

# MINUTES      Open (unconfirmed)

## TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

4 August 2011

2.30pm

Corporate Meeting Room 1

Base Hospital David Street

New Plymouth

**Present:**

Mary Bourke (Chair), Ella Borrows, Peter Catt, Kura Denness, Karen Eagles, Flora Gilkison, Brian Jeffares, Pauline Lockett, Alison Rumball

**In Attendance:**

Tony Foulkes (Chief Executive), George Thomas (General Manager Finance & Corporate Services), Rosemary Clements (General Manager Hospital and Specialist Services), Sandra Boardman (General Manager Planning, Funding & Population Health), John Doran, Chief Medical Advisor), Ramon Tito (Kaumatua), Jenny McLennan (PA to Chief Executive)

**710.0 Declaration to Open Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 2.30pm.

**711.0 Apologies**

Resolution

*That the Taranaki District Health Board receive and note the apologies from Ms Colleen Tuuta and Mr Alex Ballantyne.*

*Bourke/Catt  
Carried*

**712.0 Conflict of Interest**

The Conflict of Interest Register was circulated for members to review and sign. No new conflicts were declared.

**713.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolution

*That the Minutes of the Taranaki District Health Board 7 July 2011 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

*Bourke/Gilkison  
Carried*

**714.0 Matters Arising**

**714.1 Action List**

The Chair noted the reference to further discussion on how to improve performance indicators at the Hospital Advisory Committee and it was noted that this would be included on the list of actions required.

## 714.2 Communications Strategy

Ms Lockett questioned previous discussion on the communications Strategy and it was agreed that an updated version would be provided for discussion at the next Board meeting.

## 714.3 Expert Panel Bio Notes

It was noted that these were now available and would be circulated to members.

## 715.0 Items not on the Agenda

### 715.1 Maori Health Contract – RFP process

The Chair advised of the intention to seek an update on this matter in closed agenda.

## 716.0 Notice from the Chair

The Chair acknowledged the efforts of management in the South Taranaki – Alive with Opportunities Consultation process and professional performance of Mrs Boardman at the public meetings.

Ms Bourke noted that most members had attended more than one meeting, acknowledging the efforts that people had made to take part in the process.

## 717.0 Management Reports

### 717.1 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive took the report as read highlighting the following:

- Financial performance results pleasing to close at a breakeven position, which was an improvement on plan. This was a significant improvement in the strive to provide services to the people of Taranaki.
- Approval of the Annual Plan 2011/12 had been received from the Minister of Health.
- Site preparation for drainage and utilities for Project Maunga continues.
- Minister to visit 30 August to celebrate the commencement of construction of the Project. It was noted that neighbouring residents had been provided with information on the project along with an apology and a thank you in advance of any disruptions the Project may bring as it progresses. Schools had also been informed as there were opportunities for education session as the project progresses and also so schools can inform students who used the hospital campus as a route to school

The laying of a Mauri Stone by local Hapu was to take place Monday, 16 August. Ms Denness questioned the involvement of other religious groups in this ceremony.

- Ms Denness commended the granting of accreditation to Taranaki Base Hospital for the provision of intern runs for the balance of the accreditation period.
- Ms Denness referred to the Ministry's Statement of Intent summary and the reference to the particular challenge the range of high-profile but expensive new medical technologies. Mr Foulkes advised that these were in the development phase and not yet clinical practice.

It was noted that planning in Project Maunga anticipated these developments with appropriate wiring, ducting etc in place to accommodate developments in the future. Mr Foulkes advised that when new technologies

- became available they would be well scrutinised before implementation and a new National Health Committee would work on this to advise the sector.
- The introduction of the Releasing Time to Care project had impacted on FTE during the implementation phase along with specialising increased volumes.
  - It was noted that while current smoking statistics referred only to inpatients with the new financial year seeing reporting of initiatives within primary care as well.

Resolution

*That the Taranaki District Health Board notes and receives the Chief Executive's report and attachments.*

*Bourke/Catt  
Carried*

717.2 Financial Report – General Manager Finance and Corporate Services  
The General Manager Finance & Corporate Services took his report as read highlighting the following:

- An unaudited breakeven consolidated financial result for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2011 was noted. Confirmed results would be available later in September.
- Pharmacy savings of \$1.2m was a one off occurrence.
- It was noted that the Performance Watch status was likely to continue as a result of monitoring the costs associated with Project Maunga and the challenges in the Annual Plan rather than current operating results.

Resolution

*That the Taranaki District Health Board note and receive the report and attachments of the General Manager Finance and Corporate Services.*

*Bourke/Jeffares  
Carried0*

**717.0 Other Business**

717.1 Conflict of Interest

In response to previous Board discussion a memorandum from the Acting Chief Executive which referred to legal advice regarding conflict of interests was noted.

Following discussion it was agreed that discussion be held prior to the September Board meeting to clarify an issues regarding Conflicts of Interest further.

Resolution

*That the Taranaki District Health Board note and receive the memorandum regarding Conflict of Interest.*

*Bourke/Catt  
Carried0*

**718.0 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 8 September 2011 in Stratford

**719.0 Exclusion of Public**

Resolution

*That the Taranaki District Health Board exclude the public from the meeting on the basis of the following matters:*

- 1. To present Taranaki District Health Board Minutes pursuant to an earlier resolution publicly excluding the item*
- 2. To present Minutes of Committee meetings pursuant to an earlier resolution publicly excluding the item.*

*Bourke/Rumball  
Carried*

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Chairman

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Date