



**COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH / DISABILITY SUPPORT
ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

MINUTES – PUBLIC (unconfirmed)

**Tuesday 23 February 2010
12.30 midday
Corporate Meeting Room 1
Base Hospital
David Street
New Plymouth**

Present

Flora Gilkison (Chairman), John Young (ex officio), Alex Ballantyne, Jenny Nager, Mary Bourke, Karen Eagles (Board Members) Brian Mathieson, Tom Ryder, David Tamatea, Tony Waghorn, Marion Wellington (co-opted members)

In Attendance

Peter Catt (Deputy Chairman Taranaki DHB), Tony Foulkes (Chief Executive) Sandra Boardman (General Manager Planning Funding & Population Health), Christine Henare (Chief Advisor Maori Health), George Thomas (General Manager Finance and Corporate Services), Rosemary Clements (Acting General Manager Hospital and Specialist Services) Krysti Wetton (Communications), Jenny McLennan (PA to Board)

Brenda Hall - Portfolio Manager Older People and Cancer Services and Vicki Kershaw – Portfolio Manager Primary Health

566.0 Declaration to Open the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting with a karakia at 12.30 midday

567.0 Apologies

Donna Leatherby and Joy Farley

568.0 Conflicts of Interest

No new conflicts of interest were declared.

569.0 Presentation

Ms B Hall and MS V Kershaw gave a presentation regarding Project Splice

Splice is defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as:-
"join (a rope or ropes) by inter-weaving the strands at the ends."
Noted that the splice is actually the strongest section of the rope.

The review was undertaken by a team from the University of Auckland

- Associate Professor Matthew Parsons
- John Baird
- Dr Nicolette Sheridan

Aims

- Explore the current health services in the community provided to older people and people living with long term conditions;
- Recommend evidence based and sustainable models of service delivery to provide this identified population with health services which enable them to have the best possible quality of life while living in the community;
- Identify how services can be integrated to deliver optimum care;
- The report deliverables will include an action plan and an implementation plan for a new model of service delivery.

Scope

- Taranaki DHB District Nursing Services (including short term Home Support);
- District Nursing Services provided through Primary Health Care Organisations;
- General Practice;
- Disease State Management Nursing Services;
- Outreach Nursing Services;
- NASC;
- Kaiawhina Services;
- Kaumatua Services;
- Māori Healing Services including Rongoa and Mirimiri; and
- Home Based Support Services.
- The scope explicitly excludes the examination of secondary care services and wider social service delivery

Key changes

- Development up to six clusters across the district including:
 - Hawera and surrounding areas;
 - Stratford and surrounding areas;
 - Three New Plymouth clusters,
 - Waitara and surrounding areas.

Key changes to Model of care

- Alignment of District Nursing, Community Allied Health, NGO and Pharmacy provision to clusters;
- Develop primary and community nursing into practice/clinic based nursing and mobile nursing functions and extension to navigation activity for people under 75 with long term conditions;
- Development of NASC function into Care Management delivered in the clusters for people aged over 75 with complex needs (and like age and interest) and in the District support and development unit for people with non complex needs;
- Introduction of *interRAI* to support comprehensive assessment for older people;

Key changes to service allocation

- Development of NASC function into Care Management delivered in the clusters for people aged over 75 with complex needs (and like age and interest) and in the District support and development unit for people with non complex needs;
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Discussion

- Staff utilisation – The intention of the project was to as far as possible utilise existing personnel, providing them with new skills and work towards more streamlined process.
- Telephone assessments – Concerns expressed taking into consideration experiences from around the country. Implementation was to enhance services available and work on improving expertise available.
- Consultation Process – Mrs Boardman advised that consultation was to include the general public as well as special interest groups with notification of the process through the media
- Age of assessment – It was confirmed that this was set at 65 years, as per national guidelines. However the focus was on 75 years as this was the age at which a greater proportion of people started to require assistance. Noted that the age was much lower for Maori people.
- Assistance from Work & Income – Mr Ballantyne advised that people were not always aware of their entitlement under W&I.

570.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution

That the Community and Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committee resolve to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15 December 2009.

*Mathieson/Ryder
Carried*

571.0 Chairman's Report

The Chairman tabled an extract from the Annual Report entitled 'Where the Money Goes' for member's information.

572.0 Management Reports

572.1 General Manager Planning Funding & Population Health

Mrs Boardman took report as read, highlighting

- Workshop for all contracted mental health service providers to be held in March and to be facilitated by the Midland Regional Director for Mental Health. This would begin work on the continuation of care for adults.

- IDF invoice received for \$530k as treatment received by a Taranaki patient transferred to Auckland. Strategies under development to ensure DHB funder has a greater control and information about IDF's.
- Expressions of Interest (EOI's) / Business Cased) – Review underway of version 7 of the Midland Network business case with its submission to the Ministry due 1 March 2010. The National Maori Coalition draft business case had also been received and distributed as part of the consultation process.
- Financial Surplus – Budgeted surplus must be met with variances noted at this time in Health of Older People and Mental Health services.

Discussion

Ms Wellington queried work underway to extend general practice hours. Mrs Boardman advised that the EOI evaluation criteria included an extension of hours and options of a walk-in clinic. Dr Ruakere added that an extension of hours for Waitara general practices would be a struggle to achieve due to capacity issues.

Mr Mathieson advised that the recent HOP Consumer Reference Group had recently met for what had been a very useful and production forum.

Mrs Boardman reported that the growth and demand for Home Base Support Services had increased more than anticipated and that the criteria for access to these services was under review.

In response to a request from Mr Waghorn Mrs Boardman was to provide a breakdown of Year 5 and Year 8 DMFT rates for next meeting.

Resolution

That the Community and Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committees note and receive the report and attachments.

Wellington/Bourke
Carried

572.2 Chief Advisory Maori Health Report

Ms Henare took report as read, highlighting:-

- Whakatipuranga Rima Rau (WRR) – Implementation of the first year of the Incubator programme for Taranaki secondary schools to be implemented with funding available from the TSB Community Trust.
- Maori Health Investment Plan project reviewed in response to financial situation with a reduction by half of planned projects. Noted that project underway will continue.

Discussion

Mr Ballantyne noted his concern regarding any reduction in project delivery as planned in the Maori Health Investment Plan. Ms Henare advised that while this had occurred the Mori Health team continue contributing to work on focus areas underway by Planning and Funding.

The National Maori Coalition EOI/Business case had received general support by Midland Maori Managers noting the concepts reflected in the business case.

Mr Ballantyne identified data collection as continuing to be a critical area nationally with varying measures in place.

Resolution

That the Community and Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committees receive and note the report.

*Ballantyne/Nager
Carried*

573.0 Other Business

573.1 Project Splice

Discussion continued and followed on from the presentation made at the beginning of the meeting.

Discussion

Mrs Eagles requested members are advised when the consultation phase of the project commences.

Mr Foulkes advised that the proposal was an important approach to the provision of nursing services delivered in peoples home or the community in that by ensuring all resources available are working together to improve service delivery. It was important to note however that the amount of resources available was a separate budget process each year. Mr Foulkes referred members to the forecast over expenditure in this area which was not affordable now or, into the future.

Mrs Boardman advised that Project Splice included Home Base Support Services and that there were a relatively small number of people who receive high levels of support but a large number who receive small amounts of support. The intention of the project was to shift the focus of resources towards those requiring high levels of personal care to enable them to live at home rather than a rest home.

Ms Wellington stress the importance of ensuring the social aspect of model of care was also considered in conjunction with the clinical and medical aspects.

Mr Tamatea advised change won't occur overnight and questioned how the criteria would be applied to ensure those with the greatest need have their needs met. Mrs Boardman advised the model was need based and those with the greater need would be prioritised and supported.

Resolution

That the Community and Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committees recommend to the Board that Project Splice proceed to formal consultation.

*Mathieson/Wellington
Carried*

573.2 Nutrition Fund Evaluation

Report prepared by the General Manager Planning, Funding and Population Health was received and discussed with the following points noted:-

- Educator for the programme has been seconded from within the Board and was deployed back within the organisation.
- Benefits of the programme had assisted in instilling good eating habits in youth with many favourable outcomes identified.
- Agreed opportunities should be taken when available to promote the benefits of the programme.
- Mrs Boardman advised that HEHA hasn't disappeared completely with HEHA activities refocused and incorporated into the Health Promoting Schools programme. The educator role had been developing strategies with schools that can be continued and developed within schools by schools.

Resolution

That the Community and Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committee

- *note the report and provide comments and feedback to HEHA Team*
- *note that, due to changes in the national HEHA programme (from July 1st 2009), the Taranaki Nutrition Fund is now closed for applications. The Oranga Kai Education Co-ordinator role which supports the project will end in March 2010.*
- *note that an update on HEHA is expected shortly from the MOH around the future of funding. This will advise the extent to which the recommendations of this evaluation can be progressed.*

*Bourke/Mathieson
Carried*

574.0 Other Business

574.1 New Plymouth District Council – Disability Strategy

Ms Wellington advised this was available to view on the council's website.

574.2 School Dental Clinics

Dr Raukere questioned the recent media report which presented the location of the new school dental clinic at New Plymouth Girls High School. It was noted that whilst the clinic was to sited at the High School the provision of services to primary school students would remain.

575.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 22 April 2010 commencing at 12.30 midday in New Plymouth.

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Chairman

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Date