

MINUTES Open

TARANAKI DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

9 September 2010

2.30pm

Corporate Meeting Room 1

Base Hospital

David Street

New Plymouth

Present

Peter Catt (Deputy Chairman), Alex Ballantyne, Kura Denness, Mary Bourke, Jenny Nager, Grant Knuckey, Flora Gilkison

In Attendance

Tony Foulkes (Chief Executive), George Thomas (General Manager Finance & Corporate Services), Joy Farley (General Manager Hospital and Specialist Services), Sandra Boardman (General Manager Planning, Funding and Population Health), Sue Carrington (Communications), Ian Grant (Project Maunga), Jean Rafferty (Minute taker)

625.0 Apologies

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive apologies from Chairman, Mr John Young, and Board members Mrs Karen Eagles, Dr Tony Ruakere and Dr Dan Devadhar; and that Mr Grant Knuckey be excused at 3.00pm.

*Gilkison/Nager
Carried*

626.0 Conflict of Interest

The Conflict of Interest Register was circulated for members to review and sign. New interests were declared by Ms Kura Denness who had been appointed a Trustee for the newly formed Midlands Regional Health Network Trust; and Miss Mary Bourke who had been appointed a member of the Lotteries Grant Committee.

627.0 Minutes

Resolution

That the Minutes of the Taranaki District Health Board held 5 August 2010 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

*Gilkison/Nager
Carried*

628.0 Board Committee Reports

628.1 Hospital Advisory Committee

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held on 31 August 2010 and note the recommendation contained therein.

*Knuckey/Nager
Carried*

628.2 Community & Public Health / Disability & Support Advisory Committee

Discussion

Mr Ballantyne referred the Board to the Maori Health Report and commented on the excellent achievement of an Outstanding rating from the Ministry of Health; and the recent launch of Whakatipuranga Rima Rau, which had received high praise from Minister Turia.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board receive the minutes of the Community & Public Health/Disability Support Advisory Committee held 31 August 2010 and note the recommendations contained therein.

*Ballantyne/Gilkison
Carried*

629.0 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

630.0 Management Reports

630.1 Chief Executive's Report

Mr Foulkes welcomed Mr Ian Grant to present and provide an update on Project Maunga.

Mr Grant advised that:

- Detailed design drawings are expected September 2010.
- Over 250 staff visited the mock-up room with 900 specific comments received.
- Allied Health were very proactive and brought equipment to test the capability of the room. Ambulance staff brought stretchers to assess accessibility. Cleaning staff provided feedback on ease of cleaning floors and fittings.
- Members of the Disability Group and Older People Group visited and provided feedback, which was then fed into the detailed design phase.
- A number of changes had been made following feedback from staff and user groups:
 - Electrical including lighting, power points, Medical Services panel;
 - Residual Current Device (RCD) switches elevated to ensure not easily accessible to children;
 - Some bathroom and bedroom changes – hand rails, tap ware, location of clinical hand basin, and accessibility of hand basins for people using wheelchairs.
- While some of the equipment and fittings were loaned to the DHB, some were donated and can be retained. Consequently, the mock-up room will be available for the next two years to continue testing.

- The mock-up room will be open for general public viewing on Saturday 25 September.

Discussion

- Ms Denness asked whether the sleep over chair had been tested and was advised that had not yet occurred but that the team was confident there was sufficient space for a recliner chair to be added to the room.

630.1 Chief Executive's Report cont'd

Mr Foulkes took his report as read, noting the following:

- The consolidated financial results as at end July 2010 were a deficit of \$182K which was favourable to plan and reflected the hospital services deficit that had been offset by surpluses in the DHB Funder and Governance & Administration arms.
- TDHB's District Annual Plan 2010/11 had not been signed by the Minister of Health.
- National issues including core business that DHBs must do collectively, with three Core Activities for 2010/11 having been confirmed – Employment Relations; National Services Strategy and Contracts; Collaboration – DHBs working effectively together and with others to add value and achieve gains.
- New agencies established to deliver value to the sector in the key areas of Service Planning, Workforce, Capital, Information, Quality, and Shared Services.
- DHBNZ to be reconfigured in line with revised priorities – target date being 1 November 2010.
- Activity that transfers to National Agencies – a number of functions that were previously part of the 20 DHB Annual Plan are now the role of the national agencies.
- NHB activities – including Services Planning (LTSF); Workforce (HWNZ); Information (NHIT Board); Capital (NHBCIC)
- Inter DHB collaboration – a draft initial Regional Service Plan (RSP) will be submitted on 30 September 2010. RSPs will become the vehicle through which DHBs document their capacity, planning and action.
- National Health IT Plan, which is focused upon enabling an integrated healthcare model. From a regional level, this will need to align with Regional Clinical Service Planning, *Better, Sooner, More Convenient* developments in primary care and the clinical and business process needs of the region.
- Improving services in South Taranaki; feedback received following meeting with community leaders.
- Ambulance Services – the Governance Group has been established and RFP due for release in mid September.

Discussion

- Mr Ballantyne asked whether there was a long term future for DHBNZ. Mr Foulkes advised that some services would be pared back and that devolution was expected to develop over time. Legislation currently before Parliament was expected to formalise expectations that DHBs will collaborate on a regional basis, including regional planning linked to a national framework.

Dr Catt asked if the legislation was before the House at present. Mr Foulkes responded in the affirmative and that it was expected to be enacted by the end of November 2010.

- Dr Gilkison sought clarification of activities being transferred at a national level within the sector and asked whether a flow chart could be provided showing which activities are being transferred and to where.

Mr Foulkes advised that NHB had been asked to provide this information.

- In relation to the National Health IT Plan and the 2-4% range quoted, Ms Denness expressed some concern that the DHB would need to use contract provisions to ensure primary or community healthcare providers invest at an appropriate level. She sought confirmation that contracts would have a dollar level.

Mr Foulkes responded they would be looking at industry standards and experience elsewhere of the benefits of IT supporting business such as clinical services. It could be argued that all funding has an IT component and there is a need to consider whether the funding is being used in the best way to achieve benefits.

- In regard to the Ambulance Service, Mrs Nager asked what was expected to happen with those families who had subscribed to the Taranaki ambulance service when a new provider takes over the service.

Mr Foulkes responded that he expected this to be discussed by the work streams at time of transition.

Resolution

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

*Gilkison/Nager
Carried*

630.2 Finance and Corporate Services Report

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

- The Board's consolidated financial result at the start of the new fiscal year was a deficit of \$182K, which was favourable to plan. This result was not considered a lead indicator of the trend for the remainder of the financial term.
- Hospital Services were still in deficit and this will be the primary focus for the year.
- Fulford Radiology and Allied Laundry Services both returned small surpluses and improvement was expected to continue.

Discussion

- Ms Denness asked what the dollar impact would be following accounting impacts and wash ups from the previous financial year. Mr Thomas advised this was likely to be a positive figure of between \$200K and \$300K.
- Dr Gilkison commented that the Board members were expected to change in the forthcoming elections and asked whether a month on month spreadsheet showing actual, budget and forecast could be provided. Mr Thomas agreed this would be possible and undertook to provide in future.

Resolution

That the Taranaki District Health Board notes and receives the Finance and Corporate Services report and attachments.

*Gilkison/Bourke
Carried*

631.0 Date of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 7 October 2010 in New Plymouth.

632.0 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).*
4. *To present report on Laboratory Services Contracting 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/Gilkison
Carried*

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Chairman

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Date