

Monitoring and Reporting Community Outcomes (MARCO) Meeting

When & Where

Friday 29 May 2009, 1.00pm – 4.00pm
*Waikato Room, Environment Waikato, 401 Grey Street,
Hamilton East, Hamilton*

MINUTES

Present

Roxane Miller (Choosing Futures Waikato), Beat Huser (Environment Waikato), Sandra Brain (Matamata Piako District Council), Sally McComb (Franklin District Council), Sandra des Forges (Waipa District Council), Tony Chandler (Hamilton City Council).

Apologies

Andrew Williams (Taupo DC), Daniel Houppermans (EW), Julia Porter (Ministry for the Environment), Paula Rolfe (Matamata Piako DC), Brendon Gardner (Department of Labour), Barbara McLennan (ex-Department of Internal Affairs), Nova Caie & Victoria Johnston (WDHB, Population Health), Terry Kew and Katherine Palmer (Thames-Coromandel DC).

Community Outcomes Reporting

Beat showed a table with a summary of where Council's were with CO reporting, and noted the delay with EW's CO Reporting. This is now scheduled for later in 2009. It was also noted that most councils – to varying degree – use the MARCO indicators for their CO Reports. The upcoming SPN meeting on 5 June will discuss CO reporting in more detail.

MARCO – Current Work Programme 2008/09

The annual up-date of the MARCO indicators was undertaken in May 2009. The Data Analysis Report 2009 was produced and data and report published on the CFW website <http://www.choosingfutures.co.nz/Publications/>.

The focus of recent/current work in the three tasks (refer to Appendix for more details):

1. Waikato Regional Perception Survey
2. Web applications – Report Cards
see <http://www.choosingfutures.co.nz/MARCO-indicators/>
3. Review of MARCO indicators

Roxane provided a summary of Council's response to her survey about the need, interest, timing and likely funding commitment for another survey. EW has offered a 10k contribution, and three options were discussed for an overall funding approach. Further work is needed to clarify what happens if not all councils are participating and contributing to the survey.

Action: Roxane/MARCO to present council's responses and options for funding to SPN for decision on where to from here.

Action: Beat/MARCO to convene a MARCO workshop on 27 August 2009 to select additional indicators from the list of district/regional/national indicators collated by MARCO (refer http://www.choosingfutures.co.nz/PageFiles/14/Waikato_Indicators.pdf).
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National Indicator Scene – An Update

Beat provided an overview of some current national indicator projects and activities, including:

- National Environmental Reporting Forum (MfE / StatsNZ), see <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/environmental-reporting/about/partnerships/forum.html>
The second forum on 17 April 2009 was attended by about 100 people from central and local government. Beat facilitated one of the workshops (on Integrated Monitoring & Reporting).
Actions coming out of workshop include:
 - Stock take of data collected at all levels (local/regional/national)
 - Develop searchable e-indicator library
 - Case studies demonstrating connections between indicators & well beings (e.g. environment – economy)
 - MfE to take lead role for this work
- Stats NZ Report “Progress Towards Sustainable Development” (July 2009) <http://www.stats.govt.nz/environment/sustainable-development/default.htm>
Statistics NZ is currently producing a report to report on ‘Progress towards Sustainable Development in NZ’, to be published in July 2009. This includes a (capital-based) framework and a set of indicators. This work has strong links to community outcomes. Local government is represented on the Advisory Group (LGNZ, Kate Barker and SOLGM, Beat Huser).
- OECD World Forum ‘Measuring Progress of Societies’ <http://www.oecdworldforum2009.org/>
The 3rd World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy is going to be held in October. This provides a number of useful resources about measuring and reporting. New Zealand is part of a worldwide coordination group providing support for the forum (Leigh Gatt and Denise Brown, Stats NZ).
- Other?
Department of Internal Affairs (Ann Pomeroy) has recently produced a paper on ‘Sub-national Indicators’. This makes strong links to MARCO and suggests building on the work undertaken in Canterbury and the Waikato.

MARCO – Current Work Programme 2009/10

Potential activities were discussed for the next financial year. Beat confirmed that the EW Draft LTCCP 2009-2019 retains support for MARCO, including administration and data management. The MARCO indicators will be annually up-dated, made accessible through the CFW website and an annual Data Analysis Report will be produced.

Proposed work for 2009/10 includes:

- Indicator up-date and Data Analysis Report
- Waikato Regional Perception Survey
- Continue indicator review, focusing on TA needs (workshop in August)
- Web applications (TA report cards, data access, data visualisation, GIS, e-library)
- Sustainability indicators (GPI, wellbeing indices, household footprint)
- Others?
- Who?

Action: Beat to produce draft work programme by end June 2009 and circulate this to MARCO for comments. The MARCO Work Programme 2009/10 will then be presented to the July SPN meeting for discussion and approval.

Next Meeting: Workshop 27 August, next meeting 2 October.

*Meeting ended with a **BIG THANK YOU to Roxane** for her contribution and interest, and best wishes for her South American trip.*

Appendix 1 MARCO Work Programme 2008/09 – Progress

1) **Regional Perception Survey** (**Roxane**, Andrew, Sandra, Paul Ch/Anji, Terri)

Background documents collated and reviewed.

Meeting held 12 Nov: Next steps

- Evaluation of 2007 survey
- Options to coordinate and align with other
- Exploring possible funding models
- Consult TAs on scope and timing for survey

2) **Indicator Report Cards - Web application:** **Beat**, Nova, ~~Rob(?)~~, ~~Brendon(?)~~

Searchable MARCO Indicator Inventory and Report Cards launched, see <http://www.choosingfutures.co.nz/MARCO-indicators/>

Example of Indicator Report Card circulated for comments.

Regional Report Card for all MARCO Indicators published on website website (downloadable pdf files) - for use in (regional) CO Report

Next Steps:

- Identify indicators that have data at the district/city level and – if desirable - produce & publish on CFW website District Report cards (for TA CO Reports)
- Produce Report Cards of any new MARCO Indicators, see Task 3) below

3) **Indicator Review:** ~~Rob(?)~~, Terri, Andrew, Beat, Sally, Sandra, Tony

Waikato Indicator Mapping Report has been completed, see <http://www.choosingfutures.co.nz/PageFiles/147/1360716MappingReport.pdf>

Spreadsheet produced with all Waikato indicators and some reference national indicator sets. Indicators ranked according to (to be discussed at MARCO meeting 29 May 2009):

- Numbers of Waikato councils using indicator
- Criteria used for selection of MARCO core set

Meeting was held on 4 Nov. 2008. Next Steps:

- Review current MARCO indicators and develop a new list using agreed criteria (emphasis on usefulness and relevance to TAs).
- Follow-up on recommendations in Mapping Report
- In coordination with Task 2: Identify any gaps in availability of indicator data at both regional and local/district level.