

AUCKLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting
held on Thursday 19 July 2007
in the Seminar Room, RehabPlus, Carrington, Pt Chevalier
commencing at 10.00 am

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee Members

Barry de Geest (Chair)
John Retimana
Sacha Dylan
Tunumafono Ava Fa'amoe

Management in Attendance

Denis Jury, Chief Planning & Funding Officer
Lisa Gestro – Planning & Funding Manager
Liam Sheridan – Board Administrator (for Ian Bell)

Apologies

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10:10 am.

Apologies had been received from Ian Bell, Janice Mueller, Marie Hull-Brown, Di Nash, Barbara Broome, Minnie Baragwanath, Garry Smith, Taima Campbell, Phillipa Neads and Wayne Brown.

John Retimana congratulated Ava Fa'amoe on his being granted the title Tunumafono.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 31 MAY 2007

Sacha Dylan raised the following matters:-

The final sentence in the first paragraph of item 6 did not relate to the Taikura Follow Up and should have a section of its own.

The resolution under section 7 should conclude after "Auckland City Council".

Moved Sacha Dylan, seconded Tunumafono Ava Fa'amoe

That, subject to the amendments noted, the minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting held on 31 May 2007 be confirmed as true and correct.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING 31 MAY 2007

All matter arising were on the meeting agenda with the exception of the HR presentation which was deferred until the next meeting.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on his recent trip to Wellington where he met with representatives of Capital & Coast; he thanked Lisa Gestro for the presentation she prepared for him. There was a discussion around the progress Capital & Coast (C&C) have made in disability support, it was noted that although C & C are sensitive to disability issues there were some issues in the implementation of restorative home based support from which ADHB could take learnings.

6. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH TAIKURA TRUST

Before the discussion commenced Tunumafono Ava Fa'amoe declared an interest in the matter under discussion, being a Trustee of Taikura Trust.

Lisa Gestro introduced this item noting that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was an operational document and the contents also needed to be signed off at a strategic level. The Committee agreed that the 'shared service development' was the key component of the MoU.

The Committee were concerned about the absence of discussion in the document about the steps to be taken to ensure continuity of care for the client in the case of any disputes; it was noted that the document should have some commentary in the preamble making clear that the client is the most important party in the relationship. The Committee also noted the various evaluation stages of the co location pilot and asked that ADHB have access to all of the results.

Moved John Retimana, seconded Sacha Dylan

That the Disability Support Advisory Committee note the further progress achieved with the working relationship between ADHB and the Taikura Trust.

Carried

7. HEALTH AND DISABILITY COMMUNITY WORKFORCE CONSULTATION

The Committee considered a national consultation document on the proposed establishment of a Career Framework for the Health & Disability Workforce in New Zealand. The Committee raised the following issues:-

- There was concern that the examples of occupations chosen used DSS roles in the lower level grades but not in the higher level grades.
- The Committee felt that the consultation should not forget that competencies are more important than qualifications.
- There was insufficient emphasis given to the idea of people receiving services becoming involved in the delivery.

It was agreed that Lisa Gestro should approach the absent members of the Committee for further feedback and that all Committee members should be invited to contact Lisa Gestro direct with any further feedback.

Moved Barry de Geest, seconded Sacha Dylan

That the Disability Support Advisory Committee note the update from the national work programme on the health and disability workforce.

Carried

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SERVICES PROJECT

The Committee noted the ESS review recommendations to date and asked that they receive a copy of the ADHB provider arm response on current service gaps. It was noted that there are currently very long waiting times for some environmental support services.

Moved Barry de Geest, seconded Sacha Dylan

That the Disability Support Advisory Committee note the update from the national work programme on environmental support services and request a further update at the next Committee.

Carried

9. UPDATES

Disability Issues and ADHB Communications

Lisa Gestro will work with the ADHB Communications team to assist them in promoting awareness of disability issues. It was agreed that a new training DVD should be shown to CPHAC.

Promoting Responsiveness Training Through HR Processes

Deferred until next meeting.

Disability Research Partnership

The Committee noted that this was in progress.

Health of Older People, Community & Home Based Support

The Committee discussed a copy of the presentation which was made to CPHAC, noting especially the four outcomes on page 79 of the agenda.

Select Committee Process

There is some uncertainty as to the stage which the Committee review of disability issues has reached. The Committee requested that Lisa Gestro write to the Clerk of the Committee requesting clarification on whether consultation was complete.

MoH Changes to Disability Services Directorate

The Committee noted the changes to the disability service directorate at the Ministry of Health.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Continuity for DSAC

Sacha Dylan advised that CMDHB have re-appointed co-opted DSAC members in order to ensure continuity pre- and post- DHB elections. The Chair noted this and said he felt there may be other mechanisms by which this can be achieved e.g. close liaison in the period between the election and the new Board taking office.

11 NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.55 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for
10.00am Thursday 20 September 2007
Seminar Room, RehabPlus,
Carrington, Pt. Chevalier

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CHAIR

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