



MINUTES **Open - Unconfirmed**

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

10 June 2010

2.30pm

Corporate Meeting Room 1

Base Hospital

David Street

New Plymouth

Present

John Young (Chairman), Peter Catt, Alex Ballantyne, Mary Bourke, Kura Denness, Karen Eagles, Flora Gilkison, Jenny Nager, Tony Ruakere

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), John Doran (Chief Medical Advisor), Ngawai Henare (Chief Advisor Maori Health), Gavin Woolley (General Manager Organisation Development & Human Resources, Ramon Tito (Kaumatua), Sue Carrington (Communications), , Jenny McLennan (PA to the Board)

599.0 Declaration to Open Meeting

The meeting was opened with a Karakia at 2.30pm.

600.0 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Dan Devadhar and Grant Knuckey.

601.0 Conflicts of Interest

The register of conflict was circulated for members to review with no new interests declared.

602.0 Minutes

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Taranaki District Health Board meeting held 6 May 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record

Bourke/Ballantyne

Carried

603.0 Board Committee Reports

603.1 Hospital Advisory Committee

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the unconfirmed Minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held on 25 May 2010 and notes recommendations contained therein.

*Catt/Nager
Carried*

604.0 Management Reports

604.1 Chief Executive's Report

Mr Foulkes took his report as read highlighting:

- Significant amount of activity associated with the Better Sooner More Convenient (BSMC) key government priority.
 - Alliance-base agreements which provides a new decision-making framework in which DHBs, health professionals and key managers jointly agree on how to prioritise and deliver services and their ongoing monitoring.
- Project Maunga proceeding with implementing the procurement strategy agreed by the Board in March. Noted that due to the practicalities of the demolition work required and completing the link corridor work was expected to extend beyond July 2012, but that this should not affect the occupancy of the new block.
- Current arrangements regarding the operations of the Taranaki Rescue Helicopter not sustainable and work was continuing to reach a resolution. A permanent solution to the issues surrounding use of the helipad located on the Base Hospital site was required.

Discussion

- Mr Foulkes reported that the meeting with Ministry and National Health Board officials held 4 June was very constructive. The meeting focused on the challenges faced and a way to meet these through the District Annual Plan and to ensure that Ministers expectations were to be met.
- The proposal regarding the provision of ambulance services in Taranaki had been submitted to the Ministry for consideration by the Minister with a response expected within the next few weeks.
- Mr Young advised that the inclusion of Taranaki in the Voluntary Bonding scheme provided some longer term comfort in terms of General Practitioners in South Taranaki. Mr Foulkes noted that whilst the scheme was certainly beneficial it provided no guarantees of specific staff in specific roles .
- Mr Foulkes confirmed that outside, independent advice had been sought to assist in improving understanding of the mismatch between actual staffing costs and budgets, the associated identification of potential system improvements and advice based upon experience with other similar hospitals.

604.2 Finance & Corporate Services Report

Mr Thomas took his report as read highlighting the following:-

- As at end of April financial tracking was just to budget with ongoing close monitoring of financial assumptions and trends.

Discussion

- Mr Thomas reminded members that the August and September washup can generate claims from other DHBs than can have a negative impact.

Resolution

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

Gilkison/Catt

605.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 8 July 2010 in New Plymouth.

606.0 Exclusion of Public

Resolution

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

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).*

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Chairman

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Date