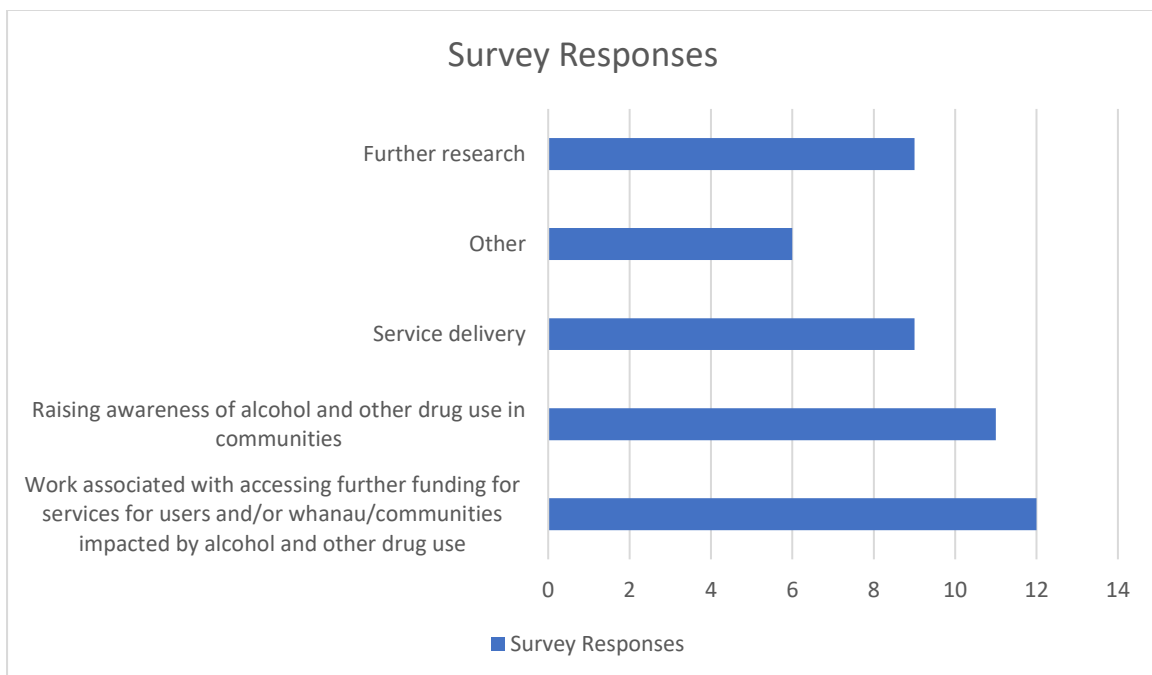


Allocation of Breakthrough Forum Funding report

A brief online survey was sent to Breakthrough Forum members in late June 2017 regarding their views about how the remaining \$25,000 should be allocated to further the goals of the Forum. Fourteen people completed the survey, because it was anonymous it is unknown who and which services responded.

The most common response were 'Work associated with accessing further funding for services for users and/or whanau/communities impacted by alcohol and other drug use. (12)' and 'Raising awareness of alcohol and other drug use in communities e.g. multimedia campaigns, community education (e.g. pay for venues, speakers etc)' (11). Funding for service delivery and further research was also a common response (9). The highest priority was 'Raising awareness' followed by 'Work associated with accessing further funding for services for users and/or whanau/communities impacted by alcohol and other drug use'.



Summary of comments regarding other initiatives that should be funded:

- Increased investment in services
- Increased focus on young people
- More research

Summary of comments to the question 'is there anything else you want to comment on:

- Focus of the Forum is too broad and should focus on metamphetamine
- Potential change of direction in policy due to national Symposium which could have a significant impact on the work of the Forum
- The allocation of the funding needs to be undertaken collectively and transparently by the Breakthrough Forum.

Other feedback:

Te Runanga O Ngai Te Rangi Iwi Trust (CAYAD)

We are facilitating a follow up Meth Hui, collaborating with Erin from Brave Hearts in August. This is in response to the seminars that Erin has been involved with in creating public awareness around meth addiction and lobbying for improved services – you will no doubt be familiar with these.

Our August hui will focus on *Solutions* – we are introducing one of our CAYAD associates from Opotiki who has utilised alternative funding streams and collaborated with the DHB to establish a residential facility in her district. Lindsay “Red” Smith will speak on behalf of Brave Hearts to set the scene and voice their kaupapa as a community support group and lobbyists for meth addiction services.

With that in mind, Erin has asked for a contribution to the costs of Event Co-Facilitation, marketing and speakers associated costs which she has quoted at \$1,000.00. We acknowledge and strongly support the need for Brave Hearts to focus on financial sustainability for their capacity building so that they will remain relevant and have continuity of the service they deliver. We have agreed to fund a significant amount of the operational costs for the seminar, that being the venue costs, catering, audio/videography equipment and printing, personnel costs and provide koha and travel costs for our Opotiki associate, however our funding capability is not able to adequately cover Brave Hearts costs without compromising other budgets expenses.

We propose that the Breakthrough Forum explore a *Crowd Funding* option within the funds approved to support this seminar and contribute to the cost of Brave Hearts, the Iwi would cover the other costs as indicated above (approximately \$2,000.00). These seminar campaigns create a unique environment to gather qualitative evidence first hand on the effects of meth addiction in our community, what the perceived gaps and needs are from the public point of view, thus opens an opportunity for some targeted research.

We further propose that this could be an opportunity for the Forum to consider tangible ways in which the funds can concurrently support the capacity building of Brave Hearts, as well as meet the obligations itemised in the Forum’s Terms of References, specifically, the Key Focus and Deliverables;

1. *Undertake to compile information, including personal stories from families and people using drugs and alcohol, to illustrate the impact it has on individuals, families and communities in the Western Bay of Plenty.*
2. *On the basis of the information collected in 2.2 develop multimedia campaigns to raise awareness of the impact of drugs and alcohol on Western Bay of Plenty communities.*

This will also provide an environment where raw data can be extracted, grassroots stories can be captured and contribute to the Forums’ Methamphetamine Research Project.

Available Funding

Of the \$30,000 Acorn, Bay Trust and TECT have allocated the Breakthrough Forum, \$5,000 has been received following an application to Bay Trust for the research. Further funding applications (or whatever process prescribed by the funder) would need to be made to Acorn and TECT.

Options for consideration

- Decide allocation of funding at this meeting on the basis of the survey results, the request above and/or tools such as the Prevention Spectrum (see below);
- Await the completion of the research to inform allocation of funding;
- Allocate a certain amount for short term actions (e.g. community education, such as the one outlined above) and allocate the remainder once the research is available.
- Develop and agree a process for the allocation of funding and decision making in general (e.g. consensus/majority decisions required to be minuted, separate Breakthrough Forum bank account with signatories from members of the Forum).

The Spectrum of Prevention

