

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
NORTHLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD  
HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**HELD ON MONDAY 30 MAY 2016  
COMMUNITY SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM, DARGAVILLE HOSPITAL**

**COMMENCING AT 9.00 AM**

**PRESENT**

Bill Sanderson (Chair)  
Tony Norman  
Sally Macauley  
Chris Reid

John Bain  
Libby Jones  
Denise Jensen

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Meng Cheong, Jeanette Wedding, Andrew Potts, Neil Beney, Sam Bartrum, Craig Brown,  
Jodie Moselen (notes)

**FIRE PROCEDURES**

The fire exits were noted

**APOLOGIES**

Win Bennett Nick Chamberlain, Margareth Broodkoorn, Kathryn Leydon, Mike Roberts,

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Chair reminded Board members that in keeping with agreed protocol, conflicts of interest should be declared on a meeting-by-meeting basis as issues arise

**1. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**1.1 Confirmation of Minutes**

**It was moved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2016 be approved**

**MOVED John Bain SECONDED Chris Reid CARRIED**

**1.2 Matters/Actions Arising**

**No actions from previous meeting held 18 April 2016**

**2. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- No formal report from Chair

### 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Dargaville Hospital ABFAB Programme: Presentation – Karen Katipa, Clinical Nurse Manager, Marion Steven, Physiotherapist

- AB FAB stands for Absolutely Fabulous and is a monthly staff award. Nominations are given by fellow staff members when someone has gone over and above their call of duty
- The award was created as a way to focus on good behaviour within the wards and is a fun concept that relates back to the NDHB values
- A third party goes through all of the monthly nominations and decides on the winner, this can be based on the most nominations or why a person was nominated
- The winner receives a certificate and a \$20 voucher
- All those who have been nominated within the month will get an email to state why they were nominated and how this relates back to the NDHB values. The staff member who nominated remains anonymous
- The creators of the initiative were expecting some negative feedback when implementing the AB FAB programme but were surprised at how positive the reaction from staff has been
- There are approximately 20 nominations per month
- This initiative has also been rolled out in May to Bay of Islands Hospital to a positive response
- There has been a noted improvement in morale since AB FAB was started four months ago

#### 3.2 Clinical Integration Report

- No Clinical Report

### 4. SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE

#### 4.1 Operational Report

##### Overview

It was noted acute services are busier than this time last year. The influenza vaccine campaign is well underway with NDHB having set a target to have 85% of all staff vaccinated this year. NDHB are currently at 70% and are on course to beat last year's overall target.

A project is underway aiming to make the acute inpatient mental health unit smoke free by 31 May 2016. This is an on-going process and has the support of the Service Managers within the mental health unit

##### Safety & Quality

- Performance remains good.
- March had a rise in the amount of pressure injuries. The causes for these are being investigated

##### Health Targets

- Smoking cessation advice and elective surgery targets had a strong performance this month. There has also been more progress in regards to faster cancer treatment targets
- The Oncology unit has now been up and running for almost 18 months, though there were some more difficult times in the beginning the unit is now running well. They are fully staff with one staff member on maternity leave currently. Population growth in Northland and an ageing population are however pushing demand in this area
- It was noted that there will be an increase in funding from PHARMAC to help supply new cancer drugs in the future
- Work is continuing in regards to IDF's as more Oncology work is being done locally. No confirmation on details or gross amounts at this stage
- The Jim Carney Cancer Centre was built to allow for the expected population growth which has already happened faster than expected

- It was noted that the role NDHB Maori & Pacific Navigator which is filled by Queenie Mahanga has worked well with great feedback from patients who state they feel more supported after working with her. This has proven a positive development for the cancer centre

#### Service Delivery

- We became ESPI compliant in April. NDHB are on track to make compliance for elective surgery in June

#### Population Health Status

- There was a higher than normal level of ambulatory sensitive hospitalisations in March

#### Financial Sustainability

- Acute workload pressures continue to present financial challenges

#### Surgical

- As of the end of March the acute surgical case weights have exceeded the planned level by almost 8%
- Colonoscopy wait times are edging upwards. More work is scheduled to reduce this in May and June which should reduce the backlog
- There has been no further details as yet in regards to the Bowel Screening announcement made in the new budget released by Government last week
- The Ministry of Health has signalled the likelihood of a substantial increase in elective surgery being required in 16/17, this will help manage wait lists
- It was noted that there is a new Clinical Director of Anaesthesia, Kylie McGregor due to start late June 2016

#### Outpatients/Cancer and Blood Services

- The performance against the faster cancer treatment 62 day target has improved to 81% in March. The National reported result for the January to March quarter is expected to be 78.6% placing NDHB slightly above the average
- The increased access to cancer drugs for 2016/17 announced by PHARMAC will have an increase in workload. The New Zealand Cancer Network as written to PHARMAC with their concerns on this, there has been no outcome from the letter reported

#### Radiology

- Growth in demand for CT scanning has become a pressure point
- Direct referrals from GP's now account for around 10% of the CT scan demand
- A DEXA scanner has been ordered and will allow these scans to be provided in house which will result in cost savings for Northland DHB

#### Pathology Services

- Steady growth in workload continues for Pathology Services

#### Older People and Clinical Support

- The stroke unit has had an increase of four extra beds this year
- Though there were a number of vacancies earlier this year for Physiotherapists these have now all been filled
- There was an increase in the number of pressure injuries this month which are all being investigated. This higher number can be attributed to an increased risk as patients gain more independence as part of their recovery process
- There is some investigation work being done into the use of soft restraints but nothing confirmed as yet

#### Medical

- The Medical service has been incredibly busy this month and is benefitting from the recruitment done for new doctors
- Ward 16 has had an improved patient pathway that has gained momentum with a focus on an estimated date of discharge
- There is work going on to reduce the number of locums being used in this service. Careful recruitment is being done and as a result locums have to be used during this time
- Readmission rates are being looked at thoroughly as these were unfavourable to target with NDHB at 14% for the month. There is some work being done to look at the process around when a patient is discharged and the follow up they receive as to whether this can lead to reduced readmissions. Neil to continue to follow up on this and report back with any updates.

#### Renal

- A new Renal physician has been appointed
- All of the district hospitals are full with only very limited space in Whangarei for dialysis
- It was noted the age group receiving dialysis is getting younger
- There has been a move towards home-based dialysis as this is a cheaper option and it is better to have people in their own homes when receiving this treatment

#### Emergency

- There has been a reduction in the number of people presenting to the Emergency Department though this is still higher than this time last year and is an average 100 patients per day
- A key issue is the type patients we are admitting, for example those who are surgical patients who we know we are going to have to admit have to wait until there is a registrar available which can lead to longer wait times
- The key driver for overspend this month is due to added medical staff

#### Mental Health

- It was noted the new General Manager for Mental Health Services is Ian McKenzie who is due to start 13 June 2016
- There is continued high occupancy in both the inpatient unit and community based services
- The new General Manager will be working on the development of the new model of care
- There have been six suicides this month and 21 this financial year, there is no pattern or trend identified

#### District Hospitals

- While other district hospital volumes are down overall, Bay of Islands hospital continues to go against this trend with an increase in reported bed days and ED presentations
- It was noted that since Dargaville Hospital has taken back the delivery of medical services there has been an increase in more patients being discharged from Whangarei to Dargaville Hospital as oppose to waiting for full recovery at Whangarei

#### Paediatric

- There have been an increased number of births since the new maternity unit opened.
- There has also been a lot of good feedback coming in about the new facilities

#### Facilities and Hotel Management

- There have been early discussions regarding the use of local food suppliers with Northland DHB. Meng to report on this once more information has been received

### **4.2 Financial Report**

The Chief Financial Officer spoke to the financial report for April 2016

- It was a pleasing month in April which has broken the trend of unfavourable results
- This has been helped by an increase in revenue from ACC and discretionary costs such as travel being reduced
- There has been a reduction in stock and theatre consumables
- Northland DHB are looking at leave management

**It was moved that the Operational Report and the Financial Report be taken as received**

**MOVED Chris Reid SECONDED Tony Norman CARRIED**

**5. NEXT MEETING DETAILS**

The next meeting will be held at 9.00am, Monday 11 July 2016, Tohora House, Whangarei Hospital

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.56am

**Confirmed that these minutes constitute a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting.**

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**

**ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF NORTHLAND DHB  
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	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>BY</b>	<b>WHEN</b>
1.	Presentation from Head of Oncology <i>Presentation to meeting</i>	General Manager Surgical, Pathology and Ambulatory Services	July 2016
2.	Presentation from Erin Doherty on obesity and Nicole McGrath diabetes	General Manager Medicine, Health of Older People, Emergency and Clinical Support	TBC
2.	Presentation on the new Mental Health model of care	General Manager Mental Health and Addiction Services	TBC