



MINUTES Open - unconfirmed

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

10 September 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)

519.0 Declaration to Open Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting at 2.45pm and apologised for the delay in commencing the meeting.

520.0 Apologies

Karen Eagles, Tony Ruakere

Resolution

That the apologies be sustained.

Devadhar/Nager
Carried

The Chairman welcomed Dr Devadhar to the meeting.

Dr Devadhar expressed his sincere gratitude to the Board for approving his leave of absence, due to his protracted illness, and advised that he greatly appreciated the Board's understanding.

521.0 Conflicts of Interest

The following interest was removed from the register:

Peter Catt

Member of Workforce Development Group

522.0 Minutes

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Taranaki District Health Board meeting held 6 August 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

*Catt/Nager
Carried*

523.0 Board Committee Reports

523.1 Hospital Advisory Committee

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 August 2009 and notes recommendations contained therein.

*Knuckey/Catt
Carried*

523.2 Community & Public Health & Disability Support Advisory Committees
Mrs Gilkison, Chairman of the Committees, advised that the reports were presented in a different format with the focus being on the District Annual Plan outcomes and tracking progress, with the Committee being very pleased with the new format.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Community and Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committees meeting held on 25 August 2009 and notes recommendations contained therein.

*Gilkison/Nager
Carried*

524.0 Chairman's Report

The Chairman referred to the report which outlined the proposed meeting dates for the 2010 year.

It was noted that the Community and Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting in December was scheduled for 14 December, but with the election and possible changes to members of the Board this meeting may require to be rescheduled to earlier in the month.

Resolution

That the meeting programme as outlined be confirmed.

*Knuckey/Catt
Carried*

525.0 Management Reports

525.1 Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive apologised for the late distribution of the papers which had been due to illness.

The Chief Executive took report as read highlighting:

Sector Issues

- Outlined number of key developments taking place around the sector and strategic changes which would impact upon the future of services nationally and locally.
- Most significantly, Ministerial Review Report which suggested some changes to the approach to provision and organisation of the health sector in New Zealand. Contained 170 recommendations which were wide ranging over many areas.
- Minister had sought feedback to the report and was encouraging the 21 DHBs to provide a collective response. All DHBs through DHBNZ were actively participating in providing feedback in a collective manner.
- Observation from discussion around the sector, was generally broad support for the approach suggested in the Ministerial Review Group's Report. Inevitably differences of view on particular areas and suggestions for amendments and subtle changes, but generally lot of support for the recommendations within the report.
- Workforce Issues within New Zealand subject of study by number of groups previously alluded to. Formally notified Board of variety of reports released recently with particular focus on medical workforce and common themes highlighted in the reports
- Couple of months ago Minister made reference publicly to his view around the use of private sector by public hospital sector and that is being followed up by further work by the Ministry. Ministry has established a private sector liaison desk to focus on this issue and Taranaki DHB linking into the work undertaken by the Ministry to ensure able to take advantage of any changes, arrangements and requirements in the interests of Taranaki people.
- Strategic Significance – Minister accelerating implementation of the Primary Healthcare Strategy. Process commenced around MoH seeking expressions of interest from PHOs for movements in that area and to note DHB supportive of this happening particularly where it may benefit people of Taranaki.

Future Reporting

- New attachment to report which builds upon the detail provided in the Community & Public Health and Disability Support Advisory Committee's papers and extracts key outcomes and impacts from the DAP and outputs expected to be achieved. Intention is to provide the Board with an easy to read snapshot of progress against DAP through the year on whether meeting targets.
- Intention is also to provide a summary at front of report in future months on key elements of progress and key issues around financial performance and key indicators pertinent to the Board's accountability and Minister's expectations.

Discussion

The Chairman referred favourably to the changes format of the Chief Executive's report which he believed would provide improved focus for the Board in monitoring of the operations.

Discussion took place around the proposed pharmacy agreement with Mrs Boardman advising that the consultation was to be on a new model of funding and contract would better reflected the needs of patients and the ability of pharmacists to meet those needs. If, following the consultation period, the decision was taken to proceed then considerable further work would require to be undertaken.

General discussion took place around the health careers branding which was part of national activity and was the first time a profile for the health sector in New Zealand had been established. The branding would still enable a local identity to be maintained.

Taranaki Health Trust Annual Report

The Chairman drew the Board's attention to the Annual Report of the Taranaki Health Trust attached to the Chief Executive's Report, and acknowledged on behalf of the Board the contributions by Dr Matthews, Chairman of the Trust, and his trustees. The Chairman asked the Chief Executive to pass on the Board's appreciations to Dr Matthews and the Trustees.

526.2 General Manager Finance & Corporate Services

Mr Thomas took report as read, highlighting

- Results were the first for the new financial year which recorded a smaller deficit than planned. Noted that the first month's result should not be read as an indicator for the remainder of the year as it was influenced by the previous year's activities.
- Financial Outlook – provided an overview of financial outlook for the year ahead. One of the main changes from previous year is the impact of the facility development Project Maunga.
- Business as usual approach will of course need to change keeping in mind project will bring its own pressures with respect to resources and financial implications.

Discussion

A question was raised on the influence in dollar terms from the prior year's wash-ups with Mr Thomas advising that for the July month it equated to approximately \$250,000.

Discussion took place around the ability of the hospital to manage to the \$6m deficit budget. Mr Thomas advised that a number of reviews were taking place which were expected to result in changes and some reduction in FTE numbers. The target was challenging and therefore there was risk attached but all measures were being taken to ensure that the budget was met.

Mr Foulkes also noted that the result was predicated on the delivery of the DAP which the Board had approved.

A question was raised regarding the closing balance of \$304K and whether this included the on-call and short term deposits and whether the overdraft facility was adequate. Mr Thomas advised that on-call and short term

deposits were not included. The overdraft facility was a standby which had not, at this stage, been accessed.

Resolution

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

*Knuckey/Nager
Carried*

527.0 Other Business

527.1 Background Papers – Maori Health

Ms Denness distributed two papers to Board members –

1. Maori Health and Primary Care – Dr Peter Jansen, Mauri Ora Associates
2. New Zealand Medical Journal – Not in my Hospital? Ethnic disparities in quality of hospital care in New Zealand: a narrative review of the evidence.

Ms Denness advised that these papers were provided following discussions at a recent Hospital Advisory Committee meeting and were provided as background for Board members.

Ms Farley advised that she was familiar with the articles and reiterated advice that the Maori Health Team and the Department of Cardiac Medicine would be looking at these matters over the next year or two.

528.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 8 October 2009 in New Plymouth.

529.0 Exclusion of Public

Resolution

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

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).*
4. *To present Report on Annual Review of DHB Credit Worthiness (CHFA) 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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*Nager/Deness
Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 3.15pm to reconvene at 3.30pm

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Chairman

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Date