



MINUTES Open - unconfirmed

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

5 April 2007

Corporate Meeting Room 1

Base Hospital

David Street

New Plymouth

Present

Hayden Wano (Chairman), Peter Catt (Deputy Chairman), Alex Ballantyne, Kura Denness, Jan Dunlop, Flora Gilkison, Tom Mulholland and John Young

In Attendance

Tony Foulkes (CEO), George Thomas (GM Finance & Corporate Services), Joy Farley (General Manager Hospital Services), Sandra Boardman (General Manager Planning Funding & Population Health), Christine Henare (Chief Advisor Maori Health), Pamela Hikuroa (PA to Board), Sue Carrington (Communication Advisor)

477.0 Declaration to Open Meeting

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

478.0 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Dan Devadhar, Tony Ruakere

479.0 Conflicts of Interest

The following new interests were declared:

Kura Denness Director Medical Science Secretariat Limited

The following interests were removed from the Register:

Kura Denness Trustee Ngati Rahiri Hapu

Hayden Wano Chair Representative – Midland Regional DHBNZ
Member Health Workforce Advisory Committee
(HWAC)

480.0 Deputations

481.1 Sport Taranaki – Regional Sport & Physical Activity Strategy

Mr Howie Tamati and Mr Rex Hendry gave a presentation to the Board on Sport Taranaki's Regional Sport and Physical Activity Strategy, highlighting:

- Development of the strategy involved consultation with a wide range of stakeholders

- Survey undertaken with 44% of respondents identifying they wished to be involved in physical activity and had some associated health issues.
- Strategy developed is targeting that 44%
- Strategic direction is to increase health benefits of Taranaki residents through increased participation in sport and physical activity.
- Identified that a lot of other organisations in Taranaki had similar goals and directions and looking to build on these relationships
- \$35 million of public funding is currently spent through Taranaki by Central Regional and Local Government – excludes DHB community health promotion and health prevention. Substantial sport and physical activity industry in Taranaki looking to grow to \$52 million in next two years. Does not include non-government organisations, eg YMCA.
- Framework 5 key elements to strategy
- Collaborative approach taken to develop strategy and need to continue with this collaborative approach to implement
- Gap analysis to be undertaken
- Interested in working with the DHB to achieve the benefits of the strategy

Mr Tamati also advised that Sport Taranaki was building a new facility at Yarrow Stadium to create a multi-purpose sports facility. Sport Taranaki wanted to be in a position to influence the long term direction of sport and recreation in Taranaki for the benefit of the Taranaki community. The organisation would continue with the delivery of programmes.

Discussion

General discussion ensued on the strategy noting the desired to work collaboratively with other organisations and it was noted that this was in line with the DHB's strategic plan as the DHB required the assistance of other organisations to improve the health status of the Taranaki community. In response Mr Tamati noted that the Health Eating Healthy Action programme was one which Sport Taranaki may be able to work together with the DHB to progress and avoid duplication of activities.

It was also noted that with the shift from structured sport to more informal recreation whether the brand name 'Sport Taranaki' was appropriate. Mr Tamati advised that this was something which had been discussed for some time but the brand was very strong and any change may have an adverse impact but the vision for the organisation was about physical activity and encouraging people to move.

The Chairman thanked them for their presentation as did the Chief Executive who commented on the constructive working relationship with the DHB and how this assisted in meeting both organisations goals.

482.0 Minutes

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board resolves that the minutes of the meeting held 8 March 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

*Gilkison/Mulholland
Carried*

483.0 Board Committee Reports

483.1 Hospital Advisory Committee

Ms Denness noted that the Minutes accredited her with noting management had signalled the financial challenges and made good progress of management, but advised that the general tone of the comment was one of concern.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held 27 March 2007 and notes recommendations contained therein.

*Young/Gilkison
Carried*

483.2 Disability Support Advisory Committee

Ms Gilkison advised that a major topic was the accessibility to services especially in south Taranaki. It was pleasing to read in the local newspaper that the Regional Council was increasing the transport trial which may assist in these areas.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting held 27 March 2007 and notes recommendations contained therein.

*Gilkison/Wano
Carried*

484.0 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that together with the Chief Executive he had met with the community as part of the South Taranaki District Council's Community Board meetings. The meetings had also been attended by a number of Board members and General Manager Hospital Services. This had been an excellent opportunity to meet with the community and the comments by the DHB had been well received and there had been constructive dialogue. With reference to the email from Jenny Nager the questions had been answered fully and the team had been able to unequivocally put to rest the idea of Hawera being closed. It was the intention to arrange meetings with communities in Stratford and New Plymouth districts.

Board members advised that feedback received was that the meetings had been well received and an excellent opportunity to discuss issues with the DHB and being held as part of the Council meetings was good idea.

485.0 Management Reports

485.1 Chief Executive's Report

Mr Foulkes took report as read highlighting the following:

- Update on workforce initiatives provided and a presentation would be given at the end of the meeting
- Redevelopment of Facilities at Base Hospital, noted this matter would be discussed later in the agenda

- Pleased to be part of the launch of Sport Taranaki's strategic plan and noted a willingness to be able to work together between the different agencies is getting stronger.
- Oral Health – feedback from the Ministry of Health had been received which indicated some capital support which is good but not to the level we had asked or anticipated. Main area lacking is around support for the increased operational costs. At moment reviewing the feedback and being mindful of the view and direction from the Board discussion last year around it in terms of looking at prioritisation required if not fully supported.
- Mrs Boardman advised that she was hopeful that although additional investment from the DHB may be required it should be possible to implement stage 1 of the strategy.
- Financial Position –
- Updated Forecast provided. Potential for reduced Inter-district flows to give some financial benefit by year end but at this stage could not be confirmed. By May more robust figures should be available.
- Verbally advised that 2.5% of additional funding would be provided for elective services on top of the already planned additional 5% for year. Expect confirmation in writing next week.

485.2 General Manager Finance & Corporate Services

Mr Thomas took report as read and highlighted

- Consolidated result showed small surplus primarily because of DHB Funder improved operating surplus. Hospital Services marginally improved but as go into the next two months will be faced with the usual cost pressures.
- Again stressed that Hospital Services started the year with a negative opening balance.
- Financial Forecast - Hospital Services showing forecast as predicted last month
- Governance and Funder improved forecast \$1.12m driven overall forecast down by \$525k
- Report provides a stocktake of HIQ activity over the past two years.

Discussion

Dr Mulholland advised that going forward need to talk with Capital and Coast on the strategic direction of HIQ to ensure that the benefits of the joint venture were captured. Discussions with the Chairman of Capital and Coast on this matter.

In discussion on the financial forecast Mr Thomas advised that the accounts had not been closed off for March at this stage, but nothing alarming had occurred during the month to change the current position. The issue around Hospital outsourced services had been taken into account and the forecast provided was conservative.

The question was raised as year the improvement in the Funder's position should be put into the community rather than meeting the deficit but it was pointed out that issues could arise at year end which would be greater than

the \$1m. It was also noted that reserves were required to be built up to support the proposed facility redevelopment.

Discussion took place around Quality Health with the Chairman advising that a Special General Meeting was to be held later in the month to discuss the future of the organisation.

Discussion ensued on FTE numbers in Hospital Services with it being noted that the additional 35 people in Laboratory were previously employed by LabCare which was 100% owned by Taranaki DHB. The extra 30 employed across various areas in the in-patient nursing staff with the majority being additional staff in the mental health area. The increases in staff were driven by activity.

With respect to the effect of the changes to the Holidays' Act, it was noted that the majority of clinical staff were already entitled to four weeks or more leave and that the further impact would be staff in these areas seeking an additional week over and above the 4 weeks.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receives and notes the Chief Executive's Report and management reports for February 2007.

*Gilkison/Dunlop
Carried*

486.0 Other Business

486.1 Proposed Redevelopment of Base Hospital – Strategic Stage Analysis

The Chief Executive spoke to the report, highlighting the following:

- Independent reviewer used person who advises the National Capital committee
- Case is in line with what previously discussed in terms of imperative to change
- Over last month thinking developed further to the potential sequence of events and identifying benefits
- Interviews with hospital and other health services on what investment needed as well as addressing theatre capacity issues. Focus also on ambulatory care approach which would incorporate primary/out patient clinics, links with day stay and link to theatre capacity and facilities. It would be intention to do this at an early stage and the inpatient areas second stage.
- Independent reviewer was very helpful in these discussions and thinking around it and stimulated some of the thinking that will continue into development of the business case.
- Feedback from the National Committee expected end of this month and if positive will result in development of the full business case.
- High level financial assumptions are provided in the closed section of the agenda.
- Critical point is obtaining the approval of the Strategic Stage Analysis by the National Capital committee

Discussion took place on the report with it being noted that the processes around the development of the case appeared robust.

In response to a query the Chief Executive advised that there was an expectation for the DHB to consider regional implications hence comments regarding Wanganui DHB. Some good discussion has already commenced with Wanganui but was not as well advanced as we would like both from planning and funding and provision of services perspectives. Taranaki DHB was willing to collaborate strengthen relationships with neighbouring DHBs and did not see this as being a connection with one single DHB but rather, on a service by service basis in the interests of Taranaki people.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board approves the Strategic Stage Analysis for the proposed Redevelopment of Base Hospital subject to approval of the funding estimates, to be considered separately.

*Gilkison/Catt
Carried*

486.2 Amendment to Loan Facilities

Mr Thomas took report as read.

Paper essentially seeking Board approval for proposal from the Crown Health Financing Agency to extend loan term to 31 December 2001. TDHB has four loans maturing at different times. CHFA were aware that the DHB would be approaching them for additional funding for the proposed redevelopment and were therefore endeavouring to reduce the administration burden and roll over the loans until 2011.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board:

- 1. Accept the approve the proposal from the Crown Health Financing Agency to extend the termination date for all loans (TK001, TK002, TK006, TK007) currently outstanding with Taranaki District Health Board to mature on 31 December 2001, with other terms and conditions to remain unchanged.*
- 2. Delegate the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive or his delegate as may be appropriate, to execute the necessary documents and take any other action as required in connection with this amendment to the facilities.*
- 3. Delegate to the Chief Executive, his delegate or the Chief Financial Officer the authority to provide automatic extensions of the loan facilities as may be appropriate arising from the Crown Health Financing Agency's annual review process.*

*Young/Denness
Carried*

487.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 10 May 2007 in New Plymouth.

488.0 Future Workforce Presentation

The Chief Executive gave a presentation on the work underway between DHBs through DHBNZ around workforce development.

It was noted that a lot of work was being undertaken by the CEO group in progressing this work and tremendous in-roads had been made on these very difficult issues.

It was noted that the issues facing the New Zealand health workforce were mirrored internationally and as a result there was a desire to ensure that entry to New Zealand by overseas health professionals was made as easy as possible. To this end there was a desire to make remove barriers around recognition of overseas qualifications which currently exist along with other workforce initiatives. The initiatives were looking at the total New Zealand health workforce which included the NGO and community sector and also private practitioners.

The Chairman thanked the Chief Executive for his presentation.

489.0 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 Committee minutes pursuant to an earlier resolution publicly excluding the item.*
3. *To present Proposed Redevelopment of Base Hospital – Strategic Stage Analysis financials and Independent Peer Review 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.*

*Gilkison/Denness
Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 4.25pm to reconvene at 4.35pm

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Chairman

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Date