



MINUTES Open - unconfirmed

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

8 October 2009
Corporate Meeting Room 1
Base Hospital
David Street
New Plymouth

Present

John Young (Chairman), Peter Catt (Deputy Chairman), Alex Ballantyne, Kura Denness, Karen Eagles, Flora Gilkison, Grant Knuckey and Jenny Nager

In Attendance

Tony Foulkes (Chief Executive), George Thomas (General Manager Finance & Corporate Services), Joy Farley (General Manager Hospital Services), Sandra Boardman (General Manager Planning Funding & Population Health), Pamela Hikuroa (PA to Board), Sue Carrington (Media Advisor)

530.0 Declaration to Open Meeting

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

531.0 Apologies

Dan Devadhar

Resolution

That the apology be sustained.

*Nager/Catt
Carried*

532.0 Conflicts of Interest

No new interests were declared.

533.0 Minutes

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Taranaki District Health Board meeting held 10 September 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

*Nager/Cat
Carried*

534.0 Board Committee Reports

534.1 Hospital Advisory Committee

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the unconfirmed Minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 September 2009 and notes recommendations contained therein.

Catt/Eagles

Carried

The Chairman reported that a very interesting presentation had been given by Dr Doran, Chief Medical Advisor, around medical workforce issues.

Ms Denness questioned whether any consideration had been given to developing a relationship with hospitals within the United States for exchange of RMOs. Ms Farley advised that this type of arrangement had been considered previously but there were considerable barriers to overcome however she undertook to discuss the matter further with HR as some of the issues in this area may now be able to be overcome.

535.0 Management Reports

535.1 Chief Executive's Report

Mr Foulkes took report as read and apologised for the volume of papers which came about predominantly from the background information around MoH requirements for non-financial reporting.

MoH had indicated that a more formalised structured way to summarise reporting against Government expectations and health targets was under development and from the early indications it looked similar to what was being developed for reporting to the Board. Following discussions with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman it had been agreed to wait and see what developed to avoid duplication and enable the reporting of consistent information locally and nationally.

Discussion

Questions were raised around the advice of a possible Whooping Cough epidemic and whether this was due to the low immunisation rates. Dr Catt advised that immunisation rates were low in terms of what was needed to protect the population with the rise in cases appearing to be a natural cycle of the illness which returned every 3-4 years.

Clarification was sought around how the health targets were set with the difference between the target for Maori and other people being highlighted. Mrs Boardman advised that the targets were negotiated with the Ministry based to a large extent on past performance. The Ministry's considers what the DHB should achieve in way of improvement and there is also an attempt to narrow the gap between Maori/Pacific and other people. With respect to the Diabetes targets, Mrs Boardman advised that in Taranaki we were doing extremely well in detecting the disease but there required to be improvement on achieving good diabetes management and this was a focus for the coming year.

Clarification was sought with regard to Project SPLICE and the involvement of Professor Mathew Parsons. Mrs Boardman advised that in the DAP three

projects had been signalled which had the potential for significant service changes with Project SPLICE being one, which was looking at services provided to older people and people with chronic disease in the community comparing the current model of service delivery, the evidence base for it and looking at future effective models of service delivery. Professor Mathews has considerable experience in this area and would be providing advice to the DHB.

Discussion took place around the proposed devolvement of secondary health services to primary care and whether this would be possible in view of the current GP shortages. The Chief Executive advised that in terms of whether possible would be largely dependent upon the discussions between the clinicians, PHOs locally and clinicians based at the hospital. He referred to the Minister's Letter of Expectation which signalled that for the financial year 10/11 this would be a priority area for the Government's public health sector. As a result within the current DAP there was provision to plan to work through and consider issues in preparation for the 10/11 year. Primary Health Organisations are interested in this area and through their own discussions with MoH and between one another are keen to explore this issue.

Board members referred to the HPV vaccination programme and the level of uptake of the immunisation programme and questioned whether comments which had been reported in magazine articles that the vaccine supported a promiscuous lifestyle affected the level of uptake. Mrs Boardman advised that the target for HPV Programme which was behind target related to the return of consent forms which currently was not as high as one would wish and the team was looking at ways to try and improve the level of returns. With respect to the comments around the vaccine supporting a promiscuous lifestyle, this was completely incorrect and a lot of time had been spent nationally and locally to try and counter that argument. It was however very difficult when talking to parents about vaccinating 11-12 year olds for something which might relate to their sexual activity.

535.2 Finance & Corporate Services

Mr Thomas took report as read, highlighting

Consolidated result tracking to plan

Caution over result as there are many challenges ahead

Noted that the Ministry would be requiring the DHBs to provide financial forecasts for the year in September, December, March and May.

Discussion

General discussion took place around the FTE levels with it being noted that they were currently very close to budget. Management advised that the budget had taken into account the anticipated savings from the various initiatives which were currently underway and work would continue to be undertaken to ensure remain on track with the plan.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board notes and receives the Chief Executive and Management's reports and attachments.

*Denness/Eagles
Carried*

536.0 Other Business

536.1 Shareholder Representation – Annual Meetings Subsidiary and Associated Companies

The report was taken as read.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board

1. *Appoint the following as its shareholder representatives to the Annual General Meetings, with respect to the financial year ended 30 June 2009:*

Fulford Radiology Services Ltd – Flora Gilkison or failing her John Young or Peter Catt

HealthShare Limited – Tony Foulkes

HIQ Limited – Peter Catt or failing him Tony Foulkes or George Thomas

Allied Laundry Services Ltd – Kura Denness or failing her Simon Barrett.

*Knuckey/Gilkison
Carried*

537.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 5 November in New Plymouth

537.0 General

The Chairman advised that he had two issues he wished to raise:

1. Congratulated Flora Gilkison on receiving her Doctorate. Board members extended their congratulations to Dr Gilkison.
2. Referred to advice received from Ms Denness that Elizabeth Plant, the DHB's Chief Pharmacist, had received a Fellowship from the Pharmaceutical Society.

538.0 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 Chief Executive's Report in that the public conduct of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to:*
 - (g) *Enable the DHB, Board or Board Committee holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities*
 - (h) *Enable the DHB, Board or Board Committee holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).*

3. *To receive recommendations from the Finance Audit and Compliance Committee in relation to Draft 2008/09 Annual Report and Financial Statements in that the public conduct of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to:*
 - (g) *Enable the DHB, Board or Board Committee holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.*
4. *To receive report on Community Oral Health Service Implementation Project in that the public conduct of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to:*
 - (g) *Enable the DHB, Board or Board Committee holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.*
 - (h) *Enable the DHB, Board or Board Committee holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).*

*Nager/Ruakere
Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 3.05pm to reconvene at 3.15pm

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Chairman

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Date