

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

### DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting  
held on Thursday 20 November 2008  
in the Sir Douglas Robb Board Room  
Level 7, Building 14  
Greenlane Clinical Centre  
commencing at 11.00 am**

#### 1. KARAKIA AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:05am and Dairne Kirton commenced the meeting with the karakia followed by attendees introducing themselves.

#### 2. ATTENDEES AND APOLOGIES

##### **Committee Members**

Barry de Geest (Chair)  
Susan Buckland  
Dr Brian Fergus  
Dairne Kirton  
Rt Hon Bob Tizard

Jo Agnew  
Peter Druskovich  
Marie Hull-Brown  
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##### **Management in Attendance**

Lisa Gestro – Planning & Funding Manager  
Ian Bell - Board Administrator

##### **Apologies**

Moved Peter Druskovich, seconded Barry de Geest

*That the apologies from Tunumafono Avaula Fa'amoe, Garry Smith and Denis Jury be sustained.*

Carried

#### 3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no changes to the conflicts of interest register. Barry de Geest and Peter Druskovich declared an interest in item 10, RFP for Home Based Support Services.

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 18 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Moved Barry de Geest, seconded Bob Tizard

*That the minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 September 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Carried

#### **5. ACTION POINTS 18 SEPTEMBER 2008**

##### **Conflicts of Interest**

The conflicts of interest had been referred to Corporate Counsel and his response confirming the actions taken at the last meeting was received.

##### **Complaints**

These had been referred to the Quality Committee

#### **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman advised that he had nothing in particular to report.

#### **7. SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT INTO DISABILITY SERVICES**

The letter to Judith Collins, Deputy Chairperson, Social Services Select Committee was noted. The Committee suggested inviting the Ministry of Health, Tony Ryall to a Committee meeting which is to be raised with the CEO. They also noted that the incoming Government had appointed a Minister of Disabilities, Paula Bennett and sought to invite her to a Committee meeting early in 2009.

#### **8. UPDATE ON COMPLAINTS ISSUE FROM SEPTEMBER MEETING**

While two complaints had been noted by the Committee in September only one formal complaint had been received.

Susan Buckland joined the meeting at 11:18am.

The Committee expressed concern at the response to the complaint which appeared to be on the basis of looking at the notes and discussion within the service but without talking to the person or advocate and did not provide any answers or solutions or address systemic policy. The Committee was advised that there had been a policy change to allow caregivers to provide support to in-patients which is also being discussed with the Ministry of Health with an indicative positive response. The Committee needed to stop hearing individual complaints but concentrate on system discussions which could be referred to the Quality Committee. While there was patient advocacy the linkages may not work well with a need to "hear the person's voice" and understand how the person actually felt. The Committee welcomed the policy for support where it is appropriate and required to be continued by the caregiver. There was still an over/under 65 issue.

## **9. ADHB ALL AGE REHABILITATION STRATEGY**

Deidre Mulligan, Project Manager was in attendance and presented to the draft Rehabilitation Strategy 2009 - 2013. The Strategy was not just reactive to the RehabPlus situation where the decision to stay in the premises had been made with it to be upgraded. The project purpose was to develop a DHB wide Rehabilitation Strategy to improve the lives of Aucklanders building on work completed to date, reflecting ADHB's strategic direction and establishing a framework for the continuum of ADHB rehabilitation services through drawing together ADHB's strategies. This would be aligned with national, regional, as well as ADHBs strategies with a Steering Group consisting mainly of medical personnel and a Project Working Group with wider community membership. The timelines and deliverables were outlined with the finalised strategy due in May 2009. The draft strategy was included in the papers but needed to go through the prioritisation process within ADHB and would include regional collaboration noting the Counties Manukau proposal for a rehabilitation centre. It was noted that rehabilitation was not a static process but involved episodes of care and included social rehabilitation as well as clinical rehabilitation. The need for rehabilitation to install a sense of hope was queried as it infers something is wrong where as disabled accepted that they were as they were. Drug and alcohol rehabilitation was excluded from the strategy. Services for disabled were quite fractured but the move to see more services in the community was supported.

Members of the Committee were invited to contact Deidre Mulligan with any comments and there would be an update to the February meeting.

## **10. RFP FOR HOME BASED SUPPORT SERVICES**

Barry de Geest and Peter Druskovich left the meeting.

Moved Jo Agnew, seconded Brian Fergus

*That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 3, Clauses 32 and 33, of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000, the public be excluded for consideration of Item 10.*

*The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under the above clause for the passing of this resolution are as follows:*

**General subject of each matter to be considered:**

**Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:**

**Ground(s) under clause 34 for the passing of this resolution:**

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10. Home Based Support Services

*To enable the Board to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial activities and negotiations: Official Information Act 1982 s.9(2)(i) and s.9(2)(j)*

*That the public conduct of the relevant part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under s 9 of the Official Information Act 1982.*

Carried

Marie Hull-Brown assumed the Chair and the topic was discussed with the public excluded.

Moved Jo Agnew, seconded Brian Fergus

*That the Disability Support Advisory Committee recommenced their meeting in public.*

Carried

## 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items of general business.

## 12. NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:45pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2009 was yet to be established

**CONFIRMED**

**CHAIR**

**DATE**