

MidCentral District Health Board

Community & Public Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4 August 2009 in the Board Room of Board Office, Gate 2B Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North

The meeting commenced at 1.02pm

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr M Grant, General Manager, Funding
Mr S Wilson, General Manager, Corporate Services
Mrs R Bensemann, Committee Secretary

OTHER:

Staff: (5)
Public: (0)
Media: (2)

1. APOLOGIES

Dr C Campbell, Committee Member (leave of absence)

2. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were none.

3. CONFLICT AND/OR REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Mr D Emery requested that his name be removed from the Register of Interests in respect of Richmond New Zealand.

Mrs L Gray requested that her name be added to the Register of Interests in respect of her directorship of PN Trustees Ltd.

4. MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES

It was recommended:

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 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

There were none.

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

5.1 INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF COMMUNITY PHARMACY IN CVD RISK ASSESSMENT (DAP 5)

The MidCentral DHB Cardiovascular Service Plan lists cardiovascular disease (CVD) recognition as a Ministry of Health primary care clinical indicator with an associated target of an increase in early recognition of CVD. The plan included an investigation into the feasibility of community pharmacy in CVD risk assessment.

The investigation found that with some investment from MidCentral DHB, it is feasible that CVD risk assessment can be provided from community pharmacy.

Management confirmed that investment is currently operating around CVD risk assessment and that further evaluation reports on cardiology and chronic disease management will be presented periodically to the Committee.

It was recommended:

that this report be received

5.2 ANTENATAL HIV SCREENING PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Management confirmed that MidCentral DHB is required to operate this programme under the Crown Funding Agreement. It was also confirmed that this initiative has been implemented within timeframe and budget. It is expected the programme will roll over after the initial three-year duration, however this will be monitored closely as the Ministry is unable to give guarantees beyond a three-year period.

A member queried whether MidCentral DHB is able to easily exit such contracts. Management responded that the contracts are aligned, however Ministry funding is reduced if targets are not being met and that it is the provider's responsibility to meet any exit costs incurred.

It was recommended:

that this report be received

5.3 HEALTH AWARDS 2009

Management verified that the Health Awards ceremony for 2009 would be downscaled due to current fiscal restraints. The Committee commended this prudence around costs and agreed the importance of this event in recognising and honouring health professionals within the district.

It was recommended:

that this report be received

6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

6.1 FUNDING DIVISION OPERATING REPORT – JULY 2009

Item 2.1.1 Special Issues Audit

Management advised that issues arising from the audit relate to both Palmerston North and Feilding services and that proprietors across both facilities generally take a responsive approach when the final audit report is presented.

Item 2.3.1 Regional Mental Health Strategic Plan (RMHSP)

Management advised that discussions will occur around the ring fence which may extend towards a regional approach.

Item 2.3.2 Regional Specialty Services (RSS)

A member queried the likelihood of RSS bringing change within the region. Management will provide feedback at the September meeting.

Item 2.4.1 Rural Workforce Retention Funding 2009/2010 year

It was advised that this is a feature of primary care updates and will continue to be so.

Item 2.4.1 Foxton Collocation Project

It was verified that the Foxton Medical Trust is to take responsibility for progressing this project further.

Item 2.6.1 Child Youth Mortality Review Coordinator

It was confirmed that the Child Youth Mortality Review Coordinator is employed by Whanganui DHB but that this position also sits across MidCentral DHB. This position is largely responsible for reviewing child youth mortalities from age 20 days to 24 years. Information is to be collated from a range of providers and recommendations issued to implement change.

Item 2.6.2 School Based Health Services

It was confirmed that decile three schools are no longer involved in this initiative and that there has been a reduction in funding accordingly.

Item 2.8 Secondary Care

Discussion focused on the quality framework in place for delivery of services by MidCentral Health and it was noted that a distinction can be made between the quality of care given and the quality of the system. A member queried how systemic problems can be separately identified and resolved. Management responded that such concerns can be addressed by way of independent accreditation or certification process. A member commented that performance requirements would need to be determined if another DHB were to be contracted to provide secondary services for MidCentral, therefore such obligations should exist for the current provider.

Item 2.10.3 Respiratory

It was favourably noted that spirometers are back in place within the PHO

Item 2.10.4 Diabetes

A member queried as to whether a Diabetes Support Group existed in Palmerston North. Management responded that the diabetes network is fragmented with many support groups.

It was recommended:

that this report be received

6.2 FINANCE REPORT – JULY 2009

Management confirmed that the financial outcome is dependant on confirmation of IDF flow.

It was recommended:

that this report be received

7. GOVERNANCE ISSUES

7.1 CONTRACTS UPDATE 1

Management advised that an updated list of signed contracts was unable to be supplied at this point but that this information will provided next quarter.

It was recommended:

that this report be received

7.2 2009/10 WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair commented on centralAlliance being of possible importance in the Funding and Planning area and noted that it may be worthwhile for the Committee to receive a factual report outlining the implications, impacts, benefits and context of the centralAlliance road map.

It was advised that the Board is to meet on Wednesday 12 August 2009 regarding this and that it would be decided after that workshop as to whether an update to the Committee would be required.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming report by the Ministerial Review Group. Management verified that there is uncertainty as to the exact nature of this report and the timing of its release.

It was recommended:

that the updated work programme for 2009/10 be noted

8. LATE ITEMS

There were none.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1 September 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	

Meeting closed at 1.58pm

Confirmed Tuesday 1 September 2009

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Chairperson