

### SOUTH TARANAKI COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM

held in Council Chambers, South Taranaki District Council  
on Wednesday 29 October 2014 at 12.00 noon

#### MINUTES

##### Present

*Ross Dunlop* Mayor, South Taranaki District Council (Chair); *Jenny Nager* Grey Power; *Jenny Hamley* Women's Institute; *Mihi Kahu*, Tui Ora; *Te Oti Katene*, Ngaruahine Iwi Authority *Raymond Buckland* Hawera Community; *Ruth Mackay* Patea Community Board; *Julie Nitschke*, Wanganui PHO; *Leigh Cleland*, Service Manager Child and Maternal Health, Hawera Hospital TDHB; *Vicki Kershaw* Portfolio Manager Primary Health Care & Community Pharmacy TDHB; *Leslie Tuhi* Minute Taker, TDHB

Marlene Bezuidenhout Director Mountainview (Late)

##### Apologies

*Marie Dwyer* Deputy Chair Patea Medical Trust; *John Hooker* Ngaruahine Health; *Warren Nichols* Ngaruahine Health; *Molly Cole* Patea Proud & Business & Citizens of Patea

Resolution: "That apologies be accepted"

*Nager/Hamley/Carried*

#### 1.0. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2014 were received as a true and accurate record.

Resolution: "That the minutes of the previous meeting are affirmed to be true and correct"

*Nager/Hamley/Carried*

##### 1.1 Matters Arising

###### 1.1.1 Presentation by Rewatu Carr and Jason Matthews, Public Health Unit, TDHB, Health Promotion Team – "What is Health Promotion?"

Following on from last month's presentation, if anyone would like to make contact with the Health Promoter in their region, contact the Public Health Unit at TDHB. The service is available to all, both organisations and individuals. Local programmes will be advertised within the community.

*Carried*

#### 2.0. Rural Health Advisory Group Presentation by Ross Dunlop

- In its infancy – to date they have had one meeting with Tony Foulkes and the DHB executive Management team
- Chaired by Bronwyn Muir who is also Chairman of the Federated Farmers
- Initiative by/from the farming community who would like a voice with the Health Board
- Currently working on Terms of Reference
- Purpose is similar to the South Taranaki Community Health Forum – except focus on rural health farming communities
- Will be an advisory group but does not have the status of committees of the TDHB



### **3.0. Updates**

#### **3.1. Hawera Hospital Services – Leigh Cleland**

- 3.1.1 Managed through winter really well – despite many of the staff being part-time and also being involved in winter farming activities.
- 3.1.2 The Hawera Hospital is NOT closing.
- 3.1.3 A new Hospital Manager has been appointed - Virginia Ekdahl starts 10 November 2014. It is expected that she will become part of the forum group and will be at the next meeting.
- 3.1.4 Leigh advised that Jill Campbell has been assigned to look after the Hawera District. Ross thanked Leigh for her work over the last 3 years.
- 3.1.5 A new midwife starts on 10 November 2014 – she will be primary care( out in the community)
- 3.1.6 Putting expressions of interest out for an antenatal secondary care midwife to come down from Base Hospital and do Antenatal/ Secondary care Clinics one day a week in Hawera
- 3.1.7 2 new doctors starting in ED – Brenda Mafile’o and Emma Davey starting this week

#### **3.2. Mountainview Medical Services – Marlene Bezuidenhout**

- 3.2.1. They have hired a new doctor - Dr Mitchell Feller from Opunake.
- 3.2.2. The pharmacy is making huge progress – It is not part of Mountainview but privately owned by Ben Araba. Plan to open on 1 December 2014.
- 3.2.3. Until then they have a clinical pharmacist onboard as well as a dietician and hearing services. They visit when required. These services are part of the Midlands Health PHO Multidisciplinary team, are primary care working within the community and are independent of services provided by Hawera Hospital.

#### **3.3. Tui Ora – Mihi Kahu**

- 3.3.1. Business as usual

#### **3.4. Nga Ruahine Health Service – George Katene**

- 3.4.1. Still working on inter agency networking within the community
- 3.4.2. 9 locals will be attending the Kaumatua Olympics in Hamilton on Friday

#### **3.5. Patea Community – Ruth Mackay**

- 3.5.1. 2 locums working in the community. And people in Waverley seem happy with services.

#### **3.6. Waverley Community – Julie Nitschke**

- 3.6.1. Waverley GPs and nurse going up. Assessed their community and looked at their needs. Many of the services are provided in Wanganui – e.g. long term conditions team, podiatrists, clinical pharmacists.
- 3.6.2. Collaborative Pathways – just taken this on board. Childhood eczema and asthma education sessions high numbers going to WAM and ED – want to reduce that. Now have 2 computers at the WAM entrance that:
  - Will help keep children occupied
  - Have programmes loaded that can help educate
- 3.6.3. Will soon have RMO’s – registrars working across an accident medical service as well as the ED service
- 3.6.4. Undertaken a strategic review of Accident & Medical Service and ED. Review will come back the end of December. It’s about maximising workforce; maximising diagnostics and maximising access to services.

- 3.6.5. Wanganui now has an Alliance Leadership Team and a Governance Team which will be the primary health and hospital services working together. Focus this year will be on Older Person's/ Child Health and ED services.
- 3.6.6. Working on a pilot programme to put District Nurses out working with practice teams instead of working in the hospital
- 3.6.7. Waverley GP clinic is open 3 half days a week. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. It will be closed over the Christmas period. The Podiatry and Dietetics clinic dates are in the process of being arranged.

### **3.7. Hawera Community – Ross**

- 3.7.1. The pharmacy at Mountainview is a positive move for the people of Hawera

### **3.8. Taranaki Regional Community – Ross on behalf of Neil Walker ( Absent)**

- 3.8.1. Connector Bus seems to be a successful venture. Being well used by patients. There have been some issues relating to accessibility for those less able and pushchairs.

### **3.9. South Taranaki Women's Institute – Jenny Hamley**

- 3.9.1. Went to the "Friday Club" that was mentioned by Channa Perry some time ago. Was very impressed with the organisation and the volunteers. Now looking into how they (STWI) can help out.

### **3.10. South Taranaki Grey Power – Jenny Nager**

- 3.10.1. With the closing of Hawera New World – there is no longer a grocery delivery service available. Countdown is prepared to pay for a taxi if it was viable. However, Fiona Bluett (Freedom Shopping) has started up a service that will run errands and deliver for a fee. She will also take the person with her if they prefer.

### **3.11. Ngati Ruanui Medical Service – Ross**

- 3.11.1. Appears to be going well.

## **4.0. General Business**

None

## **3.0 KEY MESSAGES**

- Rumours tabled by Ross, suggesting that Hawera Hospital is closing, are not true. There will always be a need for patient care services in South Taranaki however services may change in time to better meet the needs of the South Taranaki population
- New staff additions at the Hospital: including Hawera Hospital Manager; two doctors and a midwife
- Mountainview's new Dr and Pharmacy opening date
- Kaumatua Olympics in Hamilton
- Fiona Bluett – as an alternative for transport the Elderly.
- Opening hours for Waverley GP service
- Service to take patients to GP when Te Waipuna Waverley Medical Clinic is not open
- In 2015 meetings to be bi-monthly starting in February

Meeting closed by Te Oti Katene with a karakia at 1.15pm

Next meeting of the South Taranaki Community Health Forum is scheduled for Wednesday 10 December 2014 at 1.00pm at the South Taranaki District Council, Council Chambers

### **South Taranaki Community Health Forum - Attendance Register 2014**

<b>Date</b>	23/07/2014	27/08/2014	24/09/2014	29/10/2014	10/12/2014	<b>TOTAL</b>
Becky Jenkins	A	A	A	AB		
Colleen Dudley	A	A	A	AB		
Greg Simmons	When	required		When	required	
Jenny Hamley	√	√	√	√		
Jenny Nager	A	√	√	√		
Jess Burrows				AB		
John Hooker	√	√	A	A		
Julie Nitschke	A	A	A	√		
Leah Coplestone	-	-	-	-		
Leigh Cleland	A	√	A	√		
Marie Dwyer	√	A	A	A		
Marlene Bezuidenhout	√	√	√	√		
Mihi Kahu	A	√	A	√		
Molly Cole	√	√	AB	A		
Neil Walker	A	√	AB	AB		
Raymond Buckland	√	√	√	√		
Rosemary Clements	When	required		When	required	
Ross Dunlop	√	A	√	√		
Ruth Mackay	√	A	AB	√		
Sharlene Tapa-Mosen	A	A	A	AB		
Te Oti Katene	A	A	A	√		
Vicki Kershaw	A	√	√	√		
Warren Nichols	√	A	√	A		

<b>KEY</b>	
Attended	√
Apology	A
Leave of Absence	LOA
Absent	AB