Auckland Regional Hui on Family and Sexual Violence Prevention
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Afternoon break-out sessions:

Notes

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Group 1:

What are Auckland Council’s obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi?
How can Auckland Council support Kaupapa Maori services?
(25 people)

Notes and key points:

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is a given. Intent.

- Past the days of a Maori Committee
  Implement the tikanga of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Is Advisory Board a tokenism
- Not represented AT ALL at the moment
- Demonstrate
  - Action
- Not advisory group but part of consultation, decision-making

MAKE A STATEMENT TO HONOUR TE TIRITI O WAITANGI

Intent – what is the intent

- The intent of Te Tiriti is to allow Maori to live strong and healthy lives in our communities
  without compromise to MAORI LORE
  - Whanau-focused

Include:

- **Partnership**
  - Work together to have outcome conducive to all
- **Participation**
  - Ensure consultation and engagement at all levels
  - Consideration to Mana Whenua, Tangata Whenua
- **Protection**
  - Equity

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**Kaupapa Maori services**

- For Maori, by Maori
- It worked
- Let Maori do what works for Maori
- Guardianship
  - Whanau, hapu, iwi based
- If things are good for Maori, all cultures will benefit
- Support, aid

**Equity**

- Resources
  - Based on need
- Access to services
- Effective uptake – get on board
- Maori development a key component
- Training & development for kaimahi

- ACCESS
  - To services
- UPTAKE
  - Get on board
- Work with Maori to develop service
- Provide training

- “If things are correct for Maori, other ethnics will benefit also” – Samoan whanau
- What’s good for Maori is good for others
- “Manaakitanga”
- “Tiakitanga”
Additional notes taken by Mera Penehira, Maori consultant to report

“If things are great for Maori then it will be great for all of us“
Quote from a non-Maori workshop participant

The following are key points. In general these points were discussed in the context of making recommendations and/or submissions to the council.

1. Consensus that at all times ‘The Treaty’ should be referred to as Te Tiriti o Waitangi, recognising that in line with international law, the Maori version and text of the document is the one that should be upheld.

2. A statement from council that acknowledges Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the founding document and then a plan which shows council is clear about the obligations inherent in the statement.

3. Council to work with Maori organizations in the Family and Sexual Violence sector to support the further development and accessibility of services.

4. Much of the earlier sector development has been strongly influenced by the feminist movement. Maori are interested in pursuing ways to further develop services based on Maori knowledge, whanau ora and (Maori) healing methodologies.

5. Many services are successfully provided as a result of ‘sheer Maori determination’, as opposed to being an outcome of ‘the way we (services) are resourced’. There is a need to address the gap between services required and resources supplied.

6. Maori require equitable service provision, accessibility and service uptake within the Family and Sexual Violence sector.

7. The council’s commitment to and actioning of Te Tiriti o Waitangi includes the following:
   - Participation: Maori need to participate in decision making at all levels
   - Partnership: The council and Maori need to work together in a partnership to achieve outcomes that are conducive to all
   - Protection: Ensure Maori rights in decision making are protected
   - It is important that Maori representation goes beyond an advisory capacity within the council.

8. The further development and maintenance of Kaupapa Maori services within the sector is critical. This means:
   - Maori working for and by Maori
   - Acceptance and promotion of traditional healing practices and ways of being
   - Understanding the interruption that colonisation has had on Maori ability to practice and live as Maori
   - “Let us (Maori) do what we know is best for our people”

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Group 2:

What is Auckland Council’s role in Leadership and Advocacy (especially to Central Government)?
(12 people)

3 key points and notes:

1. Bipartisan approach not tied into 3 year electoral cycle
   - An across-all-party issue and cross-Ministerial portfolio → A national target
     (ACC, MOE, MOH, MOJ, NZ Police, MSD, Housing NZ, TPK, PIA, Ethnic Affairs, Children’s Commissioner)
   - Including sexual violence and domestic violence – not separate Taskforces
   - Similar point made in Green Paper

2. The weaver / co-ordinator role
   - Local → Regional → National
   - Bringing together a strategic overview, including planning, monitoring and evaluating
     → This needs community sector connectedness
   - This hui at the very minimum
   - A forum to develop shared strategy
   - Including gaps analysis

   - Advocate for the community to central government
     - Active community involvement (representing the diverse situation)
     - DHB engagement, regional and national level
     - Funding – safe community model?
     - A problem: multiple agencies at multiple levels

3. Assuming some responsibility
   - Directory of services (develop)
   - Congrats to Council – keep on doing this (hui)
   - Today was enabled by having a skilled and dedicated person / resource
   - Encourage this Council to be seen as the leader nationally
     → not just roads, rates and rubbish
   - Covering sexual violence and domestic / family violence

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Group 3:

What can Auckland Council do as an Employer?
(8 people)

Key points:

1. Auckland Council to have a policy stating it is a family / sexual violence free organisation / area, including all properties / supported by procedures that:
   - Support staff
   - Education (including induction)
   - Alcohol-free (totally) at all events / meetings
2. (a) To increase the diversity of staff to reflect the community and ensure that Council understands all cultural / community issues – including violence
(b) To ensure that numbers of Maori staff are representative of population in honour of Treaty of Waitangi

Notes:

1. There are forms of abuse in any business
2. Should make Auckland Council as an example of best practice
3. A Department in Council that considers violence in the Council / and staff families
4. (a) Policies and procedures in place to support staff / family affected by family / sexual violence
   (b) Education of staff / Councillors / Local Boards – at time of induction as well
5. Resources created as best practice that can then be used by other organisations
6. (a) To increase the diversity of Council staff to ensure a greater understanding of community including violence issues
   (b) To ensure that numbers of Maori staff are representation of population in honour of Treaty of Waitangi
7. A non-alcohol policy throughout Auckland Council events / meetings
8. For Auckland Council to make a statement about being family, sexual violence free area, all properties ie. parks
9. To ensure all information is supplied to employees – including all service providers available

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Group 4:

How can Auckland Council support networks, non-government organisations and community groups? For e.g. Project and Council Officer Support, Co-ordination and Facilitation, Council Facilities
(25 people)

3 key points:

1. Responsibility to:
   - Advocacy
   - Police training
   - Emergency housing
   - Facilities for networks, for facilitation
   - Face to face

2. Database/register/website
   - Accessibility

3. Funding

Notes:

Face to face
- Have greater face to face involvement with Auckland Council
  - Advocate
  - Take on real concerns
- Question: How many people are aware of 'Community Advisors'?
  Throughout Auckland
  Someone familiar with grassroots collaborations

A Database / Website / Register

Funding
- Funding streams – what is there?
- Accessibility
- Increased awareness of what is available in the community
  ie. Someone from Auckland Council to:
    (a) Help fill out applications effectively (‘funding savvy person’)

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(b) Help out with funding applications
(c) Make all NGOs etc aware with regular information / workshops about up & coming funding schemes
(d) Negative side is nepotism when applying
(e) Have greater face to face involvement with Auckland Council
   • Auckland Council facility & buildings rates are too high for social services to engage clients
   • Very difficult to find / access places for family violence workers to help victims for
     - education
     - raise awareness

Put up hubs:

Greater Publicity
   • Transparent information
     - Make community link offices more inclusive of NGOs / social services

→ One stop shop
   Wrap around services link up

→ Telephone 0800 link to specific services

Auckland Council to:
   • Promote (link offices)
   • Advocate
     - Have someone from Council attending various areas / meetings so they can hear / see what issues need to be addressed
   • Provide resources

Having a key go-to person to go to @ Family Violence forums, fono
**Group 5:**

**How can Auckland Council Strategy and Policy support the prevention of family and sexual violence?**

(21 people)

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<td>3. Regional Taskforce &amp; paid co-ordinators within Council - as in Waitakare model</td>
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<td>- Advisory groups from local communities comprising the wide variety of groups and voices present today</td>
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Notes:
- Cornerstone policy – collaborative approach
- Transport policy – link to prevention of family and sexual violence
- More Kelly Maungs to be employed to develop family violence strategies
- Acknowledge diversity – unique needs of refugees
- Family violence coordinators to be strategically linked within Council (separate portfolio)
- Inclusive sub-group – gender, ethnicity, special groups, disability, youth
- Clear position – overarching statement by Auckland Council on family and sexual violence – Auckland violent free city to Auckland’s most liveable city
- National NZ strategy on being violence-free
- Link with national campaign of It’s Not OK
- Every time there is a public event – billboards etc violence-free
- Social campaign creates social change – starts at airport
- Wide collaborative on inclusiveness and wording of campaign
- Making sure issue of family violence is linked to different advisory panels of Council  → Part of Advisory Taskforce
- Submission of Taskforce is informed by different sector groups

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Group 6:

How can Auckland Council reduce harm in relation to Alcohol, Gambling, Prostitution and Brothels? - By Laws and Strategies
(18 / 21 people)

3 key points:

1. Alcohol/Gambling
   - Licensing sinking lid
   - Comprehensive database
2. Auckland City Prostitution Bill – out
3. Community pathways to consult with Council

Notes:

- Street prostitution – Bill in action should be withdrawn
- Instead, Council work with those support services working with sex workers
- Commitment to sinking lid / cap on alcohol and gambling outlets
- Auckland Council oppose John Key re: SkyCity
- Focus on off-licences
- Reconsider licensing hours for alcohol and gambling (pokies)
- Untangle relationship between alcohol and gambling and licensing in practice
- Support Police to be proactive re: licensing
- Introduce gambling inspectors
- Extend liquor ban areas in consultation with Police
- Increase exclusion zones around schools
- Better access to information about licensed premises and numbers across Auckland
- More engagement with communities prior to approving new licenses – and not approving if objections
- New applications to city consultation Board not just adverts in paper
- Prostitution Reform Act: Council can use provisions better, don’t need new legislation
  - Enforce current provisions better
  - Bring adequate resources to Council policing
- Improving pathways for city consultation with into local Boards and Council
- Focus on people
- Effective support for people in need
- Recognise areas not serviced, eg. youth
- Link information sources / databases to map indicators of violence
- Support interagency approaches

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Group 7:

How can Auckland Council support the primary prevention of family and sexual violence, e.g. Early Child Care, Housing? Also consider issues of Public Transport.

(18 people)

3 key points:

1. Development of community
   - Town planning, transport, facilities
2. Free public transport for children to get to school
3. Community liaison

Notes:

**Housing**

- Refuges
  - Particularly for disabled women
  - 3 x higher risk
  - Accessibility for refuges generally
- Inadequate housing / acknowledge disabled requirements
- Provision of affordable / good quality / eco
- Town planning creates community connectedness
  - Build a sense of belonging
  - Accessible
  - Provide different types of housing in the same area
- Enforcing safe housing with landlords
  - Set a standard for rental properties
- Housing shortage – quality also important
- Create healthy environments
- Advocate / develop partnerships with Housing NZ / NGO / private landlords

- Training

**Priority**

- Should be primary prevention
- Working out where the opportunities sit, eg. parent/child education / community hubs
- Link with network providers

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Council used to have calls to action
- One of these was having a coordinator to support early childhood engagement with community

Council considers council facilities are free / subsidised for family violence & sexual violence meetings, progs

Council liaison officers, perhaps specialist family violence / sexual violence person in community safety teams

Crime prevention fund?
Group 8:

What can Auckland Council do in relation to Media Campaigns and Events? (9 people)

Key points:

- Auckland Council should develop a family and sexual violence prevention media campaign that involves broad consultation and working with Māori, Pacific and ethnic groups so it’s bottom up
  - Tailor it for different communities, neighbourhoods
  - Use billboards, tables at local events, social media, DVD, radio, TV
  - Make local messages relevant be having workshops / local leadership, eg. schools, churches, neighbourhoods, youth groups

Notes:

- Diversity within people employed to do comms at Auckland Council
- Atamira held annually, rather than bi-annually
- Auckland Council media strategy to include broad consultation with Māori
- Billboards: Family violence / sexual violence / health promotion
- Rural media
- Social media (Facebook)
- Focused on youth as audience
- Local leadership / voices on key issues
  - Recognising difference in different parts of Auckland
  - Work to strengthen local connections
- A campaign: family violence / sexual violence
  - Auckland focused / flavour
- Desks at public events for community groups
- DVD / visual media: family violence / sexual violence
  - Diverse communities / ethnicities
  - Awareness-raising
- TV ads about family violence / sexual violence: MORE!
  - Locally relevant, eg. church groups
- Hauora flavour

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Group 9:

What can Auckland Council do to support Disability, Inclusiveness and Access with Dignity?

(15 / 16 / 20 people)

3 key points:

1. Support the DVD Briefing Paper
2. Training:
   (a) All domestic violence groups receive training from DVD / other groups
   (b) Public awareness campaign
3. Council to have regular forum on domestic violence
   - Needs to include people with disabilities: must be accessible / inclusive

Nota. Long Term Plan is not accessible

Notes:

- Council needs to fund inclusive organisations.
  - Not inclusive – no funding.
  - Disability must be included at all levels, all discussions, all hui
- Inclusion of all vulnerable adults
  - Not all the group see disabled people as “vulnerable” by default
  - Must include people with intellectual / learning disabilities
  - Services must be accessible / accessible environment
  - Refuge – not accessible, can’t take caregivers
  - Voice of disabled people needs to be everywhere

What do we want Council to do?

- Education
  - for the public / breaking myths
- High number of people with disabilities who experience domestic violence
  - Council need to recognise level of abuse for disabled people
- Council-sponsored campaign about DVD
- Housing issues
  - affordable / accessible
  - suitable housing
  - safe housing for people
- Public transport
  - accessible / affordable
  - abuse from drivers / passengers

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- Information from Council
- Information from Council, ie. public transport to Council-sponsored events

- Public areas
  - Better lighting

- Widen older persons strategy to include disabled people

- Group agreed to submit the DVD submission and support its recommendations
  - Mainstream inclusion of disability
  - Working with all groups to make sure voice of disabled people is included in each group,
    eg. a Māori group that has a Māori disabled person
  - Education around who is “the voice” representing the disabled people

- DVD to be included in the planning
- Disability groups to be included
Group 10:

How can Pasefika inform Auckland Council policy to prevent family & sexual violence?
(15 people)

3 key points and notes:

Enhance ourselves 3.

? ? “Enables”? ?

1.

- Ethnic specific for policies
  - language, protocols
- Policy for ethnic identities
- Pasefika population vs. delivery

2.

- Pasefika approach
  - Links Te Tiriti
  - Collective approach

Recommend establish a Pacific Office

1.

- Policy from top and both throngs – structure

2.

- Enhance ourselves

- Representation (more) in Council

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