

**SPEAQ Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**SPEAQ Steering Committee**  
**Thursday 20 May 10-12noon**

By Zoom/Teleconference. Meeting Started: 10am-11:50am

## **Present**

Brodie Evans, BDVS, Brisbane (**SPEAQ Steering Committee Co-Convenor**)  
Emma Crooks, Centacare, Gold Coast  
Brett Hayes, EDON place, Bundaberg  
April O'Mara, Centacare, Brisbane  
Michelle Royes, RAQ, Brisbane  
Joanne Trentin, UCC, Brisbane  
Paul Monsour, SPEAQ, Brisbane (**Secretary**)

## **Apologies**

Pam, YFS Logan (**Co-Convenor**)  
Mandy Thompson, NQDVRs, Townsville

## **Minutes**

- Confirmation of minute taker – Brodie

## **Actions to follow up from last meeting**

<i><b>Who</b></i>	<i><b>What</b></i>
Paul	<p>SPEAQ Forum planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Confirmation of Taylor (Brodie's referral) to be contracted.</li><li>- Update from Organising Committee – Paul has met Taylor via Zoom and Taylor is enthusiastic and competent.</li><li>- Went through outline of quote and is firstly going to create strategy and timeline.</li><li>- Committee meeting weekly.</li><li>- Location: Cairns. Taylor looking into venues.</li><li>- Date: 7-8 October</li><li>- Theme: Effectiveness – Intervention Programs and Beyond</li><li>- Expression of Interest for panels/presentations</li></ul>

## **Current live issues and priorities**

<i><b>Who</b></i>	<i><b>What</b></i>
Brodie	<p>QUT MBC Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Update from Brodie provided around meeting with Dave Misso and Pam</li><li>- Brodie also has spoken with a few academics from QUT and Griffith University who shared concerns and support Brodie making contact with ethics committee.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our understanding is the research doesn't meet the QLD standards and there are substantial risk concerns. Every perpetrator program funded by QLD Gov has to follow these standards.</li> <li>- Risk mitigation strategies offered by BDVS/YFS was to offer Facilitators the opportunity to observe our sessions.</li> <li>- BDVS are listed on participant consent forms for women to contact BDVS if they require support – concerns that this is not 'woman advocacy' work.</li> <li>- <b>Brodie to call ethics committee with SPEAQ committee support.</b></li> </ul>
Michelle	<p>Advocacy around Family Law Courts intro of S&amp;T training discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tori from NTV has background in expert witness and current perpetrator facilitator. Thought reforms may be leaving behind perpetrator mapping and our lens, including their interface with our groups, and how they manipulate systems.</li> <li>- Query around who is getting trained in this and what support structures are around this.</li> <li>- Putting together letter in support of training, but we need structures in place around it. While you may change language, how do you change action especially in historically patriarchal institutions. Mentoring/coaching needs to follow training.</li> <li>- NTV want to put together training and keen to drive this direction – perhaps commercial interests.</li> <li>- <b>NTV to share letter with SPEAQ and we go from there whether we co-sign it.</b></li> <li>- April agreed it looks good outwardly, but still concerns that judiciary will change based on small training. No follow-on funding to assist with assessments with family etc. Opportunity for advocacy on how they connect with our services.</li> <li>- Agreed with power in multiple state bodies co-signing this letter.</li> </ul>
All members	<p>Strategic plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decision to be made regarding contracting Paul Testro (Pam sent through quote)</li> <li>- <b>Paul to first discuss with Australia CEO Challenge about contracting someone pro-bono.</b></li> <li>- We need a session about 'who we are' and bigger picture stuff about our identify and direction, scope of SPEAQ</li> <li>- Do we want to be a peak body? We already to a lot of activities associated with as a peak body.</li> <li>- We are network of practitioners and services.</li> <li>- We don't want to lose our identify and grassroots focus on being practitioner led and providing support for practitioners.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peak body is about being public face and are across all areas and respond asap (issue public statements etc) – which requires resources/funding.</li> <li>- April spoke to how QDVSN and Refuge Network already exists as QLD networks. A peak body would likely represent all three of these networks (us included).</li> <li>- Paul spoke to history of peak body funding in QLD – have not funded peak bodies in QLD. Spoke to issue of EVAWQ who submitted proposal as a peak, however didn't have reference to perpetrator intervention sector, and did not receive funding. There has been discussion with QDVSN about being a peak body, but unsure if this is still being pursued actively.</li> <li>- NTV have a side-by-side relationship with DVVic (victim services) and do joint press conferences etc.</li> <li>- QDVSN have spoke about greater connectivity between the networks in QLD</li> <li>- Elise Phillips and Di Coleman to be invited to our next committee meeting to discuss their NSW have experience of BCP network and getting funding to be a peak body, which ultimately was consumed by NTV. <b>Paul to invite to discuss that process.</b></li> <li>- <b>Paul to send through NTV Strategic Plan to Committee.</b></li> </ul>
All members	<p>Rental Law Reform discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update – final briefing 25 May 4-4:45pm</li> <li>- No committee members currently attending.</li> </ul>
All members	<p>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month Invitation to the Frontline Workers Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 frontline workers invited from SPEAQ.</li> <li>- <b>Decision made for Paul, Brodie, and Pam to attend.</b></li> <li>- <b>Paul to send invitation to managers to see if two additional frontline workers want to be put forth.</b></li> <li>- More tickets may become available.</li> <li>- Individual organisations targeted individually</li> </ul>
	<p>DFV Workshops 17/6 and 20/7 9:30-12noon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2-4 individuals to attend. 1 regionally based.</li> <li>- <b>Paul to ask Jo for SPEAQ'S Preference of 5 representatives, 2 large orgs, 2 smaller orgs including one regional</b></li> <li>- Tentatively Michelle, April, Joanne, plus 2 more</li> </ul>
All members	<p>Position Paper on Approved Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Important body of work, but not potentially critical</li> <li>- Put over to discuss more in next meeting</li> <li>- <b>Brodie to create google doc and share with committee to start process.</b></li> </ul>

## Action Items

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Michelle	Advocacy around Family Law Courts intro of S&T training discussion- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle to share NTV letter with SPEAQ Steering Committee and we go from there whether we co-sign it.</li> </ul>
Paul	Strategic plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul to first discuss with Australia CEO Challenge about contracting someone pro-bono.</li> <li>• Paul to invite guest speakers (Elise and Di) to discuss the process and history in NSW.</li> <li>• Paul to send through NTV Strategic Plan to Committee.</li> </ul>
Paul	Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month Invitation to the Frontline Workers Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul to send invitation to managers to see if two additional frontline workers want to be put forth.</li> <li>• Confirm how Pam &amp; Brodie register</li> </ul>
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Brodie	Position Paper on Approved Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brodie to create google doc and share with committee to start process and put on agenda item for next meeting.</li> </ul>

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 29 June, 10-12noon via Zoom

Agenda & calendar invite: Brodie to create/send

Minute taker: volunteer needed