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APY Executive Special Board Meeting (8)

10th January 2022

MINUTES

Time: 10:24 am

Board Meeting held via Bluejeans phone and video link up.

Welcome and Apologies

BS Board Meeting no 8 on 10 January 2022 was opened at 10:24 am on Bluejeans conference call and meeting attendees were confirmed.

Some technical difficulties were sorted and it was noted that there was a quorum.

TR=translated

SL- spoke language

APY Executive Members: Bernard Singer (Chair), Owen Burton (Deputy Chair), Tony Paddy (TP), Karina Lester (KL), Nyunmiti Burton (NB), Marita Baker (MB), Anton Baker (AB), Murray George (MG), Willy Pompey (WP), Rita Rolley (RR), Trevor Adamson (TA), Julianne Campbell (JC), Makinti Minutjukur (MM), Yangi Yangi Fox (YF),

APY Staff Members: Rex Tjami (RTJ), Ruth Morley (RM), Richard King (RK), Tania King (TK), Deborah Bailey (DB -Minutes) Michael Clinch (MC), Michael Owen (MO Media Officer),

Guests

Sam Osborne (SO), Rebekah Osborne (RO), Iri

Health SA: Nic De Rozaria (NDR), Tania Mc Gregor (TMG),

DPC AARD: Craig Macauley (CM)

Guests

Sam Osborne (SO), Rebekah Osborne (RO), Michael Clinch (MC), Michael Owen (MO), Nic deRozaria (NDR), Tania Mc Gregor (TMG), Craig Macauley (CM)

RK explained that Nic De Rozaria is the forward control commander for SA Health who takes responsibility for the response along with SAPOL and RASAC and APY are the behind supports.

Language spoken and BS advised that Nic would provide update.

1. Update on COVID cases in Amata and surrounds.

NDR provided update on the current Covid situation across SA. No of covid cases.

- Second round of community testing at Amata 140 members came out for testing.
- Nic acknowledged support of those coming to get tested.
- Noted some tension in community. Around 20-30 tests less done on the 6 Jan.
- Direction for those in Amata is not to leave. Store is still open. One person from each house can go in the store.
- Acknowledged leaders including Kungka supporting the communication and Nganampa support.
- Eight vaccinations – lots of people have had their vaccinations in Amata.
- There have been about 16 people through contract tracing identified as close contact. Highly likely more positive cases will present.
- Fuel is limited

BS translated

NDR Summarised - two people who have tested positive have gone to Adelaide. 16 close contacts.

- Testing of 240 people yesterday.
- Store is open but only one person to enter.
- Encourage everyone to stay still, avoid visiting, lots of Covid in the State such as Coober Pedy, Port Augusta, Ceduna. Concern for Aboriginal remote communities.
- Open to the meeting for questions.
- BS Translated.

KL when will you feedback to APY if further positive cases?

NDR currently process and expecting results within a few hours.

BS long process, take a while so those are things will go through. NDR these tests were flown to Adelaide last night. BS - Thank you to all at Amata and Anangu support team, RASAC what their doing, response team, SAPOL and Health. Work together to stop these things coming in.

TMG provided state-wide update. Voiced apologies to Executive for entering the meeting late. Acknowledged Anangu and thanks for inviting to the meeting.

TMG Provided State Update about broader community and then Aboriginal specific cases. Yesterday 4506 new cases were reported. Of those cases 176 in hospital and 18 in ICU. 4 Aboriginal people in SA in the last 7 days and overall have had 494 Aboriginal

people test positive for Covid. 2 in hospital and 1 in ICU. Outbreaks are happening in Aboriginal communities at Ceduna, Port Augusta, Lincoln. A lot of Aboriginal people are positive with Covid in the Adelaide city. Concerned about people going home from Port Augusta and Adelaide back to the lands. That is the overview from the State and added have been happy with how we have worked supporting Anangu and leaders in Amata in making sure that we had the right team, testing and communications.

Questions?

Discussion in language

- BS everyone is working trying to help us out. We all need to be thinking about the lord our saviour. (discussion in language)
- KL Asked what the communication plan and wanting clear messaging, is that what SA can provide us to get the message out to media/flyers.
- TMG Yes, waiting for results and then review of next steps and will share the message out to APY Executive through the various mediums such as radio, PYKU etc.
- BS Thanked Tania. TMG will leave meeting and return in 40 minutes to answer any other questions. (BS – TR).
- RK asked, how close are we to a peak in SA?
- TMG peak towards end of month, it is going to be continually increasing and end of month 1st peak and then 2nd peak when kids go back to school will peak again.
- RK how are we situated in SA during the peak, do we have enough resources for community as well as city?
- TMG we are trying to adjust how our rapid response team works and if we have multiple community outbreaks, we will adjust how we send teams in for example, we might just send team in to do testing and take team out so we will adjust how we respond.
- RK we have also been working with Health with contract tracing and working with Sam and this work being done through Sam and Rebekah at Iwiri.
- SO Bec been supporting the response between different agencies looking at the quite specific needs for Anangu families in Adelaide that are at major risk for Anangu living in comms because of the fast outbreak in Adelaide and then the movement. This is a problem and a risk for Anangu communities. Expect that more are in hospital than the figures that Sam is aware of.
- SO SL - speaking of vulnerabilities and risks and the various places in Adelaide that Anangu can go to.
- RO discussed concerns with Kerry regarding Adelaide service and facilities and how to culturally address in support. DASSA was going to take some Anangu to Glenside on

Wednesday night. Have been ringing people – it is noted that some people don't know when they are going into quarantine, they are frightened, scared, and confused. They not sick but have tested positive. RO has been talking to people to help them understand and thinking about what they are going to do before they get released/returned home etc. there is a lot of people at home in quarantine. They don't know how to do online food order etc. looking at how to support food and other places such as Mylor to isolate / quarantine.

- SO hand over to NB one of other concerns is under reporting for communities in Adelaide. Hard to get tests. RAT test is hard to get, and expensive or otherwise PCR line up is long and too hard. Iwiri could possibly help if we can get a supply of RAT test and could offer home service.
- TA Trevor Adamson spoke the following; Good morning everybody, I've been Listening, sitting down SLAdelaide is a city of SA. talking about lock down...(SL) - it's a problem for our people stuck in that area and we can't be able to do it. I thinks that what they are looking at and if Government wants to look at those sort of things can they look and help because really because that's what same... SL... people every night they get money and they run away and have a bit of a drink around get drink and they are taking Covid with them into the family, which is a bit of a problem. (SI) More support, who's the people in Adelaide to look at those sort of things and we long way away and worried about some of our people, how families are stuck in Adelaide those sorts of things and our family in Adelaide and what those people coming back and they're is lot of things they have to do before coming in but support from Adelaide and things like that and if we be able to look at it SL... this is what we want. Later, tonight they be still hanging on the same thing. The water with the donkeys they cry all night because here no water, dry up, same, they go round mix from different people and people from NT and they mix with those and it's a sad, nothing we can do about it and people try to help people be able to look at it and try to help and because before my sister rang up SL... she wanted to go, but before that she had to have vaccine before going into the land. I can't be able to say that but they have to, see how they going to be come back to their own community so it is difficult to for us to say thing and nothing happening after they finish so everyone trying to run around get some help so how do we as APY can be able to look at it so the govt they the people look at it, the covid. The Police be able to see and get involved in that because the community level we can't be able to because sitting down for those things to happen your way that way (SL) Palya!
- RK have organised safe return to county with buses scheduled. People will need to get test done shows clear and will need to be vaccinated and or have had booster to get on the bus. That is all happening as we speak. Will make sure that we work with Iwiri as they know the ones been isolating.
- BS Back to what Sam Said, need to look at these things what Iwiri trying to do. Look at support. Want to start isolating people in homes in Adelaide, get some test done. At

moment lines of lines people in cars waiting. Need to start talking at that level. What wants to come back.

NOTE FOR TANIA MG

KL asked if SA Health could supply bulk RAT tests or where can Iwiri get bulk load of tests and what supports can SA Health give to Iwiri? – questions for Tania McGregor and Kerry when TMG comes back could TK make note of this question to ask TMG when she comes back on.

What level of support to Anangu is there – for food supply?

1. Two questions
2. Bulk supply of RAT

What supports are there for Mai etc for those isolating in a house

BS suggested to put together a team, Need Anangu response team.3 Kungka and 3 Wati to support Iwiri.

RK will ask about the two questions when TMG comes back on.

RO would like to have some men and women only those who test negative before they come into work. Iwiri would be a controlled space. Would work with SA Housing and see if can obtain list of names for Anangu tenants. Homes visits last week. Nick Cowling from Adelaide hospital is going round testing.

Discussion language.

2. Current Closure discussion and review / action

3. Fuel and Cash restrictions update, review and action

RK Fuel has been restricted across APY. Cash has been closed. Amata community is locked and no fuel no cash. Police have been stopping people going out. RK mentioned that someone who had tested positive come into Indulkana and it was discovered they started drinking with a group and were at prayer. Discovered they had contact with 68 people they went to prayer at church. This person was transported out along with 16 contacts. Another 50 people trying to find as contact. Trying to provide that people can get tested. That is why we can facilitate Anangu coming back and putting things in place like testing so knowing they don't have covid.

At moment APY is currently closed to everyone except essential workers. Everyone has to have double vaccination. The problem we have is the Anangu sneaking in. Don't sneak in, we will facilitate people coming in.

BS TR – discussion in language.

TrA SL – asking about people going from other towns and travelling to Coober Pedy or Marla? “Where do they get the money? Do they sometimes if it's a problem get it

through the key card and spend it that way...SL...it's a community decision, it's not for APY to tell the community. That's where the story is coming out from them. They lot of people worried, a lot of people trying to get money, after that people making decision spreading in Amata or some spreading going to Adelaide or in Port Augusta or quarantine 14 days, when you travelling to Marla, Coober Pedy or Perth, Port Augusta do they have 20 dollars you run out ...” SL

RK that is Mr Adamson comment, he is saying that should be left up to community decision. Health has the power in terms of Amata. to close community, and we are under the direction of Health. We can ask and if everyone agrees you want comms to make decision and you make that res here you might want to add safety thing saying under direction of health comms are going to open up. That means that there is no risk there and it is back to comms to open up.

BS talk on my community – SL... Really don't know what the issue is with cash/key card. Money security with your key card. You can buy things with your key card. There is no difference what you can do. What I hear from other people, it is really stopped people in my community... SL...

BS for medical reasons they need their fuel opened in their community.
They need help to go shopping

Discussion between Executive in language

TrA 'important that we listen to SAPOL and SA Health. SL – people need to travel around for service. We're not going to listen to APY because APY stay after SAPOL and SA Health. Sometimes people concerned, someone because Mai Wiru locked down because its run by APY...'SL

BS hard to get back to community there is a roadblock at Amata. Should be okay to go back to Pip.

Heated discussion in language.

BS can't put up with this conversation when WP putting threat in me.

RK does APY want to support opening up cash and fuel if SA Health and SAPOL approve that there is low risk and that the community council agree to open up?

Basically, saying agreeing to release fuel and cash and up to the community to make the decision based on SA Health and SAPOL saying it's palya.

KL let's get back to meeting

RK we can word it in a way APY support community council open up cash and fuel if Health SA and SAPOL say there is low risk in community that gives the power back to community council. What do people think?

KL think this is a clear message from Pukatja as know that they were talking like that...

- BS Concerned about people coming into the community with Covid.
- RK Indulkana closed off cash and fuel and movement since people have come in with Covid. Everyone seems to understand risk now so we can say now “APY support community council opening up cash and fuel if Health SA and SAPOL assess the risk as low and approve those councils to continue.’
- BS TR. Can see what’s been happening in community its not good to see how people feel, people with heart problems and all these things. What are other communities thinking? In Amata always about money. Meant to be some money coming into that community. SA Health and Police are doing in. don’t get sucked in by money. Need to start looking at family and how we are going to support family. Don’t try to backstab people when they trying to help. Those things need to be focussing on to help out. Anangu want to come back. They want to be there. SL. Let’s look at people and let’s have a heart for our people. Show leadership.
- RK vote on who wants to open and who wants to keep closed?
- KL vote on resolution subject to SA Health and SAPOL advice?
- BS my community Indulkana been through all these what lockdown is. If there is covid they lockdown. My community forward on these occasions.
- BS coming from Mimili – Julianne Campbell – fuel and cash limited have lot of sick people in community, mental illness, kids, kidney failure.
- BS need to get SAPOL mob start looking at people coming into the community. They need to be on the road.

Discussion in language

- RK not about arguing, and this is about having a vote. Your vote counts. Member from Mimili has voted keep restrictions. Let’s go through each person have a vote, keep restrictions or open up. Mr Pompey.
- JC close down. From my side I’m going to say no. RK keep restrictions
- RK Mr Pompey open up or keep restrictions. WP. Going to open up.
- RK Mr Singer what do you want to do? BS retractions.
- RK Vice chair, Mr Burton open up or keep restrictions? OB will come back to you
- RK Mr Baker keep restrictions or open up?
- RK Mr Baker keep or open up? AB said open up.
- TA we should be talking through chairman. We gotta say we waiting for SAPOL, health and council to say this one to be able to follow up and close it down. (SL).
- RK Ms Baker close or open? MB (SL). Mr Singer please interpret what MB said? BS keep and open for the comm only. RK said if anyone needs to go anywhere emergency

ring up and we can organise police etc. BS keep open for fuel only. Need to increase fuel and have store open all week. Amata people come on a regular basis. Do not want people from Amata doing work at Kanypi Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (cant get out of Amata) people can go from Pip. Need phone service in Kanypi at the moment there is a lady there that comes out and gives people opportunity to use the phone.

Discussion in language.

RK KL what do you want to do. KL said open subject to SA health, SAPOL and community decision.

RK Mr Adamson what do you want to do? TA said we still going the way that SA Government putting into the SA police and SA Health and Govt.au Covid and the level of restrictions. We don't want discrimination into our communities. We wanted to do exactly what the council wants. We not going to be able to do. If some problems if something happening that is the time to do it. SL. RK saying open up? So its open up with advice from SAPOL and Health.

RK asked, Makinti, do you want to open or keep restrictions? MM (SL) MM keeping restrictions but said, I don't know.

RK Rita Rolley- do you want to open or keep things closed? RR (SL).

RK Rita are you with Mr Pompey?

RK to Amata – NB open or close restrictions? NB (SL) keep restrictions.

RK Mr Burton – RK Tony do you keep restrictions or open – TP leave it open for Kanypi, Pip, clinic and store. Two people voting. Marita and Tony voting to open.

YY keep restrictions or open? (? - When covid come in we got to close it.) RK YY do you want to open or keep restrictions. YY (SL) BS TR - only two people at Kalka Pip and most people down south so like to keep open. Have families might be ready to come back. Good to see what happening in WA border restrictions happening there and don't want them coming in from the West. Don't want any people coming in especially from East coming into community need to put stop to that. Do not go to Pip when covid happening in other communities.

RK YY and TP keep open to Kanypi don't want anyone to come in from any other communities.

RK Rita and Owen- Owen are you there? WP - Rita must have gone home.

RK at this stage APY going to support opening. Muted.

Discussion in language

NOTED - RK everyone has voted. The majority voted supporting community councils to open cash and fuel if SA Health and SAPOL approve if the risk is low of covid in that community.

We are giving the councils the power to open up if they are comfortable and if SA Health and SAPOL say that the risk is okay.

BS translated

Summary of Vote to Open restrictions or Keep restrictions fuel and cash closed.

Open Fuel and Cash restrictions	Keep Fuel and Cash closed Restrictions
Willy Pompey	Julianne Campbell
Karina Lester on advice from health	Bernard Singer
Trevor Adamson (with advice from SAPOL)	Anton Baker
Mr George on advice from health	Makinti Manikutur
(blank)	Nyunmiti Burton
Tony Paddy (leave open for clinic / store for Kanypi & Pip)	
Yangi Yangi (leave open for clinic store Kanypi, Nyapari, Pip) no one coming from other communities	
Marita Baker (leave open for clinic / store for Kanypi & Pip)	

Questions

TA We wanted to see if we can have a look at it and if something happens will let you know through the SAPOL and SA Health.

KL SL - messaging to Anangu Tjuta?

BS Karina saying... translate message to get to communities 'all Anangu to stay put' and start to put notices on Facebook and social media. RK asked for KL to send through the message re stay still, wear mask, wash hands etc.

RESOLUTION

APY supports community councils in making the decision to open up fuel and cash if Health SA and SAPOL approve that the risk of catching Covid is low.

Moved Bernard singer Seconded Trevor Adamson ALL AGREED.

Through the permit system, APY have Closed to non-essential workers coming onto the lands. Only essential workers. Is everyone still happy for this? Communication difficult to hear.

KL are you seeing non-essential workers. RK yes. KL of the view only essential workers.

TK Advised that the current Permits officer "Anita" has resigned. Position is currently being advertised. Deborah is currently doing permits with TK support. We seeing the permits daily. They do not see the situation as serious. This would assist as essential services only fuel, health, medical, mental health, electricity this res would be helpful into managing this going forward until Covid is not such as risk to the lands.

RESOLUTION

APY Executive support the Permits system to be open to essential workers only and closed to nonessential workers.

Moved Karina Lester Seconded Bernard Singer ALL AGREED

RK said that everyone coming to the lands must be tested and have proof of vaccination.

BS talked about those in Marla, people like doing plumbing, air conditioner (SL) only them that we want.

MG we want to go to Alice springs is the roads going to be open for us to travel...when can we go?

BS if you want to go to Alice Springs, fill in the NT entry form and when you go to the clinic get tested and wait for results.

MG thank you

TA suggested that should go to Umuwa and at the table at the next meeting. Discussion in language

BS might have to find a tree – SL - rec shed would be good and we need to distance from each other. RK stated if there is a covid outbreak the meeting will be on the phone again. Don't want people coming in and getting crook.

Discussion in language

CMC still waiting on Telstra update about phone service at Kanypi.

Discussion in language

4. Return to home for people and families.

RK Suggested plan of return is - Looking at putting on two buses. Taking names of interested people to return to lands. People will be asked to pack a bag. Possible bus from Port Augusta Wednesday. The buses will not be mixed. Adelaide bus will go straight through. People will be supplied with food. (45 seater). People will be tested

at the Indulkana turn off and if clear RASAC will take people through to their community. If not clear they will have to isolate until clear.

People who are driving their cars will have to follow the bus.

Those who are interested in returning can contact Tania on phone or email.

Discussion in language.

RK will be sending names tonight at 8pm. The bus doesn't leave parade ground across from the Festival theatre until 6pm. Anyone who is driving can go there and get tested. Testing is also done at the Puma Truck stop in Port Augusta.

5. Other items

Nil

Meeting closed 1:42pm

Note: The minutes 10th January 2022 were checked and ratified with changes on the 5th April 2022