



HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES – PUBLIC - unconfirmed

Tuesday 8 September 2011

10am

Corporate Meeting Room 1

Base Hospital

David Street

New Plymouth

Present:

Ella Borrows (Chair), Alex Ballantyne, Kura Denness, Karen Eagles, Brian Jeffares, Pauline Lockett, Alison Rumball, Colleen Tuuta (Board Members), Peter Moeahu (Co opted member), Mary Bourke and Peter Catt (ex-officio)

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), Kerry-Ann Adlam (Director of Nursing), Katherine Fraser-Chapple (Management Accountant), Sue Carrington (Communications Advisor), Jenny McLennan (PA to Chief Executive),

677.0 Declaration to Open Meeting

The meeting was declared open at 10am.

678.0 Apologies

Resolution

That the apologies from Flora Gilkison be received.

Eagles/Catt
Carried

679.0 Conflict of Interest

The Register was circulated for signing.

Mrs Eagles advised of her appointment to a Ministry of Health Committee which considered any complaints received on infant bottle formula products.

680.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution

That the Hospital Advisory Committee resolve to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2011.

*Catt/Denness
Carried*

680.1 Matters Arising

680.2 Ophthalmology – Pro Bono

Mrs McLennan advised that a draft letter of thank you had been prepared.

680.3 South Taranaki – Alive with Opportunities

In response to a question from Mr Moeahu Mrs Boardman advised that the executive summary of the report prepared by the South Taranaki District Council in response to the South Taranaki consultation process would be forwarded. It was noted that the document was also available on the DHB website.

680.4 Project Splice

Mrs Rumball referred to previous discussions and feedback received that local GP's had not bought into the Project Splice initiative. Dr Catt advised that GP's were enthusiastic about the initiative but were waiting for the project to be implemented.

680.5 Rheumatic Fever Incidence

It was noted that the data requested by Mrs Eagles regarding rheumatic fever was available and would be forwarded accordingly.

680.6 Agenda Restructuring

Ms Lockett advised that agenda restructuring was part of the Governance Workplan and that this would consider the concerns made by Mr Moeahu about the need to ensure opportunities for strategic discussion as opposed to the consideration of operational issues.

680.7 Oral Health – Fixed Facility, South Taranaki

Mrs Clements advised that the cost of the provision of an oral health fixed facility in South Taranaki was capital expenditure and that additional costs should not be incurred.

680.8 Emergency Response

It was noted that the Emergency Information System WebEOC was a National system which DHB's linked into to share and coordinate activities.

681.0 Management Reports

680.1 General Manager Hospital & Specialist Services Report

The General Manager Hospital & Specialist Services took the report as read noting the following:

Discussion

- Overall casemix delivery result of 4% above plan for month end
- Medical Casemix 3% behind plan with elective delivery 100% with corresponding increase in clinical supplies.
- ACC Elective Surgery contract commenced 1 July 2011 with budget of \$2.2M
- ACC Non Acute Rehabilitation contract has not been signed. Negotiations of the contract continues.
- ACC Working party is rewriting Community Nursing contract.
- ED presentations to Taranaki Base Hospital for month of July 2011 were 6% more than same month last year and 11% more than 2008/09.
- Laying of Mauri Stone ceremony held 15 August followed by Commencement of Construction on 30 August 2011, for Project Maunga.

Discussion

- In response to a question from Ms Lockett, Mr Foulkes advised that there was a direct correlation between contracted volumes with the Ministry of Health and the Annual Plan.
- The surplus of \$39k for the month of July 2011 was noted.
- Ms Denness referred to contracted volumes with the Ministry, the threshold of waiting list management and the impact the Taranaki population profile has on volume throughput.
Mrs Clements advised that it was recognised that the Taranaki population was not growing in the way some other districts were; that there were high numbers of elderly and that over delivery of contracted volumes would not attract additional funding. Planning with consultant staff had been effective in reducing FSA waiting times.
- It was noted that Medical First Specialist Assessments (FSA) were behind target. Mrs Clements advised that areas of focus for additional planning were general medicine, cardiology and gastroenterology.
- Mr Moeahu, while acknowledging initiatives such as WRR questioned whether there were any indicators within senior management reporting that reflected the TDHB objective to increase the number of Maori employed, noting the need to ensure that the most appropriate person was appointed to the role.
Mr Moeahu advised that in general employment Maori who were equally qualified were less likely to be appointed, though he did not know that was necessarily the case for the DHB.
Mr Ballantyne referred to the positive influence of the WRR which demonstrated the commitment of the DHB.
Mr Foulkes acknowledged and noted the comments made and advised that information regarding Maori Workforce Development would be provided to a future meeting.
- Several members reflected on a number of anecdotal comments regarding ED presentations. Mrs Clements advised that it was important that

