



Meeting Minutes

**NATIONAL FVPLS FORUM MEMBERS' E-MEETING**

**Thursday, 28 March 2024, 2.30pm AEST**

**General meeting**

**1. Acknowledgement of Country**

**2. Welcome and Apologies**

Apologies:

MWRC: David Couri

Attendees:

Wendy Jennings

John Tonkin, Tosha Sambo

NFVPLS: Kerry Staines, Kari Greenswag, Marlo Slavin, Jennifer FitzGerald, Lianne Brown

Denise Ranby

Laney Gould

Kathleen Wincen

Wynetta Dewis

Anne Lenton

Phee Clarke

Melissa Calliss

Heather Smith

Jade

**Continuation of members' meeting**

**3. Minutes from previous meeting**

- Members have been provided with minutes from previous meeting on 21 March 2024
- No Changes or feedback

**4. Actions from the previous meeting**

- Policy Work Group (Jenn presented)
  - Asking for any member services who have policy people to join a service-wide working group
  - **Deadline: 7 April**
- Comms Work Group and Sponsorship for Comms Conference (Lianne)
  - Reporting on interest from within the service
- NIAA Meeting re: templates (Kari)
  - Internal service meeting on **4 April at 11am AEST**
  - Meeting with NIAA on **18 April at 10 AEDT (11am AEST)**
  - Kari to resend meeting invite to membership



**5. Introduction of new Forum team member: Marlo Slavin**

**6. Kerry Quick Summary;**

- KG note: Missed Kerry's first point
- Kerry trying to get FVPLS for Budget for lockup, looking for 3 seats

**7. Break in presentations for members to share updates, events, etc.**

- Wendy, update for NAFLS
  - New CEO appointed to start on 22 April; Cindy Torrens;
  - Review of AG visit
  - Update on pilot program
- John and Tosha:
  - Update on SA Voice, elections took place and have voice to SA Parliament
  - Had visit from state AG
  - SA Justice Partnership Committee, and Tosha will be a rep to that committee
- Anne Lenton, Djirra
  - Tech difficulties
- Mel from Warra Warra
  - Warra Warra update re: lost funding, but were able to keep going thanks to Kathleen and AFLSQ
    - Have new solicitor in Broken Hill, and remote paralegal
    - Have been able to do outreach, stakeholder engagement, and connect with clients
  - Kathleen gave her impressions and support for Warra Warra
- Kathleen for AFLSQ
  - More support for Broken Hill and enjoying visiting there
  - Kathleen has reached recruitment limit – AFLSQ at full capacity
  - AFLSQ conference in May, Kathleen presenting on day 1 for Disrupting Family Violence on 8-9 May: <https://the-hatchery.co/event/dv-first-nations-conference-nsw-may-2024/>
- Heather from NPY Women's Council
  - Shared recruitment challenges, many new workers and have full intake team.
  - Difficulty finding rural and remote case workers, only 2 for 9 funded positions
- Wynetta from QIFVLS
  - 28-30 May, QIFVLS conference information: <https://www.ifv-forum.com/>
- Denise
  - Recruited 3 new staff members
- Laney
  - Corina still on extended leave
  - Gale will be at NIAA meeting next Thursday
  - Working to deliver pilot sexual assault service
  - Grants officer have come on board
  - Working with DoJ on partnering strategy
  - State election coming up next year and advocacy starting for that
- Anne
  - Update from Victoria - we are having ongoing challenges in recruitment regionally. Have also been advocating for more flexibility regarding to appear at Court via webex - as they have been taking a stricter approach which has been really hard without lawyers in some



locations. We continue our advocacy regarding pay parity. Can provide a more detailed update at next meeting.

#### **8. 500 Workers**

- “Where have the 500 workers gone?”
- Each state is doing something different
  - NSW: 148.8 workers allocated there; will be close tender for specialist DV services
    - Worked with NSW PEAK – trying to connect Julie and the NSW PEAK
  - WA has no stats given
  - ACT: 7.6 people of 500
    - Money was absorbed to contracts, were not aware they were given funding for workers
  - Victoria: 101 workers; 5 for ACoS
    - Just renegotiated for level 5 and level 3s
  - TAS: 25 workers all at level 6; already implemented this
  - QLD: 111 workers, just announced on Monday, allocated first to sexual violence workers
  - SA: 36 workers, but no communication about if that will be tendered or not
- Left for WA/NT: 70.6 workers, Kerry estimates 40 for WA and the remainder for NT
- Each state/territory is divvying up how they like
- On agenda for next meeting: discussion on lived experience for DFV; looks like its going to follow the mental health model about lived experience

#### **9. Family Law Webinar**

- Kerry asking if someone would be interested in speaking, 22 April
- Focus on changes to first nations family in the family law reforms
- After someone to sit on their panel
- Kerry will send around the email to ask for panellists

#### **10. NLAP review**

- Did not want to release information too early, claimed public interest immunity
- Said the review should be out before June

### **General Business**

#### **11. Other business**

- Next meeting will be 90 minutes
- October meeting will be in Adelaide, SA and include site visit with John and Tosha

#### **12. Next meeting**

- The next meeting is the Thursday, 2 May 2024, at 2:30pm AEST. (moved from ANZAC day)
- Future meetings will be 90 minutes, invites will be adjusted accordingly

