

MINUTES Open

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

4 November 2010

2.30pm

Theatre Lounge

Community Centre

Albion Street

Hawera

Present

Peter Catt (Acting Chairman), Kura Denness, Jenny Nager, Flora Gilkison, Tony Ruakere, Dan Devadhar, Alex Ballantyne, Karen Eagles, Grant Knuckey

In Attendance

Tony Foulkes (Chief Executive), George Thomas (General Manager Finance & Corporate Services), Joy Farley (General Manager Hospital and Specialist Services), Ngawai Henare (Chief Advisor Maori Health), Sue Carrington (Communications), Jenny McLennan (Minute Taker)

634.0 Apologies Mary Bourke,

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive an apology from Miss Mary Bourke.

*Denness/Eagles
Carried*

635.0 Declaration to Open Meeting

The meeting was opened by a karakia at 2.30pm.

636.0 Chairman's Address

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Ella Burrows to the meeting as a 2010 elected Board member and observer to the meeting.

Dr Catt noted that this was the final meeting of the Board and acknowledged this was the last meeting of Doctors Dan Devadhar and Tony Ruakere and also of Mrs Jenny Nager.

The Chairman thanked Dr Devadhar for his stalwart approach for the South Taranaki community and the provision of services in the area, noting that this had continued even following Dr Devadhar's move to Wellington.

Dr Catt acknowledged Mrs Jenny Nager and the tremendous advocacy role she had provided for the 'average person', providing both advice and counsel.

The Chairman went on to acknowledge the lifetime of community service provided by Dr Tony Ruakere and the advice and wisdom that he had brought to the Board in their considerations.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board pass a vote of thanks for the long-serving members – Doctors Dan Devadhar and Tony Ruakere and Mrs Jenny Nager.

Carried
Catt/Denness

637.0 Conflict of Interest

The Conflict of Interest Register was circulated for members to review and sign.

638.0 Public Comment

Mr Hugh Cunningham took the opportunity to endorse the sentiments expressed for the leaving board members and thanked them for their service provided to the people of South Taranaki.

Mr Cunningham then addressed the Board on the provision of abortion services expressing his concerns.

639.0 Minutes

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Taranaki District Health Board held 7 October 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Gilkison/Nager
Carried

640.0 Board Committee Reports

640.1 Hospital Advisory Committee

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive and note the minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 October 2010 and note the recommendations contained therein.

Eagles/Nager
Carried

640.2 Community & Public Health/Disability Support Advisory Committee

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive and note the minutes of the Community & Public Health/Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 October 2010 and note the recommendations contained therein.

Matters Arising

640.3 Child, Adolescent and Maternal Mental Health and Addictions Continuum Project

Dr Gilkison highlighted the excellent project presentation that was made at the committee.

641.0 Management Reports

641.1 Chief Executive's Report

As it was the last meeting of the current Board Mr Foulkes took the opportunity to thank all Board members, both elected and appointed, for their guidance and support adding that he had enjoyed working with them over the last three years.

Mr Foulkes took his report as read and highlighted the following points:-

- New Zealand Public Health and Disability Amendment Bill had passed its third reading in the House of Representatives and signalled a change in the role, responsibilities and expectation of DHBs. Significant changes in the expectation regarding planning with an increase in the requirements for collaborative planning extending beyond DHB respective boundaries. The change in legislation meant that the District Strategic Plan was no longer required and had been replaced with the requirement for Regional Plans
- The Regional Clinical Service Plan provides an indication of the initial format of future regional and annual plans.
- The Midland Regional Health Network Trust (MRHNT) has been established, meeting the requirements of Primary Health Organisation (PHO). Clinical and performance indicators for the NRHNT have been agreed by the alliance partners but it should be noted that many of the targets for the network for the first year are minimum network targets and are below the current performance targets of both Peak Health PHO an Hauora Taranaki PHO. Higher local targets have been agreed with local partners of the alliance to ensure continued improvements in services to the Taranaki population.
- The Whānau Ora Governance Group announced the 25 provider/provider collectives selected to develop and deliver whānau-centred services to families around the country. The successful providers with the Taranaki region were:-
 - Te Oranganui Iwi Health Authority PHO and
 - Tui Ora Ltd and Tu Tama Wahine
- The Annual Report 2009/10 has been finalised in preparation of printing and submission to the Parliamentary Bills Office by the end of the month.
- Although the 2010/11 Draft Annual Plan has not been signed off there are encouraging indications that this is forthcoming.
- Taranaki Ambulance Services Transition Project with the MOH, ACC and NASO continues to progress well within the planned timeframes.

Discussion

- Ms Denness was disappointed with the Health Target performance results for August noting that a more positive result was expected. Mr Foulkes advised that this was the beginning of the new reporting year and was confident that targets would be met although it was difficult to identify at what point during the year targets would be realised. It was noted that significant progress had been made for Health Target 5 – Better Help for Smokers to Quit and that if the trend for this continued then it was expected the target would be reached within 3 – 6 months.

- In response to a question from Dr Gilkison regarding the NZ Health and Disability Amendment Bill and its reference to dispute resolution, Mr Foulkes advised that this was a new clause and cited as an example of its possible use the differing views by DHBs on boundary issues. Dr Catt noted that the legislation provided the opportunity for a formal dispute resolution rather than government intervention.
- Mr Foulkes advised that a Long Term Health Sector Plan consultative paper, which would provide a clearer and more tangible planning process was expected to be released by the National Health Board early 2011.
- Mrs Eagles questioned the reporting of peer support for breast feeding mothers, with Ms Farley advising that activities reporting included both hospital and external activities.
- The lower incidence of Maori and Pacific taking advantage of the free annual checks was raised and it was noted that the management of these checks varied between practices and that it did come down to individual choice. Dr Ruakere was concerned that while patient numbers have increased less resources have become available and identified this a challenge for the new Board. Ms Farley further reported on the 'did not attend' results noting there were numerous reasons for patients not showing and advised that there were strategies in place to address all health issues of a patient when they were attending for one particular reason.

641.2 Finance and Corporate Services Report

Mr Thomas took his report as read highlighting a number of points:

- Financial trend continues and is reflected with the reported deficit of \$422k, which is favourable to plan.
- The Hospital provider deficit has increase to \$1.26m, but remains marginally better than the planned deficit for September.
- While the current position was encouraging there remains a further nine months of the financial year with the increased pressure months yet to come.
- Taranaki DHB associated companies are tracking well against their respective budgets.

Discussion

- Mr Ballantyne questioned whether Project Whakapai would be considering personnel included within the 'outsourced personnel' criteria. Mr Foulkes advised that the main focus of the project was to consider core staff and that management of outsourced medical staff was different to that of the project. Ms Farley advised that it was expected that medical staffing was expected to have a full compliment in January.

Resolution

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

*Nager/Eagles
Carried*

642.0 Other Business

642.1 Shareholder Representation – Annual Meetings – Subsidiary Associated Companies

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board

- 1. *Appoint the following as its shareholder representative to the Annual General Meetings, with respect to the financial year ended 30 June 2010:*

<i>Fulford Radiology Services Ltd</i>	<i>Flora Gilkison, or failing her Simon Barrett</i>
<i>HealthShare Limited</i>	<i>Tony Foulkes</i>
<i>HIQ Limited</i>	<i>Peter Catt or failing him George Thomas</i>
<i>Allied Laundry Services Ltd</i>	<i>Kura Denness or failing her Simon Barrett</i>

- 2. *The appointed representatives to the Annual Meetings to have authority to be heard and vote on all issues of business that may be transacted at the meetings.*

*Carried
Knuckey/Eagles*

643.0

The next Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 9 December 2010 in New Plymouth.

644.0 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).*

*Nager/Denness
Carried*

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Chairman

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Date