**Korero Café feedback - Methamphetamine**

1. **Issues**

*Supply*

Offshore pressure

* Police lack of response – following their own strategy
* Everywhere

*Demand reduction (focus)*

* Poverty of spirit, of ideas
* Lack of resources
* Generational use; normalised use
* Low income
* Working with our own whānau; understanding whānau are using

*Treatment availability/access*

* Lack of resources
* Availability of support and treatment
* Triage system
* Stigma around users
* Marae under utilised
* Fear of accessing external services
* Health literacy
* Whānau not accessing services
* Knocked down continually
* Lack of training

*Impacts*

* Addiction
* Increased crime/violence
* Intimidation
* Impact on whānau; parents; kura/koroua
* - supporting users
* - Children going without food due to parents’ use

1. **Ideas/Effective approaches**

Improve access, availability and quality of addiction services:

*Support for users and whānau*

* + Create a space for whānau to self-heal with access to professional health services on site
  + Whānau ora centred approach
  + Support groups for whānau of meth users
  + Triage at community level - barefoot community assessment, train “barefoot” counsellors
  + Awa second chances <http://www.awatransmedia.com/portfolio-items/second-chances/>
  + Strength based approaches
  + Identifying clinical/non-clinical needs

*Maori approaches to addictions*

* + A kohanga reo model – In development: A self help model for whānau
  + Te hiringa matua: A Māori and clinical approach to supporting hapu mama with addictions
  + Mahi a atua: A Māori Approach – clinical and cultural response for whānau with addictions
  + By maori for maori; my iwi for my iwi, our tikanga
  + Marae based resources and programmes

Safer environments

* + Establish safe spaces / houses in the community
  + Wahi tapu areas e.g. whare

System shift

* + Health response
  + Target resources just for methamphetamine

1. **Further Collaborative Action**

* Networking: solutions for prevention; community focus groups
* Sharing information about services that can help
* Project sharing e.g. work initiatives, what’s working for others
* National meth working group: purpose, vision, mission statement
* Developing consistent messaging across different sites, for different audiences

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