



Minutes of Meeting
Northland District Health Board
Equity in Hospitals Committee Meeting

9.00am-10.30am, Monday 16 November 2020
Tangihua Room, Whangārei Hospital

Present

Mataroria Lyndon (Chair)	Harry Burkhardt	Libby Jones (by Zoom)
Carol Peters	John Bain (from 09:25)	Sally Macauley
Debbie Evans (by Zoom)	Kyle Eggleton (from 09:10)	Vince Cocurullo

In Attendance

Northland DHB: Nick Chamberlain, Neil Beney, John Wansbone, Liz Inch, Kathryn Leydon, Marty Rogers, Mark McGinley, Ian McKenzie, Pip Zammit, Dee Telfer, Robin Barnden, Sarah Fox (minutes)

Board members: Ngaire Rae

Media: Adam Pearse, The Northern Advocate

Register of Interests

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed in relation to the agenda.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Confirmation of Minutes 5 October 2020

IT WAS MOVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2020 be accepted.

Mataroria Lyndon / Carol Peters
Carried

1.2 Matters / Actions Arising

There was discussion on the high number of actions that had arisen from previous meetings and how these might be rationalised.

It was requested that the report on colonoscopy service rates be brought forward to an earlier meeting in 2021 as the bowel screening programme will be rolled out later in the year.

1.2.1 Rawene Hospital Data – Joyce Donaldson

- In progress. Information will be reported in a manner consistent with NDHB Rural Hospitals.

1.2.2 Oral Health Services Kaikohe – Pip Zammit

- The clinic in Kaikohe was established in response to Ngāti Hine withdrawing their dental service. The four-chair facility is available to 0-18 year olds, community card holders, and hospital patients able to be seen at a community clinic. The clinic has been successful with a high uptake of the services.
- Also looking at how a private practice might be supported as none are operating in Kaikohe.

1.2.3 Workforce Data/Strategies/Mental Health Workforce – John Wansbone

- The schedule for briefing papers was noted with thanks.
- The GM Mental Health and Addiction Services Workforce (MHAS) discussed the workforce status report contained in the papers.
- It was suggested that MHAS might be added to the Occupational Therapy rotation.

1.2.4 Service Actions for Improvement

- Included in operational report.
- There are three focus areas; Readmission rate for Māori patients, Faster Cancer Treatment pathway, Radiology CT wait times.

1.2.5 Termination of Pregnancy Services

- The GM Rural Family and Community (RFC) discussed the briefing paper.
- **Action:** A report on termination of pregnancy services, showing national and local data, would be provided to the Committee in May 2021, which would reflect one year under the new legislation. It was requested that the report also include information on access to contraception.

1.2.6 Scorecard/Data Reporting

- Included in Operational report.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair:

- Acknowledged the passing of kaumātua Rudy Taylor.
- Highlighted the work done to catch up on services post- COVID and the positive trends in reducing waiting times for surgery cancer treatment pathways.

3. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

4.1 Operational Report

- Robin Barnden, Report Developer, Management Information Service, demonstrated the trend reporting available from the data in the operational report. A clinical audit was being conducted to look at benchmarking, causation, possible correlations between certain trends, etc.
- **Action:** Add ethnicity split for each measure in the operational report.

There was discussion on the following points:

- Colonoscopy rates and the bowel screening programme.
- Data for the sleep service is not available but the GM Surgical and Support Services (SaSS) will provide commentary each month. The full report on the sleep service is not due until July 2021.
- Differences in accessing Mental Health and Addiction Services by different genders.
- Bariatric surgical: In the last six months 60 patients had been prioritised for consideration for bariatric surgery using the Ministry of Health tool. Sixteen had been given certainty to move onto the next phase of the process which must be completed successfully before surgery is undertaken.
- **Action:** Provide data and commentary for each rural hospital separately in the operational report.

4. INFORMATION REPORTS & UPDATES

- The GM MHAS was thanked for the additional data provided in the papers. The reduction in seclusion rates was noted as a positive trend thanks to the work of the MHAS team and the introduction of the Te Tumu Waiora initiative.

6. NEXT MEETING DETAILS

Monday 25 January 2021, 9.00am-10.30am, Tangihua room, Whangārei Hospital.

The meeting closed at 10.25am

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

CHAIR _____

DATE _____