

MINUTES

HAWERA HOSPITAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 06 March 2008 Conference Room Hawera Hospital

PRESENT: Ben Nieuwoudt (MOSS Hawera Inpatients) Gill Campbell (Manager Hawera Hospital) Brenda Sturgeon (Staff Representative) Neil Walker (Community Representative)

MINUTE TAKER: Joy Farley General Manager Hospital Services(via Conference telephone link)

Heather Espin

	ACTION/DECISION
1.0	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Dr Keith Blayney , Ken Horner</p>
2.0	<p>Previous Minutes – Brenda commented that previous minutes still showed as Recruitment Steering Committee. Gill advised that change would be reflected in these minutes now that name change had been confirmed. Minutes accepted as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Matters Arising –</p> <p>-Terms Of Reference - TOR confirmed. Changes include that Ngati Ruanui representative will become a member of the committee and name of committee changed .</p> <p>-Neil Walker advised that both himself and Dr Blayney would be offering their resignation as community representatives and seeking re-election. This is a process that occurs at Triennial election time to ensure the community representatives are mandated. Joy advised that she would follow up on a Board representative.</p> <p>-Single Charitable Trust Fund – Neil stated that Dr Keith Blayney had asked him to convey on his behalf that the ICU trust was set up to provide support for the Hawera Hospital ICU as such would it was not a simple matter of converting to a charitable trust. Keith felt that finding an appropriate way of using funds may be a better option. Gill together with Ken Horner will meet with Alan Horner and Keith Blayney, trustees of ICU trust, to find a way forward.</p> <p>Welcome Packs for new Medical Staff - -Ken Horner and Gill Campbell have met and discussed Community Support for new doctors . Gill presented a document – Retention of Doctors at Hawera Hospital - which has been compiled and includes contacts of Hawera businesses and individuals who will provide support for new doctors at Hawera Hospital. Neil offered community</p>

	<p>support in assisting families of new doctors to the area.</p> <p>Manager Hawera Hospital- Gill Campbell has been appointed manager of Hawera Hospital. Neil Walker offered his congratulations on behalf of the committee.</p> <p>Medical Workforce Development Plan – Joy advised that Grant Goodman is close to finalising this plan . A draft will be sent out to all contributors to ensure that the document accurately reflects their comments then will be issued as a final report. A copy of the document will be sent to the Hawera Hospital Community committee members as contributors.</p>
<p>3.0</p>	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS:</p> <p>-Neil Walker advised that Keith Blayney would like it noted that 3pm was not a suitable time for him to attend meetings. Joy said that this change was for this meeting only and the next meeting would be at 12.30 as usual.</p> <p>-Neil asked on behalf on Dr Blayney if Stratford doctors are involved with funding of after hour services at the Hawera Emergency Department. Joy commented that Stratford had not withdrawn completely from offering an after hour services . Brenda stated that there were only a few Stratford patients attending the Hawera ED after hours. Gill will follow up with Keith to discuss any further clarification that he requires.</p> <p>- Neil made an inquiry regarding Hawera Hospital doctors and if one was going to leave.</p> <p>Gill replied that we have been fortunate to have had 3 inpatients doctors since July 2007. Dr Link and his family have settled in well in the community. We have been working with Dr Link and Medical Council to increase Dr Link’s scope of practice to include ED. This has now been confirmed. Dr Link is looking into what position will best fit with his career and family wishes. His intention was always to complete 12 months at Hawera Hospital and then move to general practice. With ED now included in his scope he is considering staying longer at Hawera. Gill noted that both Dr Ben and Dr Eloff had been very supportive to Dr Link and his family. Dr Link and his family are working through the decision making process and options. Neil Walker asked if the community could do anything to help retain him, such as finding employment for his wife. Gill said that she would ensure that all the doctors were made aware of offers of community support. Locum cover for upcoming leave and potential leave in July has been organised.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING 24TH APRIL 2008, 12.30 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM, HAWERA HOSPITAL</p>