

MIDCENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTHBOARD

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

CLINICAL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

- Dr Simon Allan (Chair)
- Dr Don Baken
- Fiona Bradley
- Dr Nader Fattah
- Sophie Loveridge
- Jane Ayling,
- Dr Garry Forgeson
- Dr Nicola Pereira
- Raeleen Toia
- Celeita Williams
- Gail Munro (ex-officio)

IN ATTENDANCE

- Judith Catherwood, General Manager, Quality and Innovation
- Chiquita Hansen, CE THINK Hauora
- Dr Paul Cooper, Medical Advisor Acute Care
- Kelvin Billinghamurst, Chief Medical Officer
- Jodie Hickey, Committee Administrator

1. KARAKIA

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Council Member Tim Dunn

3. NOTIFICATION OF LATE ITEMS

There were no items raised.

4. CONFLICT AND/OR REGISTER OF INTEREST

There were no items raised.

5. IMPROVED ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE

Chiquita Hansen and Dr Paul Cooper attended to discuss steps that are been taken to alleviate the issues with access to primary care in the MDHB region.

Members engaged in a robust conversation. Ideas and potential solutions to specific issues were discussed.

- After hours services need to be reviewed and to operate at a higher functionality
- A terminology change needs to happen to insure that patients/consumers are aware of the different clinical providers that can be used instead of a GP i.e.: Nurse Practitioner, pharmacist etc.
- The relationship and integration between Primary and Secondary needs to be supported, developed and utilised.
- A refreshed recruitment strategy needs to be developed
 - Start promoting a career in the health sector in high school
 - Make a career as GP look attractive
 - GP training team – incentivise this
 - Improve funding for general practices
 - Culture survey to look at attrition rates – why do GP's only stay in practices for a short amount of time.
- Work needs to be done get the 12000 people not enrolled into a practice so the enrollment funding can be accessed and utilised.
- Extra administrators would take some pressure of medical staff

It was resolved that:

Clinical Council to email ideas to Dr Simon Allan, Clinical Council chair so these can be collated and shared.

Primary Care workforce discussion to be brought back to future Clinical Council meeting

6. COVID VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Kelvin Billingham, Chief Medical Officer attended and explained the Influenza program due to start April, MMR Catchup and explained current vaccination programs would continue as per normal.

Kelvin explained that the Covid 19 Vaccination program is a rapidly evolving environment – we do not have all the information and a considerable amount of learning is happening and will continue right through the roll out.

A vaccination register will be developed to record all those who received the Covid 19 vaccination, it is hoped that moving forward all vaccinations will be recorded in the register.

Covid 19 Vaccination sites will be kept separate from testing sites.

Vaccinators will have general vaccination training then will have dedicated vaccination training to ensure they have the skill required to administer the Covid 19 vaccination. Those that already have the general training will be trained first.

It is anticipated that there will be approximately 210 vaccinations administered per day from each covid 19 vaccination team.

The vaccination is currently only for 16 years and over but this may change.

A lot of Administration staff would be required to accurately record all information and ensure the vaccination process runs smoothly. Work is being done to reach out to ethnic groups to ensure a broad range of administrators are on board.

It was raised that a pamphlet drop had been done in Otaki regarding the vaccination and encouraging people not to get it. Kelvin advised to forward the information through so it can be dealt with by the Communications team.

It was suggested that additional members may be needed for the communication team to get the vaccination message out – this would be low cost with big benefits.

The THINK Hauora portal could be used to disseminate information to smaller General Practices.

Clinical Council members advised they would be interested in reviewing the Covid 19 Communications strategy. Simple, straightforward messages were needed.

The vaccination hasn't been tested in pregnancy and those with egg allergies were advised to avoid the vaccine.

It was resolved that:

Jodie Hickey to arrange for the Communication Strategy to be brought back to the Clinical Council

Clinical Council members to send any mis-information that they come across to the MDHB communications team.

7. NEXT AGENDA

Dr Simon Allan, Clinical Council chair gave a quick overview of the upcoming Agenda items

- April Agenda
 - Pharmacy – Covid Approach
 - Covid working group – Dan Hirst, Covid 19 Response Manager to attend and give overview on Covid 19 Response
- Primary Care workforce – to be scheduled for a future meeting – Simon to advise at the April meeting
- Mental Health remains a focus and will be brought to a future meeting.

8. MATTERS ARISING

There were no items raised.

9. MINUTES

It was resolved:

- That the minutes of the previous Clinical Council meeting February 3 2021 be **approved** as true and correct.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Clinical Council meeting
Wednesday 7 April 2021
Board Room, Palmerston North Hospital Board Office

Meeting Closed at 7.15pm