



COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH / DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC (Unconfirmed)

Tuesday 26 April 2011

10.00am

Corporate Meeting Room 1

Base Hospital

David Street

New Plymouth

Present

Flora Gilkison (Chairman), Alex Ballantyne (Deputy Chairman), Mary Bourke and Peter Catt (Ex officio members), Ella Borrows, Pauline Lockett, Colleen Tuuta (Board Members), Donna Leatherby, Tom Ryder, David Tamatea, Marion Wellington, Brian Mathieson (co-opted members).

In Attendance

Tony Foulkes (Chief Executive), Ngawai Henare (Chief Advisor Māori Health), Becky Jenkins (Healthy Taranaki Development Manager), Ramon Tito (Kaumatua), Sue Carrington (Communications Advisor), Jenny McLennan (PA to the Board)

632.0 Declaration to Open the Meeting

The meeting was opened with a karakia at 10.05am.

633.0 Conflicts of Interest

The Register was circulated for updating by members. Ms Leatherby declared a new interest as a member of the National Cancer Society. The register to be updated accordingly.

634.0 Apologies

Resolution

That the apology from Mrs Eagles and Mrs Boardman be received and noted.

635.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment

636.0 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 22 February 2011..

*Gilkison/Ryder
Carried*

637.0 Matters Arising

636.1 Integrated Family Health Trust

It was noted that the implementation plan for IFHCs had been amended and that the roll out would now continue into the next year as well.

636.2 Whanau Ora Contracts

Ms Tuuta sought clarity on the accountability framework and was advised that the Maori Health Coalition were proceeding with indicators that were result based and in line with the philosophy of outcomes rather than outputs.

636.3 Co-opted Members

Mr Ballantyne questioned the position of co-opted members and was advised by the Board Chair that discussions to-date had been inconclusive and that the matter was to be considered further.

638.0 Chairman's Report

Dr Gilkison advised that it was expected a decision regarding co-opted members would be made by the end of May 2011.

639.0 Management Reports

639.1 General Manager Planning, Funding and Population Health

The report of the General Manager Planning Funding & Population Health was taken as read. Mrs Jenkins spoke to the report in Mrs Boardman's absence highlighting the following:-

- Health Target activity was largely on track and that an action plan was in place with regards to the Smoking Target.
- Before Schools checks was proceeding well with three quarters of the target achieved at the end of the third quarter.
- The research paper prepared by the Bishops Action Foundation regarding the 'building of Maori capacity' had been received. The report was under consideration as to how best to use the research for planning of future models of care in Taranaki.
Committee members expressed an interest in receiving the report.
- Financial targets were on track to be achieved.

Discussion

- It was noted that an audit of the Family Violence Intervention Programme by the Auckland University had been undertaken. The report on draft findings was awaited.
- Mr Ballantyne noted the great progress made in the percentage of people with diabetes attending free annual checks and questioned whether the strategy used to achieve this could be replicated in other areas.
Dr Catt noted the impact of demographics in realising good results and that the success was often due to the hard work of practice nurses.
- Mr Mathieson advised that the Taranaki DHB Consumer Group was doing well with the assistance of Ms Channa Perry – Portfolio Manger, Health of Older People and Cancer Services.
- Mr Ballantyne noted the progress made in Project Splice with the development of the job description and the position to be shortly advertised.

- Ms Wellington advised members of the 'Disability May Affect You' campaign to be held 3 May 2011 and onwards. It was noted that the campaign covered a wide range of activities and was supported by the TDHB in partnership with a range of other organisations.
- Ms Tuuta noted that the Smokefree Scoping Project: Options to Increase Smoking Quit Attempts and Smoking Cessation, lead by Te Maru O Ruahine Trust in partnership with Ngati Ruanui Taha Trust and T&T consulting was on track.

Resolution

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

*Mathieson/Wellington
Carried*

639.2.1 Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Taranaki: Position Statement

The position statement on fluoridation of drinking water prepared by the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Unit, with the support of the Hospital Dental Service Clinical Director was received for consideration.

Mrs Jenkins apologised that Dr Simmons was not available to attend and speak to the paper.

Mrs Jenkins advised that a key issues regarding oral health was the significant inequality between Maori and non-Maori. That the benefits of fluoridation were well established with a large amount of scientific information available to support the statement. Fluoridation was a cost effective measure in that the financial costs of treating dental disease are high, where the cost of water fluoridation was relatively low.

Dr Catt strongly supported the position noting that it assists in addressing equity issues for Maori dental health. Dr Catt added that dental issues contributed significantly to other chronic health conditions.

Dr Gilkison also registered her support noting that there was a lot of evidence based research that fluoridation does improve oral health and that the statement was in accordance with the New Zealand Drinking Water Standards.

Mr Ryder also supported the position statement advising that those against fluoridation often receive media attention and that providing results of areas that do not have fluoridated water may assist in informing the community.

Mr Ballantyne noted for the paper presented that the only town in South Taranaki that had fluoridation was Hawera. Dr Gilkison added that the issue of tank water supplies was an area that needed to be recognised as it was very difficult to ensure accurate levels were applied.

Ms Leatherby referred to research undertaken by Dr John Broughton that linked oral health issues to wider problems such as - smoking to cover bad breath and improved employment opportunities.

Miss Bourke supported the paper but noted that an amendment to the reference to associated risks of fluoridation would be appropriate to better present the level of risk and management of this.

Ms Wellington questioned why the use of fluoridation would not be supported with Dr Gilkison advising that when it was first introduced there wasn't the level of evidence based support available that there was currently.

Ms Tuuta advised that she would not feel comfortable in voting and considered she did not have the knowledge to make such a decision on what was in drinking water. Ms Tuuta added that Maori health statistics were not solely as a result of fluoridation.

Mr Ballantyne noted his potential perceived conflict of interest due to his council duties, advising that he would not be voting. Miss Bourke acknowledged this but did not consider there was a conflict.

Mr Foulkes advised that in the DHB was charged with the responsibility of employing experts in the respective fields and that there was the need to listen to those who understood the research undertaken in this area. Taranaki DHB was required to fulfil its Public Health obligations and also provide support and assistance to other local authorities who had responsibility for decisions in this area.

Resolution

The Committee recommends the adoption of the position statement on the fluoridation of drinking water to Taranaki District Health Board, noting that the report would be amended to better reflect the level of risk and management of that risk.

Gilkison/Catt

Carried

Mr Ballantyne and Ms Tuuta abstained from voting

640.0 Chief Advisor Māori Health Report

Ms Henare took report as read. Ms Henare tabled the executive summary of the Project Status Evaluation Report that was referred to but not included in the agenda. The following points of interest were highlighted:-

- Additional expertise on the WRR Steering Group has been provided with representation from WITT and from the Maori provider sector.
- Significant interest in the Incubator programme with 103 registered to participate.
- Discussion at the Midland GM's Maori meeting on Whanau Ora had lead to agreement by Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti and Taranaki DHBs to proceed with the development of a model of funder collaboration. This would also include agencies such as MSD and TPK. Activities underway included:
 - Development of a HNA involving the Midland DHBs (excluding Lakes

- Development of a robust set of accountability indicators was required to measure Whanau Ora initiatives as they develop. These would include FTEs, bed days and outputs and be not unlike the Maori Health Plan that has been developed for TDHB.
- Maori Health Unit has delivered a range of cultural awareness and Maori responsiveness training throughout the year. The need to get involvement of clinical staff was an area of current discussion, noting that it was the responsibility of managers to release staff to attend.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between TWPK and the TDHB was due for revision with discussions with the Chief Executive commenced.

Discussion

- Miss Bourke spoke on the challenges of collaboration between the various agencies involved with Whanau Ora. The need to ensure that the various pieces of work underway in response to the initiative were aligned was noted.

The best manner to address this was discussed by members.

Mr Foulkes advised that there was a multiagency Regional Governance Group and that in the first instance an update from this group would be appropriate.

Members expressed concern that the understanding in the community of Whanau Ora initiatives was not clear. Ms Wellington questioned whether the disability aspect fitted into the wider picture.

In response to discussion and the complexity of the issue Mr Foulkes suggested that a stock take of the current status and what it meant for Taranaki would provide clarity and direction.

As Chair of the meeting Mr Ballantyne supported the stock take as suggested by Mr Foulkes.

Miss Bourke emphasised the urgency of the stocktake and the need to ensure the suggested discussions with the Regional Governance Group proceed.

- It was noted that since Kaimahi Hauora had been involved in contacting Maori booked for outpatients appointments there had been a noticeable improvement in outpatient attendances.

Resolution

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

*Leatherby/Wellington
Carried*

641.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 28 June 2011–Stratford

The meeting closed at 1.55pm with a karakia.

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Chairman

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Date

