

AUCKLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting
Held on Thursday 20 March 2008
in the Sir Douglas Robb Board Room, Greenlane
commencing at 11.00 am**

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee Members

Barry de Geest (Chair)
Jo Agnew
Susan Buckland
Bob Tizard

In Attendance

Brian Fergus
Pat Snedden

Management in Attendance

Denis Jury - Chief Planning & Funding Officer
Lisa Gestro – Planning & Funding Manager
Janice Mueller – Director Allied Health
Liam Sheridan – Acting Board Administrator

Apologies and Conflict of Interest

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10:08 am.

Bob Tizard declared a potential conflict of interest viz: receipt of a war disability pension.

Apologies had been received from Garry Smith.

2. KARAKIA AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Barry de Geest commenced the meeting with a brief introduction to the Committee. The Chair commented on the positive move in having more Board representation on the Committee and he looked forward to being of benefit to the new Board in providing continuity.

The Committee spent some time canvassing the names of possible persons to be co-opted to the Committee. Various desirable criteria for co-opted members were identified including education and/or experience of living with a disability as a young person.

Brian Fergus pointed out that with judicious choice of co-opted members the DHB's consultation obligations would be partially fulfilled.

The Committee agreed that Janice Mueller, Lisa Gestro and Ian Bell would work towards having some names and CVs to be considered by the Board at their April planning session.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 15 NOVEMBER 2007

The Committee noted the minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 November 2007

4. MATTERS ARISING 15 NOVEMBER 2007

All matters arising had been actioned in the intervening period.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair spoke to a presentation in the Agenda paper: "The ADHB Disability Support Advisory Committee – Progress, Highlights and Future Direction". The Chair explain that the Committee was a statutory one, notwithstanding that much disability support funding still lay with the Ministry of Health.

Among the most pressing needs for the Committee was to complete work on the 'stocktake' of the population of people with disabilities. The Committee has also been useful in allowing the DHB to take a comprehensive view of the needs and rights of people with disabilities - for example reviewing the arrangements made for staff with disabilities as well as patients with disabilities.

The Chair and Lisa Gestro illustrated the sometimes complex route which people with disabilities need to navigate to gain access to services.

Lisa Gestro outlined some of the innovative strategies which the DHB was considering in addressing the needs of people with disabilities.

During the course of the discussion Committee members agreed that a further, fuller briefing to the next Committee would be helpful; to contain additional background information on DSS funding, the "interim funding pool", issues in the DSS sector and ADHB's current approach to those issues. Lisa Gestro will present this briefing to the next meeting of the Committee.

6. PROPOSED DSAC WORKPLAN 2008 - 2009

The Committee agreed that further discussion of the DSAC work plan should await the new briefing paper to be prepared by Ms Gestro. Pat Snedden asked that the work plan be considered in the context of achieving those things which will be of most value to the community of people with disabilities and those actions which enable that community to achieve full attainment of its rights.

7. HEALTH OF OLDER PEOPLE SERVICES REVIEW AND QUALITY INITIATIVE

Lisa Gestro presented the paper, commenting that there is a strong link to ADHB's Health 2020 work. The Committee commended the approach to utilising existing funding in innovative ways but asked that further information be provided on the audit and monitoring arrangements planned for the initiative in the briefing paper on DSS issues being prepared by Ms Gestro.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Committee consented to receive a late paper on the Orthotics contract. The Committee noted the paper and asked that consumer feedback form part of any evaluation undertaken.

10. NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 11.58pm.

DATE OF NEXT DSAC MEETING

11:00am, Thursday 15 May 2008
Seminar Room
RehabPlus
Pt Chevalier

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CHAIR

DATE