



REcov19ER Teleconference

Tuesday, 5 May 2020 – ‘Government Updates’

	Organisation	Contributor	Comments	Actions Arising
A	OPENING			
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Meeting open @ 11:30am	
			Welcome	
			One minute silence observed	
			Introductions from who is on call; apologies entered for REcov19ER team member Danny due to a meeting clash (currently progressing the community messaging work with Ngaarda Media and relevant health agencies/organisations)	
			Housekeeping (incl. teleconference etiquette)	
			Confirmed meeting format going forward, i.e. government updates to occur once a week, while other days will be to focus on seeking input from communities about what is happening for them; individual communities will be targeted by geographical area, e.g. next meeting will invite members from those communities near Hedland (Punju Njamal, Jinparinya, Mrs Eaton’s block, etc.); affirmed ongoing efforts need to focus on identifying community needs and to feed this back for actioning	
	Communities	Simon	Agreed this is a sensible approach	
	NIAA	Melissa	Agreed; also good to reflect on progress being made	
		All	Agreed ‘Government Updates’ meetings will now take place every Thursday, with the next to occur May 14;	
	Communities	Simon	Affirmed this change to the meetings’ format will allow for more informed updates (i.e. what has progressed through the beginning of each week, especially sharing what has been discussed during other external meetings); affirmed next steps to also involve looking to identify and address longer-term solutions	

	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Clarified government participation can still be called upon for community-focussed meetings should certain issues be raised that require their input/response (these can be discussed during meetings, or provided by phoning or emailing REcov19ER team members); called for government updates	
B	AGENCY/FOCUS GROUP UPDATES			
	WAPol	Mark	Confirmed no glaring issues to report back to the group; confirmed happy to take questions or be contacted directly	
	Njamal PT	Kathryn	Confirmed have been speaking with WAPol regarding issues being raised with REcov19ER team members, e.g. some concerns out at Yandeyarra; such conversations happening offline	
	WAPol	Mark	Confirmed happy to assist where possible	
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Asked if any additional support is required in Hedland following incident on Friday, May 1; concerns were raised at yesterday's REcov19ER meeting about ensuring adequate counselling was available to witnesses and other locals who may be affected; affirmed REcov19ER offer to assist, where possible/appropriate, whatever we can do to assist	
	WACOSS	Celeste	Confirmed WACOSS has developed and circulated a document identifying available mental health and alcohol and other drugs support services in the Pilbara, which has recently been updated to include information about employee assistance	
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Confirmed this information has been received and passed on; asked if there is any assistance available for employers at this time (an issue also discussed at yesterday's REcov19ER meeting)	
	WACOSS	Celeste	Sure the available services would be willing to also help employers; noted, for those working for mental health service providers there is a different process; will clarify information and report back to a future meeting Confirmed current work focussing on providing such summaries of services available, as well as looking at the longer-term recovery process for the region (e.g. identifying needs of new vulnerable cohorts, etc.), this work is being undertaken with Communities' involvement	WACOSS (Celeste) to confirm available services and report back to the wider REcov19ER group
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Affirmed we also need to remain focussed on addressing secondary/ancillary impacts of the virus, i.e. social, economic, cultural, etc., and be prepared for a possible second wave	
	WACHS	Kianna	Confirmed there have been no new cases in the region; currently providing a weekly infographic for circulation which summarises the cumulative number of local confirmed cases and tests performed	
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Acknowledged the provision of this localised information is useful and appreciated	
	Complex Tasks Team	Barry	Confirmed quarantine arrangements relating to the Biosecurity Act 'Designated Areas' expected to be finalised this week (this will hopefully help clarify requirements, etc. for those wanting to access	

			the restricted areas to return to communities); confirmed currently investigating options for structured activities targeting children and young people in communities to keep them occupied	
	AISWA/ Pilbara Regiment	Lisa	Asked to clarify if these structured activities are to be introduced in communities only, or towns as well	
	Complex Tasks Team	Barry	Clarified his role is focussed on the Biosecurity Act 'Designated Areas'; focus is particularly on locations where teachers have been unable to return; requested to speak with Lisa offline to get her input and any from her network/s	Complex Tasks Team (Barry) to speak directly with AISWA (Lisa) to ensure local intel/needs being provided/addressed
	WACOSS	Celeste	Asked to clarify purpose/responsibilities of the Complex Tasks Team, i.e. is it different to the other taskforce/s established across the state	
	Complex Tasks Team	Barry	Confirmed, yes, his role is focussed on the Biosecurity Act 'Designated Areas'	
	Complex Tasks Team	Peter	Confirmed his role is to see to issues in other parts of the region	
	AISWA/ Pilbara Regiment	Lisa	Confirmed two schools have now opened their boarding houses; decision-making regarding attendance still up to parents; confirmed currently working to accommodate preferences and resulting needs, will also work with Complex Tasks Team (Barry) to address	Complex Tasks Team (Barry) to also work with AISWA (Lisa) to ensure preferences/ needs are accommodated
	Communities	Ella	Confirmed no new developments to report, still progressing information received as a result of the Pandemic Plan process with REcov10ER team members	
	Communities	Bibin	(Noting, Simon had to excuse himself to attend another scheduled meeting) Confirmed Welfare Support Plans have now been finalised, including the identification of assisting organisations; acknowledged and thanked those local organisations who have offered to assist with referrals and distribution/delivery; confirmed additional information about making referrals has now been provided to those volunteering organisations, including related forms, and the PIMT is taking consequent referrals; regarding the provision of support to large groups and those returning to the Biosecurity Act 'Designated Areas', two properties are being utilised in Newman to reduce the need for people to quarantine in hotels, etc. elsewhere	

	NIAA	Melissa	Confirmed still working with funded providers to ensure they are operating okay, with flexible arrangements being offered; confirmed also working the State Government agencies to ensure the avoidance of duplication and offering support	NIAA (Melissa) and REcov19ER (Gavin and others) to speak after meeting
	Njamal PT/ISPL	Andrew	Focus Group Updates: Food Supply & Distribution – Confirmed no new pressing updates since last one provided, still trying to consolidate lists of community needs, etc., including storage capacities	
	Njamal PT/ISPL	Kathryn	Focus Group Updates: Health, Medical & Education – Confirmed still waiting on incoming actions planes, though this is progressing well; acknowledged the importance of getting up-to-date information to communities; some changes in regards to education though further clarity still required (referred to information shared by AISWA (Lisa)) Recovery & Long-term Planning – Confirmed there may be some changes to the previously proposed approach for this group; next meeting on Friday, May 8, when next steps will be discussed	
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Acknowledged the great work being progressed by the focus groups outside of the daily meetings, it has taken a lot of time and effort to get things to where they are today	
C	QUESTIONS/COMMENTS			
	Telethon Kids	Cheryl	Shared that State Government health and education agencies have proposed a study be undertaken within schools, which Telethon Kids is involved with (see, https://www.watoday.com.au/national/western-australia/wa-school-students-teachers-to-be-tested-from-the-second-week-of-term-2-20200423-p54mm7.html); some ethical concerns still being considered/resolved; limited information currently available, however, updates will be shared with the REcov19ER group as they arise	AISWA (Lisa) to assist with the provision of local information, as required
D	CLOSING			
	Nyamal AC	Gavin	Affirmed there is still a lot of work ahead of us, and the importance of ensuring our focus remains on community needs; reminded attendees about concerns over complacency issues and the necessity of ongoing meetings; thanked everyone for their input, support and continued efforts	
			Meeting closed @ 12:12pm	
			Next meeting tomorrow (Wednesday, May 6) @ 11.30am for 'Communities Input'	
			Next 'Government Updates' meeting Thursday, May 14 @ 11.30am	
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