

MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTHBOARD

**Minutes of the Clinical Council meeting held on Wednesday 3
February 2021 at 5.15pm, Board Room, Palmerston North Hospital**

CLINICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

- Dr Simon Allan (Chair)
- Dr Don Baken
- Fiona Bradley
- Dr Nader Fattah
- Sophie Loveridge
- Tim Dunn
- Jane Ayling
- Dr Nicola Pereira
- Celeita Willams
- Gail Munro (ex-officio)

IN ATTENDANCE

- Judith Catherwood, General Manager, Quality and Innovation
- Kelvin Billinghamurst, Chief Medical Officer
- Syed Zaman, Clinical Executive, Te Uru Whakamauora – Healthy Ageing and Rehabilitation
- Andrew Nwosu, Operation Executive, Te Uru Whakamauora – Healthy Ageing and Rehabilitation
- Jodie Hickey, Committee Administrator

1. APOLOGIES

- Apologies were received from Council Members, Dr Garry Forgeson and Raeleen Toia

2. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no items raised

3. CONFLICT AND/OR REGISTER OF INTEREST

There were no items raised

4. ADMINSTRATIVE ITMES

All items noted

5. FRAILTY AND REHAB SERVICE MODEL

Andrew Nwosu, Te Uru Whakamauora – Healthy Ageing and Rehabilitation ran through the Te Uru Whakamauora model of care – it is currently at the conception phase in rehabilitation.

Service is currently limited to specific areas – HOP service is run out of Kauri Healthcare, the aim is to make it available district wide and target Localities with a high deprivation index.

The model aims to achieve improved care closer to home. To reduce presentations to Emergency departments and enable patients to remain in their home and promote community rehabilitation.

The rehabilitation service is for anyone who requires rehabilitation from 16 years and over.

It was raised that the term frequent flyer has judgemental connotations and a more neutral term needs to be used.

A Hui was held and engaged with a wide range of Whanau and Consumers to determine the design of the service model.

A clinical service plan is currently in development and will start in the Horowhenua and address how to use the services available and address gaps in services in the locality. This is part of the DHB sustainability plan.

The model offers little short term gains but will allow savings to be made long term.

The business case will be presented first to OLT then onto FRAC.

It was resolved that:

Clinical council believe the Te Uru Whakamauora model of care is a great investment and endorse it.

Jodie Hickey to send meeting invite to Andrew and Syed to give a progress update at the April/May Clinical Council meeting.

6. CLINICAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Kelvin Billingham, Chief medical officer introduced himself to the Clinical Council.

Clinical Council members introduced themselves to Kelvin.

An overview was given on the new Clinical Governance structure.

The new structure would have 8 core committees, 3 of which overlap. 5 Core committees that relate specifically to Clinical and Patient staff/health care worker issues. The committees will support the Clusters and help empower them.

It is proposed that a member of the Clinical and Consumer council will have members on each of these enterprise committees, this will help to strengthen the relationship with the Councils.

CAGS will still continue to exist as they do at present.

The new structure aims to tie together all the different clinical areas of MidCentral DHB and make them meaningful and constructive.

The structure currently encompasses just the bits MidCentral DHB have responsibility for but it is planned that it can be connected to Governance structures within Primary health and Regional/National services.

The new Clinical Governance structure has been developed with clinical engagement over 3-4 months and feedback is sought. Dr Simon Allan and Dr Nader Fattah were involved in the development of the new Clinical governance structure.

Currently at the feedback stage.

It was resolved that:

The Clinical Council approve of the new Clinical Governance Structure

Clinical Council will follow the progress and implementation of the new structure

7. WICKED PROBLEM DISCUSSION

Clinical Council discussed the issues surrounding Primary Care access and sustainability.

The district is currently 14 General Practitioners short of optimum levels.

Nursing staff are currently 50-60 down.

Health need is well excess of resources available leading to access challenges.

Junior doctors are very important as they will be our future medical leads and succession planning is critical.

All solutions need to be discussed and investigated.

The relationship between MidCentral and the Medical School of the University of Auckland could be improved.

An effort needs to be made to promote being a GP as a career path within schools.

Rangitane iwi have been working to engage with youth to promote health careers. More Maori healthcare workers are needed to address equity and Maori health issues.

Work needs to be done on educating consumers and changing their mind set to encourage them to see a prescriber (such as a nurse practitioner or pharmacist) where possible.

A working group has currently been set up to address the workforce issue. The Council would like to tap into the working group and ensure that solutions are set in place.

Kauri currently has two house officers for a 3 month period but this is just a Band-Aid and not a long term solution.

Simon thanked Kelvin for attending the meeting.

It was resolved that:

Jodie Hickey to invite Chiquita Hansen to the March 3 Clinical council meeting to discuss the working group and how the Clinical Council can help to ensure wins/changes are made.

Jodie Hickey to invite Kelvin to a future meeting to workshop another wicked problem.

8. MINUTES

It was resolved:

- That the minutes of the previous Clinical Council meeting November 4 2020 be **approved** as true and correct.

9. AGENDA ITEMS

Chiquita Hansen to attend to discuss the working group that is currently addressing the workforce issue.

Rob Weir to be invited to discuss the Covid 19 response.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Clinical Council meeting
Wednesday 3 March 2021
Arohanui Hospice seminar room

Meeting Closed with a Karakia by Simon at 7.15pm