

### 3. GAIN – FENDALTON FAMILY PROGRAMME

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Gain completed its first community based programme at the Fendalton Community Centre on 28 June 2004. The Committee funded this course, although it is not strictly a school based programme.

Twelve families were involved with a total participation of 22 people, consisting of three step-fathers, eight mothers, seven girls and four boys aged 11-15 years. The young people involved represented a wide range of schools from Linwood College to Burnside High School.

Feedback from participants (parents, teenagers and facilitators) suggests a positive outcome for those who participated with significance placed on “shifts in attitudes and behaviours” by the end of the course.

The payment of \$1,000 has been forwarded for this programme.

A copy of the course report is **attached** for information.

#### **The Community Advocate comments:**

“Members will recall the recent discussions, and decision, regarding support for the GAIN programme. On 6 July the Board endorsed the increased support for the remaining five programmes, at \$1,200 each i.e. to a total level of \$6,000. This commitment was made on a basis of approving the overall programme period being extended to the end of the 2004 school year.

Unfortunately the request for this funding to be carried forward was not approved, and any confirmation of the commitment of \$6,000 will need to be resourced from the \$30,556 now available.

The SCAP Committee and resulting Board decision to increase the contribution for each programme, and to extend the time for the overall programme was conveyed to the GAIN co-ordinator shortly after the 14 June Committee meeting. For a number of reasons a final response from GAIN has only now been received. In summary, GAIN have expressed some concern at the timing allowed, but have offered to provide 3 programmes by the end of this year, and two programmes by the end of Term 1 in 2005. The contribution per programme of \$1,200 is accepted.

This latest offer from GAIN appears to be a reasonable outcome and should be endorsed. The completion of the current programme, and its outcomes, should be considered in conjunction with the proposed review mentioned by the Community Development Adviser.”

#### **Staff**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That since GAIN programmes have been operating in the Fendalton/Waimairi area for over a year, an operation review including alternative services, be undertaken by staff and reported back to the SCAP Committee.
  3. That the latest offer from GAIN to host three programmes by the end of 2004, and two programmes by the end of Term 1 in 2005, be endorsed, at a cost of \$1,200 per programme.