

TASK FORCE MINUTES
Task Force Meeting: Monday 25th March 2019
Executive Summary

Item

New member introductions :

Members were welcomed with a round of introductions for the benefit of Elaine O'Reilly (Probation Service) and Debbie Mulhall (Community Representative – Dolphin House) who join the CCLDATF at this meeting and apologies were noted.

Matters arising not on the agenda

None.

Correspondence

- A letter to Minister Byrne expressing disappointment at the lack of increased budgets for 2019 and the impact that has, and clarification on the pay restoration process was sent with no reply at this time
- A response to the letter seeking clarification about the Review process and the role of the Task Force into its input was discussed and the meeting agreed to send an acknowledgement to try to signal that the CCLDATF was seeking to build trust and information sharing for the future.

Subgroup update (Executive summaries sent prior to meeting)

- **Working Group:**
 - Financial update given on CC2-28 to ensure cash flow for the awarding of the Targeted Intervention Funds .
 - Data collection report to re-examined and a proposal submitted by the Working Group for May/June meeting
- **Alcohol Subgroup-** working on a work plan for the group and will present to CCLDATF meeting in May/June
- **Treatment & Rehab-** next statistics due for submission on 5th April. Group working on their work plan
- **Strategic Plan working group-** group has not met and waiting to meet after the Review report so as to incorporate the recommendations into the strategic priorities, formulate a work plan for the CCLDATF and align budgets to these priorities. More members will be required and to be discussed at next meeting (current members J Bissett, E Carroll and T Keogh).
- **Drug Awareness Week planning group-** the Co-ordinator received a request for the group to reconvene and requested from the meeting who normally led this group. The Manager from CCRAS suggested that the Drug Education Co-ordinator would reconvene and chair this group. This was accepted by the meeting.
- **Alcohol Ministerial funding group-** the group is to be reconvened with the D12LDATF members also. This is to progress the work of the video piece relating to alcohol usage in the area and over two decades.
- **Community Policing Forum-** a query as to how this fits into the working of the CCLDATF and how should reports be made back to the group. The meeting discussed that previously that an overlap of personal connections had led to greater links than would be experienced in other TF areas. It was agreed that the Project Development Worker of CCRAS could update the meeting quarterly on the issues and work carried out. A later discussion highlighted the overlap between community activities and the forum's work but that may not be directly drug related.

Co-ordinator's Report

- **Annual Report:** The Administrator will begin gathering statistics for the Annual Report and this will need to be a priority
- **Work plan for CCLDATF and work groups:** The Co-ordinator highlighted the need to formulate a work plan for the CCLDATF to prioritise the work of the Strategy and to give a road map for the CCLDATF to follow. The work plans of subgroups will also feed into the overall work plan
- **Ministerial meeting on 26th March.** The Co-ordinator outlined a meeting to take place the next day relating to suggestions for use of an additional €1million annual funding. The Co-ordinator's network will be requesting equitable distribution for each DATF (amounting to €41K each) and the working group had discussed a wide range of issues impacting the local area. The meeting suggested adding dual diagnosis to that list. The meeting agreed the issues as topics but recognised that any allocation would not cover the issues. The meeting agreed that the CCLDATF would support the Co-ordinator's network view of allocating as part of global budgets for each DATF to decide most urgent issues rather than a frustrating piecemeal funding allocation as experienced last year.

Targeted Intervention Fund (CC2-28)

- The Co-ordinator reminded the meeting of the closing date and application email address.
- A letter raising an issue relating to the fund had been received by the Working group but had been referred to the Review panel of the TIF for consideration. It was not possible to have made any changes as the letter had outlined as the fund had been open at that stage and members were reminded that joint applications were also favourably considered.
- A member (non-applying) was requested to join the panel – the FGU Community Representative agreed to join for this round, the panel will consist of neutral working group members (E Carroll, N Fitzgerald, D Murphy), a T&R member (unable to source so now agreed as C Geaney, Ballyfermot LDATF Co-ordinator who formerly was a T&R Co-ordinator and has run similar scheme), a community representative (R Ryder) and following the meeting M Lamrani will also take part on the panel. This brings the panel to a total of six and completed applications will be sent to the panel ahead of the meeting on 17th April.
- The next CCLDATF meeting will be asked to ratify the decisions of the Panel so that awards may be made the following day.

Chairperson's role and CCLDATF membership:

- The working group met with the potential candidate and although they found he presented very well and had some good experience, were not recommending him at this time. It was felt that he lacked sufficient demonstrated experience of working within an integrated structure and at chair level. The meeting thanked the group for their work and accepted the recommendation.
- The meeting discussed the current five vacancies on the CCLDATF. Members had not been aware of the resignation of a voluntary sector representative/ organisation and the Co-ordinator is to forward the resignation to members.
- The resignation of a youth perspective was also discussed and the meeting agreed to contact all three youth organisations requesting that they propose one representative to take up the vacancy.

Sharing Information

- The sad passing of Claudia Vulont of the Partnership was noted.
- The Policing Forum will be holding a meeting in Inchicore on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm for local residents. The group have drafted a report on the local young people taking up drug dealing/ running for local dealers and have submitted it to Túsla as child welfare concerns
- 3 new community Gardai have been recruited for the Kilmainham district and a new Community Sergeant is also due to commence in due course. The Garda Representative also outlined an increase in the membership of the Drug Unit who has been targeting the Rialto area in the last few weeks.
- A discussion took place about anti-social behaviour observed but which was not directly correlated to drug activity. The Chair concluded the discussion by reflecting that the appropriate forum for discussions on anti-social behaviour without a direct link to drugs may be the local Policing or Safety forums. He said that it was important for the meeting to use this space appropriately and evidenced by drug use.