

MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

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Unconfirmed Minutes

Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 6 October 2009 at 4.00pm in Board Room, Board Office, Gate 2B, Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North.

PRESENT

Lindsay Burnell (Chair)
Diane Anderson
Jonathan Godfrey

Tawhiti Kunaiti
Ian Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

Murray Georgel, Chief Executive Officer
Mike Grant, General Manager, Funding Division
Heather Browning, General Manager, Enable New Zealand
Stuart Wilson, General Manager, Corporate Services
Karen Nisbet, Committee Secretary
Barbara Robson, Board member
Jill Matthews, Manager, Administration and Communications
Muriel Hanratty, Director, Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness

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1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Ann Chapman. Nicholas Steenhout was absent.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/REGISTER OF INTEREST UPDATE

3.1 Amendments to the Register of Interests

There were no amendments to the Register

3.2 Declaration of Conflicts in Relation to Today's Business

Agenda item 5.2 Review of Braille Signage at Enable New Zealand Update. Jonathan Godfrey was a Director for Foundation of the Blind.

4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments being made:

- *Item 4.2, to note that Jonathan Godfrey was one of the directors for the Foundation of the Blind.*
- *Item 6.5, a correction of the title of the new Deputy Health and Disability Commissioner-Disability who was appointed by the Minister of Health.*

4.2 Recommendations to Board

The Committee noted that all recommendations contained in the minutes had been approved by the Board.

4.3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. STRATEGIC ISSUES

5.1 Implementation of New Zealand Disability Stocktake Update

The CEO summarised the Disability Stocktake. He advised that although steady progress is being made this was slower than normal due to fiscal restraints. The Stocktake was a good reminder of what the Disability Support Advisory Committee set out to achieve and what still needed to be achieved. The CEO advised that it may be a good time to review the 2006 Stocktake and update it. The CEO advised a new addition to the New Zealand Disability Stocktake being the Mobile Dental Clinics, this will be added to item 15 of the Stocktake.

The CEO stated the lack of disability access to these mobile dental clinics was a concern. The matter had been discussed at the Hospital Advisory Committee who sought the Disability Support Advisory Committee's advice and support. The CEO advised that the Ministry of Health initially explored having lifts/ramps however the cost of this was prohibitive and determined that disability access would not be included in the design and each DHB would need to make local arrangements at their own cost. Ministry of Health then sought a legal opinion and advised the DHBs.

A member read an extract of information that was provided in the Hospital Advisory committee report providing an update on the Child and Adolescent Oral Health and the mobile dental clinics. It was agreed that a copy of this report be sent out to the Disability Support Advisory Committee.

A member expressed disappointment that this was not brought to the attention of the Disability Advisory Support Committee earlier and that staff had voiced their concern. It was agreed that the Disability Advisory Support Committee needed to take a proactive approach to finding a solution to this issue.

It was also noted that it was not only the disabled children that will be affected with the lack of disability access to the mobile dental clinics but also disabled parents/caregivers, mothers with buggies etc. Use of the Mobile Surgical bus, which had disability access was noted.

The following was agreed:

- The issue to be raised with the Ministry of Health Disability Consortium forum (Disability Services Consumer) requesting the disability access on the mobile dental clinics be considered by them
- Management should look at National and Regional solutions to this issue
- Management to also examine how MDHB could arrange local disability access, including a short term interim solution
- The issue of disability access to be added to the stocktake

- Engagement with disability community to occur at a local level

The Disability Advisory Support Committee strongly supported the Hospital Advisory Committee's intention to write to the Ministry regarding the DHB's concerns.

The Director, Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness advised that they were looking at various solutions to the disability access issue, and engagement would occur with the local communities.

It was recommended:

that this report be received.

5.2 Review of Braille Signage at Enable New Zealand Update

Jonathan Godfrey advised his conflict of interest relating to being one of the Directors of the Foundation of the Blind. It was the committee's decision that this should not prevent his participation in the discussion.

The General Manager, Enable New Zealand provided an update of the environmental audit completed by an Orientation & Mobility/Adaptive Daily Living Instructor from Royal NZ Foundation of the Blind.

Jonathan Godfrey asked if an Enable New Zealand staff member would now have the skills to help other DHBs comply with the disability standards requested by the audit. The General Manager, Enable New Zealand advised that one member would have a rudimentary knowledge. The committee requested that management send a copy of the audit report to Facilities management to help them when further maintenance was required at the DHB or new facilities were planned.

It was recommended:

that the report be received.

5.3 Review of the Health & Disability Commissioner Act 1994 and Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights

The Director, Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness provided a summary of the report. Recommendations and potential implications were noted. Concern was raised that this report would impact considerably on the needs assessor in terms of managing assessments and organisational requirements. It was suggested that the assessor needed to be completely independent of service providers.

It was recommended:

that the report be received.

5.4 centralAlliance

The CEO provided an overview of his report on centralAlliance.

The committee requested copies of Whanganui's Disability Advisory Support Committee's order papers. It was agreed this be included in future agendas, and will be added to the Work Programme.

It was recommended:

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that this report be received

6 GOVERNANCE ISSUES

6.1 2009/10 Work Programme

The CEO advised the committee that he will provide information on the centralAlliance progress.

It was recommended:

that the updated 2009/10 work programme be noted.

7. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

8. DATE OF MEETING

Tuesday 2 March 2010 at 4pm, MidCentral DHB Office, Board Room, Gate 2B, Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North.

In closing the meeting the Chair noted the marvellous work that Ian Wilson had provided to MidCentral, Hawkes Bay, Whanganui, and Waikato DHBs, the Central Region and DHBNZ since his involvement in 1992. He thanked Ian for his contribution and wished him the best for the future.

The meeting closed at 5.05 pm.

Confirmed this 2nd day of March 2010.

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Chairperson