

# MINUTES

## HAWERA HOSPITAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 Conference Room Hawera Hospital

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**PRESENT:** Neil Walker, Jenny Nager, Gillian Campbell, Ken Horner, Joy Farley, Ben Nieuwoudt, Brenda Sturgeon, Ross Dunlop (observer).

Linda Smith

**MINUTE TAKER:**

	ACTION/DECISION
<b>1.0</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Warren Nicholls, Keith Blayney.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<p>Ross Dunlop sat in on the meeting as an Observer. Ross will write to the CEO TDHB advising of his nomination by the South Taranaki District Council for appointment to the Hawera Hospital Community Committee as a Community Representative along with Neil Walker &amp; Ken Horner.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<p><b>PREVIOUS MINUTES</b></p> <p>Matters Arising –</p> <p><b><i>ICU Trust plus other Local Trust Funds</i></b> – Neil to follow up the Trust Fund set up in Stratford. Ross advised there is a Community Trust which could also be looked at. Hawera Hospital trialling BiPAP equipment with the aim to apply to the ICU Trust for funding.</p> <p><b><i>Goodman Report</i></b> – The Committee accepts the report in principle. Next step is to look at priorities and see who needs to be involved to work through recommendations. Neil offered to act as Convenor. Joy proposed Neil and Gill meet outside this Committee to start work on the recommendations and they will update at next meeting. Can co-opt others to work alongside.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS:</b></p> <p><b><i>GP wait times</i></b> – Discussion around waiting times for appointments. This concern needs to be raised at the South Taranaki GP Liaison Meeting.</p> <p><b><i>Hawera ED wait times</i></b> – Neil asked if TDHB should put out more communication around Hawera ED, waiting times, who will be seen etc. He has had members of the community ringing him with concerns around long waiting times. Brenda and Gill clarified that everyone is seen by a nurse upon presentation to E.D. A 6 month report following the August 08 changeover is to be completed. The outcomes of this will help determine an ongoing communication plan.</p>

	<p>Gill &amp; Julie Brandt (Southcare Manager) are working together reviewing ED and GP walk in clinic volumes and wait times.</p> <p>Joy stated that the wait times in E.D. were not considered excessive.</p> <p>Gill said if anyone has concerns to contact her to follow-up. There have been a lot of seriously sick people coming through E.D. over the past few months and staff have been working really hard.</p>
	<p><b><i>Recruitment and Retention of Medical Staff</i></b> – Jenny Nager raised concerns around comments made of Hawera ED and Inpatient Ward being managed as one site. This is around the management across Hawera Hospital and how best to utilise the skill level of doctors and nurses. There are benefits around developing a workforce that is able to work in both areas, making it an attractive place to work. With the recognition now and a pathway for rural specialists, we would see this as beneficial to recruitment.</p> <p>Current medical staffing – Inpatient Ward is fully recruited, with no-one giving any dates around resignations. Ongoing work with Dr Jens Link to enable a joint role between the hospital and GP practice for 2009. The Emergency Dept. has two permanent full time doctors, another doctor here for 6 months and we also share doctors between Taranaki Base &amp; Hawera Hospitals. Base ED doctors pick up regular shifts at Hawera.</p> <p>We are currently advertising for MOSS who can work across both areas. H.R. have an expression of interest which is looking promising.</p> <p>Ken enquired if we could share doctors with the GP practice, but Joy said this can be problematic if work for both TDHB and a GP practice around scope of practice.</p> <p>Ross asked for clarification on the term “rural ranking”. Joy responded saying it relates to dollars and workforce. Ross felt that the impression overseas of working in a “rural” hospital could put some doctors off thinking they are miles from anywhere. He expressed an interest in helping with ideas around recruitment.</p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008, CONFERENCE ROOM, HAWERA HOSPITAL , 12.00 NOON</b></p>