



REcov19ER Teleconference

Friday 24 April 2020

	Contributor	Organisation	Comments	Actions Arising
A	OPENING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Welcome	
			Check In	
			One minutes silence	
B	Community Updates			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Complacency – understanding that no job has been done yet. We have come a long way but the last thing we need to do is take our foot off the pedal. In any dealings with community and people please continue to comply with restrictions in place.	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	<p>Wangka Maya not an essential service provider therefore we have closed down as our clients are in high risk. We can resume as long as we maintain social distancing and hygiene with a max of 9 people coming in for our service. We will be starting this next Wednesday.</p> <p>We have sent information around about setting up COVID-19 clinics, the other aspect that needs to be managed is elderly care. We are coming into the flu season and vaccines are available and people can book them with the pharmacy (cost \$25) these vaccines do help.</p> <p>People are not taking up the opportunity to get their vaccine.</p> <p>Can we get some feedback from WA Health in relation to their strategy to address this.</p>	

			Also how WA Heath are managing chronic illness. People are gaining weight and this impacts their diabetes and with skeleton staff with health, people are not getting their health checks.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Dept Communities are developing a Welfare Plan and are working with Corporations and PBCs. This is something that can be addressed in these plans. This can also address homelessness. We continue to work with Dept Communities with their pandemic plans. This is where we can also address gaps. There is a fair bit going on.	
	Johanna Ramsay		We also have a dental issue going on in one of our communities.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	We can summarise and ask Dept Communities these questions and gain a response.	
	Johanna		Vaccines – aren't they free?	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	Not at the Chemist.	
	Lisa Fieldhouse		Can AMS go to communities.	
	Danny Brown	Nyamal AC	We have 3 AMS that cover the Pilbara region. Recently they have been given the vaccine. It is their responsibility to make sure communities are visited.	
	Ingrid		There was a flu vaccine clinic held at Warralong, however it coincide with pension day therefore they did not capture everyone. Wirika Maya did run a vaccine day but there was not a huge uptake on the vaccines.	
	Danny Brown	Nyamal AC	AMS does have a good recall system however the transient nature of members make it difficult. However they are doing all they can to ensure immunisation.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	There has been an announcement on testing in regional areas. Broome, Geraldton and Bunbury. With Hedland, Kalgoorlie and Esperance being considered.	
	Mark	WAPOL	Impact on the communities with alcohol restriction lifting. We are not seeing any real increase in reporting of instances. This may have something to do with the location of the community. For those communities closer to towns, we are still not experiencing any increase.	

			<p>We are now seeing a bit of an increase now, with liquor restriction lifting, we have not seen any changes in reporting.</p> <p>We are interested in hearing from the community however, as to whether there has been an increase that is not being reported to police.</p>	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	<p>There is bound to be an increase in reports as restrictions are lifted across the board, people are being more complacent and relaxing the rules.</p>	
	Mark	WAPOL	<p>There are other issues that may impact this, such as people being isolated with family members, and this is a world wide problem.</p> <p>People need to keep in touch with us as we are able to be there to assist.</p> <p>A reminder that Biosecurity Area restrictions are still in place. There is a funeral in Balga and we are working with the community.</p> <p>With people moving through different areas, this is difficult however we are mindful of the need for people to attend funerals.</p>	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	<p>The Hedland women's refuge is at full capacity. The other refuges are in a similar position. If people need assistance with accommodation we need to look at alternate emergency accommodation.</p> <p>There has never been enough preventative measures with DV, we need a health line for families to use.</p> <p>Family violence has not been addressed in the plans.</p>	
	Mark	WAPOL	<p>DO you think there has been an increase due to COVID-19.</p>	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	<p>No there are at full capacity despite COVID-19.</p>	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	<p>Bibin Roy has been assisting with emergency accommodation.</p>	
	Mark	WAPOL	<p>There is a plan that has been discussed with WAPOL and Dept Communities. We urge anyone who is in need to contact Dept Communities or WAPOL for assistance.</p>	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	<p>We are continuing to receive information that law and order continues to be an issue at Wakathuni. Car theft, break ins etc.</p>	
	Mark	WAPOL	<p>Nicole from TP Police has been working on this. There have been instances over the past week.</p>	<p>Johanna to call Mark direct to discuss issues.</p>

	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Welfare Response Plan – Dept Communities addresses accommodation, domestic violence, emergency needs. COVID-19 will only create more of an issue with issues such as overcrowding.	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	There needs to be emergency accommodation available.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Dept Communities is assisting with this. Bibin is available to assist.	
	Johanna Ramsay	BNTAC	Our people are calling communities today to determine which children are returning to school next week and what resources they need.	
	Lisa Fieldhouse	AISWA / Pil Regiment	Boarding Schools remain closed until further notice. Government schools are going back. Schools are different – some are going back and some aren't. Boarding Schools in the Eastern States are returning term 2.	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	The school did indicate that if parents wanted to keep kids at home they could and talking about schooling packs to collect at school. IS this still happening.	
	Lisa Fieldhouse	AISWA / Pil Regiment	The Premier is encouraging kids to return. Parents have the choice whether they return or not. Schools must provide a pack for students to continue to interact. How this will work in remote communities is unknown and it is important to know who has laptops and WIFI.	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	Do people in the community have the resources. Our language is oral and COVID has had a huge impact on us as. Lots of people are in lockdown. Community Radio may be a good answer to getting messages out and keeping up communication.	
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Ngaarda Radio is a good forum we are using. Also Corporations should be sending messages out.	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	Hedland community radio? ABC?	
	Kathryn Bates	Nyamal AC	Focus Group Update. Food Security – continuing to meet, communities needs to be confirmed is now at 15 and more specific information is being collected to confirm list of requirements.	

			Health Medical and Education – Education is difficult as it is rapidly changing. Health and Medical we are still waiting on feedback from Dept Communities for our Medical Action Plans and actively following this up. Funding and Regional Focus – Working on objectives and strategy to identify key issues and provide plan for action.	
	Julie Walker	Wangka Maya	I would like to join the Education FG.	Julie to be provided information on the FG
D	CLOSING			
	Gavin Mitchell	Nyamal AC	Meeting closed 12.30pm	
			Next meeting Tuesday 28 April	
			<i>MEETING NOTES TAKEN BY KATHRYN BATES – KATHRYN@ISPL.ORG.AU</i>	