

# MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 1 March 2011  
at 4.00 pm in Board Room, Board Office, Gate 2, Heretaunga Street, Palmerston North.

## **PRESENT**

Lindsay Burnell (Chair)  
Mavis Mullins (Deputy Chair)  
Ann Chapman  
Jonathan Godfrey

Pat Kelly  
Nicolas Steenhout  
Phil Sunderland

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Murray Georgel, Chief Executive Officer  
Mike Grant, General Manager, Funding Division  
Muriel Hanratty, Director, Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness  
Jill Matthews, Manager, Administration and Communications  
Karen Nisbet, Committee Secretary

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## **1. APOLOGIES**

Tawhiti Kunaiti, Committee Member  
Heather Browning, General Manager, Enable New Zealand

## **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 of Interest.

### **3.2 Declaration of Conflicts in Relation to Today's Business**

No interests were declared.

## **4. MINUTES**

### **4.1 Minutes**

*that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 October 2010 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**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **5. STRATEGIC ISSUES**

#### **5.1 Disability Consumer Feedback (July – December 2010 inclusive)**

The Director, Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness summarised the report. It was noted that the questions in the survey were provided by the Ministry of Health and they were the same throughout the country. There was one additional question that MidCentral Health had added that allowed patients to self identify as having a disability.

There had been positive feedback with little variation to the various areas. It was noted that individual issues were discussed with quality co-ordinators to identify how things could be done better.

Comparable data was sort from the Whanganui DHB's Disability Support Advisory Committee. Whanganui DHB do not survey from the disability perspective, but they may incorporate this in time.

The Committee was pleased that the disability question remained a permanent survey question for MidCentral Health and that it may provide other DHBs with the incentive to do likewise.

It was recommended:

*this report be received.*

#### **5.2 Human Rights Review Tribunal – Paid Family Caregivers Case**

The CEO summarised the report. It was noted that the Ministry provided the funding for this type of care. This may be an issue for DHBs if the Ministry lost the appeal and required extra funding from other areas.

It was recommended:

*that this report be received.*

**5.3 Disability Rights Commissioner – Human Rights Tribunal**

The CEO summarised the report.

The committee expressed a hope that this may bring changes to the Human Rights Act regarding inappropriate names used for the disabled, in line with race issues.

It was recommended:

*this report be received.*

**5.4 New Zealand Disability Support Network Update**

The CEO summarised the report. The committee agreed to take up the Disability Support Networks offer to help identify key issues for disabled people in accessing primary and secondary health services. In doing so it noted this would not affect feedback from other disabled consumers/groups.

Management will provide feedback at the next committee meeting.

It was recommended:

*this report be received.*

**6 GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

**6.1 2010/11 Work Programme**

The CEO summarised the 2010/11 Work Programme.

The committee raised concern that the disability stock take would not be progressing. Management confirmed that the stock take was an ongoing business as usual matter and will be discussed annually, with additions being made as required.

It was recommended:

*that the updated work programme for 2010/11 be noted.*

**7. LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

**8. DATE OF MEETING**

It was recommended:

*that the Disability Support Advisory Committee's next meeting be held on 5 July 2011.*

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**9. 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>2011/12 Draft Annual Plan</i>	<i>Under negotiation</i>	<i>9(2)(j)</i>

The meeting closed at 4.55 pm.

Confirmed this 5th day of July 2011.

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Chairperson