

# MidCentral District Health Board

## Community & Public Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2009 in the Board Room of Board Office, Gate 2B Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm

### PRESENT:

Mrs D Anderson (Chair)  
Mr D Emery  
Mrs L Gray  
Dr G Campbell  
Mr O Stock  
Dr C Hamilton  
Mr I Wilson (ex officio)  
Mrs A Chapman (ex officio)

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr M Georgel, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr M Grant, General Manager, Funding  
Mr S Wilson, General Manager, Corporate Services  
Mrs S Neal, Committee Secretary

### OTHER:

Staff: (7)  
Public: (1)

### 1. APOLOGIES

Mrs A Chapman for arriving late at 1.04pm

### 2. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were none.

### 3. CONFLICT AND/OR REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were none.

#### **4. MINUTES**

##### **4.1 MINUTES**

It was recommended:

*that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 February 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

##### **4.2 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**

It was noted that all recommendations contained in the minutes were approved by the Board.

##### **4.3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

With regard to the rural health strategy engagement process, the Committee noted that meetings would be held in Eketahuna on March 24, Himatangi on March 25, Dannevirke on March 26, Otaki on March 30 and Kimbolton on 31 March.

#### **5. STRATEGY REPORTS**

##### **5.1 ORAL HEALTH SERVICE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

Management agreed to look at how the Board might better attract new graduates under the generous scholarship scheme, including exploring the costs of offering dental therapist training in this district.

Management clarified that the 3966 children registered to see the school dental service were under the age of 2½.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

##### **5.2 ANNUAL REPORT ORAL HEALTH STATISTICS**

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

##### **5.3 REFERRED SERVICES MANAGEMENT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION – UPDATE 5**

###### *Item 3.4 Appropriate use of Diabetes Test Strips (AUDiTS)*

Management explained that as the “inappropriate use” of diabetes test strips may be the result of wastage and/or storage, staff will work with both users and health professionals to ensure appropriate use.

###### *Item 3.5 Statin Utilisation Support (StatUS)*

Users are encouraged to persist in finding the statin most suited to their needs as research shows improved health outcomes. To avoid unnecessary wastage, health

professionals will be encouraged to prescribe monthly until a three monthly cycle is warranted.

In the context of research, Management was encouraged to look at all avenues – especially the Health Research Council – for funding.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

#### **5.4 AFTER HOURS UPDATE**

It was noted that the Board has set aside \$200,000 for enhancing services to the Horowhenua community in the absence of additional government funding. Given that Otaki and Tararua also did not meet the criteria for funding, the Committee asked Management to write to the Ministry seeking clarification of the threshold especially as the communities themselves believed they were “rural”.

Recent reports on the usage of the national Healthline showed high customer satisfaction with the service. A summary report would be provided to the Committee in April.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

#### **5.5 RENAL SERVICES PLAN UPDATE**

The Committee heard that while patients might prefer not to travel to Palmerston North hospital for treatment, often that is only where the best care can be provided. Notwithstanding, much work was required to ensure a seamless transition between primary and secondary services and to this end, Management is developing a model with Horowhenua as the pilot.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

### **6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

#### **6.1 FUNDING DIVISION OPERATING REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009**

##### *Item 2.1.3 Charging for Extra Services in ARC Facilities*

Management explained that Portfolio Managers were working on tightening agreements to ensure no reoccurrence of this issue.

##### *Item 2.5.3 Diabetes Pump Trial*

The Committee noted that in due course it will receive a report on an ongoing pump therapy programme which will continue to provide services for existing children on the programme.

##### *Item 2.6.2 The Cost of Dispensing*

Management will pursue the suitability of this as an alliance project.

*Item 3.5 Cardiovascular*

Management explained that the service delivery issue in Horowhenua was as a result of the primary sector adopting electronic systems while secondary services still use paper records. The solution requires MidCentral Health to retain extra staff.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

**6.2 FINANCE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009**

Much of the discussion centred on MidCentral Health's forecasted deficit due to a shortfall in elective surgery revenue and the risk this posed to the Funder's bottom line.

The Committee noted that the Funder is very generous with MidCentral Health and that the Chief Executive Officer would work with the Funder and the Provider General Managers to resolve the planning and provision of future elective services volumes.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

Mr D Emery left the meeting at 2.02pm.

**6.3 NON-FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT INCLUDING HEALTH TARGETS AND CONFIRMATION REPORTING FOR QUARTER 2, 2008/09**

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

**6.4 DRAFT 2009/10 DISTRICT ANNUAL PLAN – PART 1**

The Committee noted that itself, the other Committees and the Board are responsible for delivery of the plan's initiatives. Whilst public confidence in the Board would be stronger with a focus on electives, emergency department services and reduced waiting times for radiation therapy, the initiatives must be achievable.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received*

**7. GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

**7.1 2008/09 WORK PROGRAMME**

It was recommended:

*that the updated work programme for 2008/09 be noted*

**8. LATE ITEMS**

There were none.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7 April 2009

**10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

It was recommended:

*that the public be excluded from Part 2 of this meeting in accordance with the Official Information Act 1992, section 9 for the following items for the reasons stated:*

Item	Reason	Reference
"In Committee" Minutes of the Previous Meeting	For reasons stated in the previous agenda	
Home Based Support – Improvements for Carer Workforce (ICW) Funding Approval	Contract negotiations	9(2)(j)
Draft 2009/10 District Annual Plan	Under negotiation with Ministry of Health	9(2)(j)

Meeting closed at 2.38pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 7 April 2009

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Chairperson