



Minutes of Meeting **Northland District Health Board** **Equity in the Community Committee**

Held on 9.00am, Monday, 28 September 2020
Tangihua Meeting Room, Tohora House, Whangarei Hospital

COMMITTEE

Ngaire Rae (Chair)
John Bain
Harry Burkhardt
Jonathan Tautari

Libby Jones
Sally Macauley
Carol Peters
Beryl Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Chamberlain, John Wansbone, Jeanette Wedding, Lyn Rostern (proxy for Neil Beney), Claire Forrest, Kathryn Leydon, Paula Douglas (minutes)

Board Member: Vince Cocurullo

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

The passing of Craig Brown was acknowledged by the Chair. His commitment and dedication to the community and the work he did for Northland DHB will long be remembered and he will be sadly missed.

Jonathan Tautari was introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

APOLOGIES

Jonny Wilkinson, Kyle Eggleton

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The conflicts register was noted.

1.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2020 be accepted

Carol Peters/Libby Jones
Carried



1.2 Matters/Actions Arising

1.2.1 Updated Terms of Reference will be presented to next meeting for approval.

- The three Committees of the DHB have supported the inclusion of an equity statement in our terms of reference.

IT WAS MOVED THAT the Equity in the Community Committee endorses inclusion of the proposed equity statement in its Terms of Reference.

Libby Jones / Beryl Wilkinson
Carried

1.2.2 Committee Chair to work with CE and Board Chair to appoint additional one or two members to the committee to ensure greater disability focus.

- Jonathan Tautari has joined the Committee as a member.
- Discussion was held around the benefit of having a youth voice on this Committee. Ideally it will be a young person who is quite connected; this person does not necessarily need to be Whangārei centric.

1.2.3 Construct a work plan for 2021 with a focus on one topic per meeting.

- Thoughts and feedback to go to the Chair about any particular topics of interest that the Committee would like to focus on.
- GM, Mental Health and Addictions to be asked to speak at a future meeting about various mental health initiatives.
- It is felt that there is an inadequate focus on meeting the needs of the older population, in particular residential support.
- Home Based Care services that offer assisted care is an area that needs to be addressed by this Committee.
- Alternative care for older people – there is a collective forum that covers this but it is felt that assisted care is something that needs to be investigated further.
- Focus on ‘ageing in place’ paper and discussion to be brought to a future meeting for more in-depth discussion. Northland DHB has the responsibility but do not have the accountability/influence over the multitude of entities that provide support services for older people.
- A wider approach needed on housing in the community. This piece of work could be recommended to go to the housing taskforce. To be included on the draft work plan.
- Draft work plan to come back to the next meeting for discussion.

1.2.4 An update on workforce to identify numbers of staff with disabilities employed across all Northland health providers.

- Agenda item 3.0

2.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

- The Chair had no matters to report to the Committee.



3.0 BRIEFING PAPERS

3.1 Accessibility Tick Programme

- Paper was taken as read.
- This process is a journey.
- A maturity assessment that is undertaken each year
- Accessibility Tick provides support and guidance for Northland DHB to attract and retain people with a disability.
- Recommend that a paper is provided to the Board once the first maturity assessment is complete and feedback has been received.
- Committee strongly support and endorse this initiative.

3.2 Northland DHB Community Based Services

- Paper was taken as read
- Snapshots of what work has been undertaken to date is contained within the report. Further in depth information is available to the Committee and will be provided upon request.
- It is encouraging to see the numbers of people with rheumatic fever dropping due to the implementation of the Healthy Homes initiative.
- The Manawa Ora programme enables assessments to be undertaken and provides funding to make houses warmer and drier in Northland as well as facilitate supports needed in the home such as beds, curtains etc.
- A 'whanau ora' model not only addresses rheumatic fever but also other respiratory health issues in homes.
- The Healthy Homes Tai Tokerau programme, which NDHB contributes funding towards, has the ability to assist 1350 homes with retrofitting of insulation this financial year.

3.3 Public Health Ngā Tai Ora

- Paper was taken as read
- There was reference to a tooth brushing programme that had been undertaken in Kaitaia that had shown promising results. There is a plan to review the Oral Health strategy next year and part of that will look at preventative programmes such as tooth brushing programmes in schools – some Maori health providers hold health promotion contracts with the NDHB and it may be that we could look to co-designing something different along these lines. Fluoridation Bill is still waiting on the 3rd reading in Parliament.
- COVID-19 – there is a sense that there will be an influx of holidaymakers into Northland over the Christmas period and consideration is needed on how testing will be handled at this time.
- Claire Forrest, Clinical Nurse Specialist, School & Community Services gave a presentation on Youth School Based Services. Presentation covered:
 - Vision and mission
 - Youth Hub and Spoke model
 - Service data including types and number of encounters/contacts, referral source, ethnicity of young people

3.4 Northland Health Strategy Report

- Paper was taken as read and previously tabled at the August Board meeting.



3.5 Neighbourhood Healthcare Homes

- Paper was taken as read.
- Previously tabled at the last Board meeting.
- Great to see the recommendations and solutions in the paper.
- Rebranding and alignment to be undertaken.

3.6 Statement of Performance Six Monthly Update

- Paper was taken as read.
- Noted the drop in the % of patients who receive their first cancer treatment within 62 days. It was noted this is a small number of patients (20-25) each month and results can be skewed depending on the number of patients the relevant DHB may have.
- An observation was noted that there could be more procedural information around mask use for the public.
- A revisit on safe use of medication across all ages, dispensing and usage. Improved dispensing of medication use and the return of unused medications back to the pharmacy was requested.

4.0 NEXT MEETING DETAILS

The date of the next meeting is 7 December 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at: 10.37am.

EQUITY IN THE COMMUNITY CHAIR

DATE