

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

### HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting  
held on Wednesday 1 October 2008 in the Marion Davis Library,  
Building 43, Auckland City Hospital, Grafton  
commencing at 11:00 am

#### 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

##### Committee Members

Dr Chris Chambers (Chair)  
Harry Burkhardt  
Dr Brian Fergus  
Pat Snedden  
Seiuli Dr Juliet Walker

Susan Buckland  
Rob Cooper  
Dr Ian Scott  
Rt Hon Bob Tizard  
Ian Ward

##### Management in Attendance

Garry Smith – Chief Executive  
Dr David Sage – Chief Medical Officer  
Dr Margaret Wilsher – Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Medical Director Adult Services  
Greg Balla – Director Performance and Provider Development  
Ngaire Buchanan – GM Operations  
Dr Nick Argyle – Clinical Director Mental Health  
Taima Campbell – Executive Director Nursing  
Margaret Dotchin – Nurse Director  
Fionnagh Dougan – GM Clinical Mental Health, Ambulatory, Cancer & Blood Services  
Dr Rick Franklin – Clinical Leader Greenlane Health Services  
Kay Hyman – GM Woman's and Children's Services  
Janice Mueller – Director Allied Health  
Vivienne Rawlings – GM Human Resources Operations  
Ian Bell – Board Administrator

##### Apologies, Conflicts of Interest

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:42am.

Apologies had been received from Jo Agnew, Farida Sultana, Anne Kolbe, Dr Rees Tapsell and Lynda Williams.

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest relating to any items on the agenda.

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 3 SEPTEMBER 2008

Moved Pat Snedden, seconded Seiuli Dr Juliet Walker

*That the minutes of the Hospital Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 September 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Carried

### **3. ACTION POINTS 3 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Points noted from the minutes were the MoH review of orthopaedic initiatives and plastics services was a regional service provided from Middlemore.

#### **National Paediatric Service Plan**

This would be provided to the next meeting.

### **5. EATING DISORDERS**

Modelling had started on the in-patient services and possible facilities were being considered. The timeframes in the paper were noted particularly the report to the regional CEOs in April 2009. While there was regional buy-in to the process there was no collective commitment with each Board to make a prioritisation decision when the proposal is finalised.

The lack of national direction was noted. It was noted that it is still an open question of how the service would be supported and where risks would lie as resources needed to be available but there was variable demand which would require each DHB to buy certain volumes. The CEOs support across the region was noted. ADHB would be making representations to the MoH that it needed to be funded on a national basis as at present PBF does not meet current demand.

### **4. PRESENTATION – 50 YEARS OF BYPASS SURGERY**

Margaret Wilshire and Kay Hyman presented to the Committee advising that a celebration day was held on 19 September 2008 for 50 years of Bypass surgery. Bypass was putting blood through an external oxygenator. Pictures of the Melrose Heart Lung machine and the visit of the first recipient were included and the Committee acknowledged the team of Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes, David Cole, Sid Yarrow and Jack Watts. They also acknowledge Alan Kerr. Advances in technology were such now that people could be flown around the country on bypass.

The Committee requested that a note of appreciation be sent to David Cole's family as he had passed away recently.

### **6. PROVIDER SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**

The Cancer Services were running at a 100% capacity with waiting times for radiation being extended for 'C radical' patients due to the presentation of 40 acute patients. Treatment was being offered to patients in Sydney or Waikato as 4 patients had waited 9 weeks compared with the 6 weeks waiting time in April. Fifteen patients were being treated in Sydney and Waikato. Further options were being sought at Toowoomba and Melbourne and the new MercyAscot facility. It was estimated that there would be 135 patients needing to be sent elsewhere through to March 2009 as there were insufficient staff. Radiation Therapists had left for the private sector which had been expected. There would be a number of people graduating from training programmes and an active recruitment programme was being conducted in the United Kingdom with interviews in November. The staffing gap would not be solved until March 2009. Other staffing areas being monitored were midwives, ICU and operating room staff.

The Audit Committee had considered the capacity step in physical bed spaces for Adult Health.

Target discharge dates were considered on admission however they were sometimes not kept up to date. Nurse lead discharges were dependent on the availability of senior staff and preparation for discharge. Some areas going well and others not so well. Delayed discharge of high needs patients was monitored as were outlier patients not in their own speciality ward. The Committee asked for a presentation on nurse specialists and discharging. Other points noted were:

- The Orthopaedic initiative and base volume tracking with one surgeon returning from parental leave, one locum and a vacancy for one surgeon. The waiting list was 2 month capacity so there would still be some outsourcing.
- The high occupancy was noted with volumes up and WIES down although it was not considered that complexity had decreased and the impact of WIES 8 was not fully understood.
- ESPI were business as usual with some services not having enough buffer if circumstances changed. While ESPIs were to base requirements higher targets had been established for ADHB's population.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items of general business.

## 9. NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 12.40pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for:  
11.00am, Wednesday, 5 November 2008  
Marion Davis Library  
Building 43  
Auckland City Hospital  
Grafton

**CONFIRMED**

**CHAIR:** .....

**DATE:**.....