



Minutes of Meeting

Northland District Health Board

Equity in the Community Committee

Held on 9.00am, Monday, 29 March 2021
Tangihua Meeting Room, Tohora House, Whangarei Hospital

COMMITTEE

John Bain
Harry Burkhardt
Jonathan Tautari
Kyle Eggleton (via Zoom)
Jonny Wilkinson

Libby Jones (Acting Chair)
Sally Macauley
Beryl Wilkinson (via Zoom)

IN ATTENDANCE

Nick Chamberlain, John Wansbone, Jeanette Wedding, Tracey Schiebli, Kathryn Leydon, Paula Douglas (minutes)

Lisa Crossman, Project Manager (part)

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

APOLOGIES

Ngaire Rae (Chair)
Carol Peters

IT WAS MOVED THAT the apologies be accepted

Sally Macauley / John Bain
Carried

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 7 December 2020 be accepted

Sally Macauley / John Bain
Carried



1.2 Matters/Actions Arising

1.2.1 Violence Intervention Programme

- Included in Community Based Services Report

1.2.2 Diabetes Update

- Agenda Item 3.0

1.2.3 Eczema

- Included in Community Based Services Report

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2021 be accepted

Sally Macauley / John Bain
Carried

2.0 CHAIRS REPORT

- Noted the comprehensive report on the Review of Disability Support and recommendations for DHBs Report for the Northern Regional Alliance.
- Particularly moved by the foreward - Insights from a person living with a disability, and the statement within, that 'if I hadn't been in a privileged position before my stroke the only thing I would have in terms of on-going support right now is a mobility parking permit'.
- Reflected that for the vast majority of Northlanders living with a disability, this privilege would not be present and therefore the inequities experienced exacerbated.
- It is important for us as a DHB to prioritise this work and focus on addressing equity for people with disabilities.
- Chair is particularly interested in the voices of our community members on the recommendations and their views on which recommendations Northland DHB should prioritise for implementation.
- It would be good to see a plan for Northland DHB based on this report.
- At the November 2020 board meeting it was agreed to progress the programme 'A Seat at the Table' which will see two young people appointed as Board observers. The process of selection is underway and an update will be provided to the next DHB Board meeting.
- Committee Chair has resigned from her role as Wellbeing Health Promotion Leader at Mahitahi Hauora to focus on completion of a PhD on a fulltime scholarship.

IT WAS MOVED THAT the Chair's report be received

Libby Jones / Sally Macauley
Carried



3.0 DIABETES STRATEGY AND PLAN UPDATE

- Presentation – John Wansbone, GM Planning, Integration, People & Performance and Lisa Crossman, Project Manager
- This is still a work in progress with a lot of priority pieces underway.
- Presentation gave an overview on how the strategy was developed.
- Work undertaken is in collaboration with the Māori Health Service
- Good feedback received from hui held with the Māori Health Service and the community.
- Working to ensure that the data on community diabetes is accurate and ascertain what the community desired for a model of community diabetes care
- 5 key areas of focus were noted as follows:
 - Equity, health status and quality of life, including prevention for Māori living with diabetes.
 - Alliance leadership: community, primary and secondary care
 - Delivery of prevention, promotion and effective lifestyle interventions
 - Workforce development, training and processes – including competency in the management of diabetes and its complications in primary care.
 - Community based integrated models of care to improve the patient care journey, access and equity.
- Working on developing a live Northland Diabetes website to have visibility for both the community and also health providers.
- Focus will be on sharing the work that is underway to encourage other communities to adopt what we know is working.
- Ensuring that the strategy is aligned with the Annual Plans that are coming out under the diabetes strategy.
- Working in conjunction with Mahitahi Hauora.
- Committee noted that they would like to see food poverty included in the strategy addressing those members of the community who cannot afford to purchase healthy food.
- Diabetes is a deep seated issue.
- A strong stream of work that came out from the initial discussions was the frustrations with things that people deal with every day such as finances, dependencies, etc.
- Considering a 'wellbeing wheel' that will be able to be incorporated into the strategy to support community based services with developing multi-disciplinary services care coordination etc with respect to the social determinants of health.

4.0 Review of Disability Support and Recommendations for DHBs

- Paper was taken as read.
- Felt it is important for the Committee to see paper prior to the recommendations coming out from the NRA.
- Query on the focus on children with disabilities? Unsure of the scope of the review but this is a critical point and should be included.
- This is a welcome, comprehensive report that needs to involve disabled people in the decision making – asking the question of 'what more could we have done to make improvements'?
- Disability reference group – there is concern about the low number of representatives on the group and provider organisations that are actually people with a disability.
- Disability is a diverse issue that it is difficult to deliver everything to everybody all the time.



- A health passport is a tool that is used to allow disabled people to easily identify their needs for when they use DHB provided services.
- Other DHBs use a disability alert system that makes it clear what the needs of the patient are.
- Suggest looking at what we are doing well and build on that and gather more information on people's needs and how we can meet those needs.
- There is a huge imbalance in relation to services available for Māori and Pacifica
- Awaiting an implementation plan that will expand on the recommendations that will be implemented nationally.
- The National Disability System Review will impact on the implementation plan.
- We are in the process of planning a rebuild of the Hospital and it is critical that disability considerations permeate through this plan.
- Updates on this will be delivered back to this Committee when available.

5.0 Public and Community Health Services Update

5.1 Northland DHB Community Based Services

- Paper was taken as read
- Work is predominantly focused on COVID-19 currently.
- There have been issues with the booking system
- The COVID-19 immunisation system won't be ready until mid-July so there is a lot of additional work underway.
- Invites have gone out to Tiers 2A and 2B (front line staff)
- 420 staff to be immunised this week
- Working with clinical staff from Māori providers
- Will be vaccinating all Māori population over the age of 16.
- Messaging into the community has its difficulties.
- Communications to the public are being drafted and will be sent to the Ministry for approval.
- Stats for the violence intervention programme were included in the report
- Elder abuse has been highlighted more and more.
- There was an increase in domestic violence through the COVID-19 lockdown period with an increase in strangulation cases highlighted.
- Access to services to the over 70's for breast screening – no current services in the Kerikeri area and those patients have to come down to Whangarei for screening.

5.2 Nga Tai Ora Public Health Northland Community Report

- Paper was taken as read
- Using staff for the COVID-19 work – with assistance at testing centres and with contact tracing.
- Risk in the Public Health Unit with drinking water assessors. GM Rural, Family and Community Health met with the CEO of the new regulating authority to explain what the role is.
- New provider said Northland is unique and they are trying to get a handle on our water supplies.
- Only 50% of Northland's water is reticulated.
- There is additional staffing required to alleviate work related fatigue for the current Health Protection Officers.

6.0 Northern Region Service Plan 2020/21, Quarter 2 Summary

- Paper was taken as read
- Standard quarterly report highlighting multiple work streams.
- It is pleasing to note in the Northern Region Services Plan Q2 report, the work occurring on alcohol. The DHB's intention to develop position statements on alcohol.
- The Northland DHB's current position statement is from 2013 so it is timely that this will be refreshed.



- It is pleasing to see there is advocacy planned to review the Sale and Supply of Alcohol legislation - if we can move these levers to have a stronger public health approach we can reduce supply and consequent demand for alcohol resulting in reduced alcohol harm.

7.0 2021 Work Plan

- Paper was taken as read.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DETAILS

The date of the next meeting is Monday 28 June 2021 at the Tangihua Meeting Room, Tohora House, Whangarei Hospital.

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Recommendation:

That the public be excluded from the following part of this meeting, under Schedule 3, Clause 32 of the NZ Public Health & Disability Act 2000 and in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 as detailed in the table below;

Agenda item and general subject of the matter to be discussed	Reason	Reference
10.0 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes 10.1 Confirmation of Minutes 25 January 2021 10.2 Matters/Action Arising	For reasons previously given	

IT WAS MOVED THAT *the public be excluded.*

John Bain /Sally Macauley
CARRIED

10.0 Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes

10.1 The minutes were confirmed

There being no further business the meeting closed at: 10.33am

EQUITY IN THE COMMUNITY CHAIR

DATE