

MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 3 March 2009
at 4.00pm in Board Room, Board Office, Gate 2B Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North.

PRESENT

Lindsay Burnell (Chair)
Diane Anderson
Ann Chapman

Jonathan Godfrey
Ormond Stock
Ian Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

Murray Georgel, Chief Executive Officer
Heather Browning, General Manager, Enable New Zealand
Lareen Cooper, General Manager, MidCentral Health
Mike Grant, General Manager, Funding Division
Jill Matthews, Manager, Administration and Communications
Karen Nisbet, Committee Secretary
Anne Amoore, Group Manager, Human Resources
Nicholas Glubb, Group Manager, Clinical Quality and Service Improvement

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1. APOLOGIES

Nicolas Steenhout, Committee Member and Stuart Wilson, General Manager, Corporate Services.

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 5.2.3 Improved Access to Car Parking. Lindsay Burnell noted he was a councillor for Horizons.

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4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes

It was recommended:

that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 October 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

It was noted that Orientation for new committee members had not yet occurred, as two further appointments were still to be filled. The Committee suggest if no progress has been made in the next few weeks, orientation should commence regardless.

5. STRATEGIC ISSUES

5.1 Annual Communications Update

An update was provided by the Manager, Administration and Communications. She advised that a review of the website was taking place by outside auditors. Formal feedback would be received shortly and an update for the committee would be provided in July.

Management advised that no formal evaluation of communications was routinely undertaken at this stage with the exception of the web audit. Informal feedback was sought on specific initiatives such as MidCentral DHB's Community Newspaper.

It was recommended:

that this report be received.

5.2 Disability Facility Stocktake

5.2.1 Update

An update was provided by the CEO. He advised that although there were five items on hold due to financial constraints they would be addressed at a later date.

It was recommended:

that the report be received.

5.2.2 Review of Braille Signage at Enable New Zealand

An update was provided by the General Manager, Enable New Zealand. A total disability audit was being organised with New Zealand Foundation of the Blind and also a Braille expert. This work had not yet taken place and an update would be provided to the Committee in July.

It was noted that colour contrast was of importance to people with partial vision.

It was recommended:

that this report be received.

5.2.3 Improved Access to Car Parking

The CEO noted the report was slightly out of date due to the report being written in October 2008 for the Hospital Advisory Committee. The CEO advised due to financial restraints the additional disability car parks were now on hold. However, general tidying up had occurred and afternoon car parks had increased, this increasing the total number of parks.

St Mary's School, Ruahine Street, Palmerston North had offered additional car parking to the hospital. This offer had not been utilised at this stage. Staff who had shown interest in having a paid dedicated car park may benefit from St Mary's offer.

The Committee encouraged management to liaise with Palmerston North City Council and other agencies regarding public transport particularly given the proposal to re-site the bus station at the Airport. Palmerston North Hospital would be a logical destination for a bus stop.

It was noted that Ormond Stock was on the Airport Committee.

The Committee noted that the distance from the furthest car park to the hospital had been walked by an average person and importance had to be placed on the elderly or people with a slow gait.

It was also noted by the Committee that improvements such as the golf cart or intercity use of the health shuttles would take very little expense to get up and running. Management was asked to look at progressing this and provide an update for the next meeting.

It was recommended:

that this report be received.

5.3 NZ Disability Strategy Contracts: Update

It was recommended:

that the report be received.

5.4 Annual Update – Stocktake of Employment Practices and Education & Development

The Group Manager, Human Resources advised ACC had confirmed MidCentral DHB's tertiary status in the ACC Partnership Programme.

It was recommended:

that the report be received.

5.5 Inquiry re Quality of Care and Service Provision with People with Disabilities

The CEO advised MidCentral DHBs had offered the General Manager, Enable New Zealand's support if required for the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Disability Issues.

The Committee questioned whether the inquiry posed any risk for Enable New Zealand. The General Manager, Enable New Zealand noted the opportunities the review presented.

It was recommended:

that the report be received.

5.6 District Annual Plan 2009/10

The CEO reiterated that the District Annual Plan was still very draft. This was due to the change of Government and new national policies. Although most new policies were known some were still being progressed.

The Ministry expectations, including those recorded were noted.

It was recommended:

that the report be received.

6. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

6.1 Disability Consumer Feedback, July – September 2008

The Group Manager, Clinical Quality and Service Improvement noted that generally those with a disability had similar feedback to the overall groups surveyed.

Management confirmed that it would be approaching other DHBs where the same type of reporting was taking place to exchange information. An update on this would be provided at next Committee meeting in July.

It was recommended:

this report is received.

7 GOVERNANCE ISSUES

7.1 2008/09 Work Programme

The CEO provided an update on the centralAlliance Agreement. At this stage it was with the Minister of Health. A further meeting of the centralAlliance subcommittee would be held on 30 March 2009.

It was recommended:

that the updated 2008/09 work programme be noted.

8. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

9. DATE OF MEETING

It was agreed that if no significant changes were made in the District Annual Plan recording disability issues the Committee would not meet in April. It was further agreed that the determination be made by the Committee Chair and be advised to members well in advance. Management advised that the updated District Annual Plan would be provided to members regardless.

It was noted that the Chair would be contacted two weeks prior to 7 April meeting.

It was recommended:

that the Disability Support Advisory Committee's next meeting be held on 7 July 2009 unless significant changes to the District Annual Plan were made in which case, the Committee would meet on 7 April 2009; the Committee Chair will make this decision.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was recommended:

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

<i>Item</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<i>2009/10 District Annual Plan</i>	<i>Under negotiation with the Ministry of Health</i>	<i>9(2)(j)</i>

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.

Confirmed this day of2009.

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Chairperson