

MINUTES Open (unconfirmed)

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

9 June 2011

2.30pm

Corporate Meeting Room 1
Base Hospital David Street
New Plymouth

Present

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

In Attendance

Tony Foulkes (Chief Executive), George Thomas (General Manager Finance & Corporate Services), Sandra Boardman (General Manager Planning, Funding & Population Health, Rosemary Clements (Acting General Manager Hospital and Specialist Services), Ngawai Henare (Chief Advisor Maori Health) Sue Carrington (Communications), Matua Ramon Tito (Kaumatua), Jenny McLennan (Minute Taker)

692.0 Declaration to Open Meeting

The meeting was opened at 2.30pm with a Karakia.

693.0 Apologies

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive and note the apologies from Mrs Alison Rumball and Mr Alex Ballantyne.

*Bourke/Catt
Carried*

694.0 Conflict of Interest

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

695.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Taranaki District Health Board 5 May 2011 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

*Bourke/Catt
Carried*

695.1 Matters Arising

695.2 Position Statement – Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Taranaki

It was noted the updated Position Statement had been presented at the May Board meeting along with minutes of the CPHAC/DSAC meeting of 26 April, where the original statement had been received for consideration and recommended to the Board.

Dr Gilkison noted for clarification purposes that Fluoride was an inert chemical, in that it had only limited ability to react as a chemical.

695.3 Future Meeting Arrangements – Advisory Committees

It was noted that while Dr Gilkison's comments regarding the scheduling of CPHAC/DSAC on a day different to the monthly Board meeting had been recorded for further consideration, Dr Gilkison's understanding was that the comments had been accepted as part of the resolution. The minutes of the discussion reflected the original recommendation and points of discussion that would be taken into consideration in confirming the final schedule.

Following discussion it was noted that a meeting schedule for the Board and committee meetings from July onwards would be confirmed by the Chair and Deputy and circulated to Board members.

695.3 Media and Communications Strategy and Workplan 2011.12

Following discussion it was agreed that the Board would like to see an updated version of the draft Media and Communications Strategy document following refinements made as per discussions at the May Board meeting

696.0 Board Committee Reports

696.1 Hospital Advisory Committee

It was noted that an apology from Ms Kura Denness due to attendance at an Allied Laundry Board meeting needed to be recorded.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive and note the unconfirmed minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held 31 May 2011 be received and the recommendations contained therein noted.

*Borrows/Eagles
Carried*

696.2 Matters Arising

696.3 Date of Next Meeting

Miss Bourke advised that members would be provided with a new meeting schedule for the new financial year once confirmed.

697.0 Management Reports

697.1 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive took his report as read highlighting the following which was discussed:

- Regional activity continues within the Midland DHBs with 'back office' functions included in the areas of consideration. Exact timing of these considerations is largely dependent on HBL with Erica Holsbaum, Project Manager, Midland Regional Cooperation Project being the key contact for the Midland region.
- There was potential for the next meeting of the South Taranaki – Alive with Opportunities Steering Group to be moved. The delay would ensure extra time for GPs and hospital staff to contribute to the process before finalisation of the draft proposal becomes available for public consultation.

Mrs Borrows noted there was the need to ensure that the proposal was published and available in a very open fashion and that its availability was widely known

Miss Bourke reminded the Board that representation and feedback from throughout South Taranaki has been encouraged and that the Bishops Action Foundation had assisted in reaching the wider community in the process to date.

It was noted that the proposal would be circulated to members on completion.

Mrs Borrows advised that opposing views to the consultation document would also be beneficial to view, which was the purpose of seeking feedback.

The Chair advised that any community consultation process was challenging but there was a need to ensure that those who participated with responses were also provided with feedback as to the outcome as it relates to their submission.

Mr Foulkes confirmed that following the release of the consultation document public meetings would be held throughout the South Taranaki district. These dates would be confirmed by the Project Steering Group with Board Members kept informed about dates and venues.

- Mrs Eagles noted with interest the Swap Sides campaign launched by Venture Taranaki ahead of the Rugby World Cup and how this campaign could assist, along with other strategic initiatives in recruiting targeted occupations eg. midwives. The positive relationship between the DHB and Venture Taranaki was noted.
- Ms Denness commented on the new Midland Workforce Development Manager role which would lead regional workforce planning and development activities and noted that there was a need to ensure that this and other regional initiatives addressed the needs of the Maori population also.
- Mr Foulkes advised that Project Whakapai was moving into the next phase of its implementation, and commented upon the positive progress starting to show in the KPI scorecard..

697.2 Finance and Corporate Services Report

The General Manager Finance & Corporate Services took his report as read highlighting the following:

- Consolidated financial result at the end of April was a deficit of \$61K which remains favourable to plan.
- The hospital provider deficit increased to \$5.83m which was marginally better than the planned deficit for the period.
- Activities and results in the final quarter of the current financial year to be monitored closely.

Discussion

- In response to a question raised by Dr Gilkison Mr Thomas advised that real savings had been made with operating cost managed down.

Mr Foulkes advised that saving assumptions of close to \$1m in personnel costs had been targeted and realised.

Dr Gilkison expressed her congratulations noting the hardwork and good will in achieving the positive results.

- It was noted that the decline in 'other revenue' reflected the decrease in ACC contractual activity.
- Ms Denness referred to the updates provided on the various Associate Companies and the positive results of Allied Laundry and Fulford Radiology Services. Ms Denness raised the option of presenting the Allied Laundry model to HBL and the Midland CEs as a viable model for applying throughout the region/country.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board notes and receives the reports and attachments of the Chief Executive and General Manager Finance & Corporate Services.

*Denness/Jeffares
Carried*

698.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 9 July 2011 in New Plymouth

690.0 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.*
3. *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 present the report regarding the tender process for Project Maunga 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:*
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Chairman

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Date