Warra); Heather Smith (NPYWC)

Members Meeting:

3. Minutes from previous meeting

- a. Add Phee as apology for previous meeting minutes – actioned and completed

4. Actions from last meeting – Kari

- a. Note from Kari re: Calendar invites for member's meetings: Any invitations from the old NFVPLS Forum email can be safely deleted. Any invitations from FNAAFV (info@fnaafv.org.au) should be retained
- b. Note from Marlo: Auntie Jenny (Lucille Jennifer Thompson) will be joining FNAAFV

Actions	Timeframe	Level of completion
KG confirm old member meeting invites deleted (from NFVPLS forum)		Complete
KS to send out Board of Directors Expression of Interest + process document		Complete
LB – will follow up with any members who have not sent in service profile and case study		Complete
Members: send in responses to Data collection (Marlo) by 6 September		Complete
Members: Questions for Minister Rishworth due by 12 September		Complete
Members: Send in Board of Directors Eol by 12 September		Complete

Current/Hot Topics

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- a. Marlo offered floor for pressing topics
 - i. Corina flagged that NIAA letter for applications for funding (portion of \$8.6M for pay parity funding) has been sent out
 - ii. John spoke to Cassandra (NIAA) and she confirmed there was no time frame for getting the applications in



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- b. Heads of Agreement – Jenn – sought feedback from members on whether they may prefer to enter a new Agreement under the AGD or if they would prefer an extension to the existing agreement for 1 year (which may allow more time for development of new agreement, performance measures etc)
 - i. Conversations are occurring between AGD and jurisdictions around how a new National Access to Justice Partnership (NAJP) might look; looking at what needs to go into agreement (data, workforce, outcomes frameworks)
 - ii. Currently lots of high-level consultation without any real detail
 - iii. Once a new Heads of Agreement under the NAJP has been established, jurisdictions will enter into agreements with legal service providers.
 - iv. Kerry and Wynetta want member's thoughts on 2 options:
 - 1) extension to current agreement with having something in writing about moving towards the new agreement; built in time to make sure the agreement has everything we need in it; OR
 - 2) move straight to a new agreement, to lock something in prior to a change of government
 - v. Suggestion: after Jenn attends tomorrow's meeting – give members the weekend to think about this
 - vi. Members concerned about option 1; would prefer option 2 given that there will be a Federal Election soon, and that this provides greater surety of funding
 - vii. Want more info after Jenn and Marlo attend tomorrow's meeting
- c. Conference – Kari (mobile: 0411 545 375)
 - i. Members 7 min talk, reflection on the past year to be presented at Conference
 - ii. Any last-minute updates – none
 - iii. Commissioner Kiss will be there the first day and for dinner

Feedback

- 6. Data form feedback; reminder only – Marlo
- 7. Workforce Development Strategy; reminder only – Finalising – Marlo

Project/Policy Updates

- 8. SSP Update – Priya
 - a. SSP working group up and running (12 Sept first meeting; next meeting on 14 October)
 - b. Will discuss sector strengthening around workforce
 - c. Once Needs Assessment template populated, the input will be provided to NIAA/ADG/DSS to help them understand what the working group is thinking
 - d. Will meet every month and discuss new domain of Needs Assessment
- 9. NLAP Funding announcements / Heads of Agreement – Priya
 - a. Originates from the Standing Council of AG's
 - b. New agreement is online and can be reviewed here: <https://federation.gov.au/national-cabinet/media/2024-09-12-heads-agreement-national-access-justice-partnership>; very high-level arrangement; details being worked through
 - c. 1 July 2025 is when this is anticipated to commence
 - d. Some terms of draft agreement will be shared in an Advisory Group meeting tomorrow (Fri, 27 Sept) for consideration and feedback
 - e. Unclear on details of funding arrangements at this point.



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- f. More fulsome position and update will be provided after 27th September; hoping to give members more of a debrief tomorrow
- g. FNAAFV working to see how we can embed some of the recommendations into negotiations with AGD and DSS

10. Family Safety Plan (FSP) Engagement and Public Submission – Jenn

- a. FNAAFV are working in partnership with SNAICC on the ACCO engagement piece; with the FSP due to be completed by 30 June 2025
- b. AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee approval was granted (however as this was delayed it has impacted the consultation timeline)
- c. Consultation is targeted to key locations and cohorts with a focus on what family safety looks like – with the engagement phase to be completed by end of Jan 2025
- d. The project will be engaging with people with lived experience, youth, governments in all jurisdictions and the ACCO and service provider sectors
- e. Some of the FVPLS members received an invitation to participate in supporting the community engagement with people with lived experience – thanks very much to the members who have agreed to support this activity
- f. **All** FVPLS members have been invited to engage with a focus on sharing the enablers and barriers to the provision of culturally safe DFSV services. Engagement can be via a teams meeting or by completing the survey here:
<https://firstnationsadvocatesagainfamilyviolence.snapforms.com.au/form/acco-sector-engagement---our-ways--strong-ways--our-voices-national-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-family-safety-plan>
- g. Huge thanks to Sammy Page from SiSTAS for participating in our first valuable FVPLS engagement session – the insights were so useful and we are very grateful to SiSTAS for their time
- h. The above FVPLS engagement is critical to inform how this plan will be drafted
- i. For anyone who has received the survey and reminder, it is important to have our sector’s voice heard, so please take the time to complete this or contact Jenn to arrange a discussion
- j. There is also a public submission process that is open until 25 October 2024; FNAAFV will draft a submission for this and share with members for their input. If members wish to prepare their own submission, this is the link: <https://www.snaicc.org.au/our-work/our-ways-strong-ways-our-voices/family-safety-plan-public-submissions/>

11. AGD/DSS/NIAA meeting being rescheduled – Kari

12. November visit to Canberra – Kari

- a. Visit is from 26-27 November (Tues/Weds)
- b. Have meetings scheduled with:
 - i. Minister Kate Thwaites (27 Nov at 11:30am) – 4 people max in office due to space constraints
 - ii. Kate Coleman, advisor to Minister Amanda Rishworth (26 Nov at 10:00am)
 - iii. Sen. Dorinda Cox (26 Nov at 1:00pm)
- c. Trying to schedule meetings with: Minister Kearney; Minister McCarthy & Mark Dreyfus, AGD; Sen. Lambie, and Sen. Liddle)
- d. Will update members as more meetings are scheduled; please advise Kerry & Kari if you wish to attend
- e. KG to confirm with Kerry Staines re: if FNAAFV will or will not cover hotels/airfare of members



General Business

13. General Business

- a. Priya raised: ALRC are trying put forth reforms and proposal around disclosure pathways, i.e., how people who have experienced SA be supported, targeting a more nationally cohesive approach to supporting survivors
 - i. ALRC asked: question re percentage of SA survivors among clients
 - ii. Priya will send information to members; only looking an average or proportional estimate to capture the need and what a disclosure pathway might look like and how FVPLSs could be more fully incorporated into the process
- b. FREE Centrelink training from Welfare Rights:
 - i. https://welfarerightscentre.org.au/civCRM/event/info/?reset=1&id=16&utm_content=buffer52d58&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer
 - ii. free webinar for community workers outlines income support available to victims and survivors of domestic and family violence, including Parenting Payment, JobSeeker Payment, Crisis Payment and Special Benefit.
- c. NAAFLS looking for PLO (Cindy will send to FNAAFV and AFLSWA after Corina suggested Cindy send posting to her)

14. Next Comm Prac meeting has Commissioner Cronin as Guest speaker – Marlo **(Thurs, 3 Oct at 1pm AEST)**

- a. Add in Comm of Prac Meeting link: [Join the meeting now](#)

15. Next meeting, **Thursday 28 November 2024, 2:30pm AEST (cancelled October meeting due to Conference)**

Actions resulting from the meeting:

Actions	Timeframe	Level of completion
Add Phee as apology to August Meeting minutes		Completed
KG send cancellation for Oct member’s meeting (31 Oct) calendar invite		Completed
KG add alphabetical order of services for conference presentations (send in conjunction with meeting minutes)		
FNAAFV to report to members after Friday’s Advisory Group Meeting		
KG add reminder re: invoices for conference flights to sending out meeting minutes		
Marlo check that AFLSWA info is completed for data		
KG to confirm with K Staines re: costs for November Sitting week attendance by members		

Alphabetical order of services (for reference)

1. Aboriginal Family Legal Services Queensland
2. Aboriginal Family Legal Services Western Australia
3. Binaal Billa FVPLS



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4. Central Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Unit
5. Djirra
6. Family Violence Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation
7. Many Rivers Family Violence Prevention Legal Service
8. Marninwarntikura Family Violence Prevention Unit WA
9. North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service
10. NPY Domestic and Family Violence Service
11. Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service
12. SiSTAS - Family Violence Prevention Legal Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
13. Thiyama-li Family Violence Service Inc.
14. Warra-Warra Legal Service