

## **AUCKLAND DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD**

### **DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting  
held on Thursday 31 May 2007  
in the Seminar Room, RehabPlus, Carrington, Pt Chevalier  
commencing at 10.00 am**

#### **1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

##### **Committee Members**

Barry de Geest (Chair)  
Wayne Brown  
Sacha Dylan  
Marie Hull-Brown  
Ava Tafili

##### **Management in Attendance**

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

##### **Apologies**

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

Apologies had been received from Di Nash, Barbara Broome, Minnie Baragwanath, Garry Smith, Denis Jury, Taima Campbell, Phillipa Neads and Fleur King. Wayne Brown had apologised for lateness.

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 15 MARCH 2007**

Moved Barry de Geest, seconded Marie Hull-Brown

*That the minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting held on 15 March 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct.*

Carried

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING 15 MARCH 2007**

The meeting to be held with Taikura Trust had not yet been arranged. Concern was expressed that at the last meeting's presentation by Taikura Trust staff had raised operational issues and not treated the presenter with the due respect expected at a governance level. The Chair had apologised directly to Taikura as there was a need for ADHB and Taikura to work together in a collaborative manner.

The Home Based Support Services working party needed a nominee recommended by the Committee. This would involve fortnightly meetings from the end of June and Marie Hull-Brown volunteered for this position.

Moved Barry de Geest, seconded Sacha Dylan

*That the Committee endorses Marie Hull-Brown as being their representative on the Home Based Support Services working party.*

Carried

## **6. FOLLOW-UP ON TAIKURA PRESENTATION**

The briefing paper arose from an internal meeting of Denis Jury, Phillipa Neads, Sandi Millner, Lisa Gestro, Carol Stott and Janice Mueller where issues had been noted on a white board. While the processes were being established the Level 3 fortnightly meetings and Jan White fortnightly meetings had not yet commenced. There was a need for ADHB to facilitate assessments with Lisa Gestro to develop a flow chart of correct processes to be distributed to the Committee by the end of June for endorsement. This should be based on the philosophy of what assistance could individuals give rather than on referring to someone else which would require a cultural shift. A review of long term disability support was being undertaken by the Office of Disability Issues and the Committee should consider making a submission with any papers to be circulated by the Board Administrator.

The Chair advised that he was able to manage any perceived conflicts of interest and was only becoming involved to expedite issues brought to his attention.

The Committee requested a joint report from Taikura/ADHB on how they were going to work together for the next meeting. The Committee noted the blurring between the social model and clinical models of disability with strong support for the social model.

## **5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

A couple of cases had been raised with the Chairman concerning Taikura re palliative care which had been referred to Sandi Millner and copied to Denis Jury. It was noted that palliative care was not managed consistently across the district particularly with a gap for the under 65s.

The Chair was going to talk to Capital & Coast District Health Board on what ADHB's DSAC was doing on 10 July 2007 i.e. the active input to the District Annual Plan.

Regional meetings would only be held if there were issues to be addressed and it was understood that the Select Committee hearings would be in July/August.

## **7. DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP – ADHB AND AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

The proposal was to work with Auckland City Council by providing \$50k for a project involving AUT to survey the population who live in the Council and ADHB's area to determine the size of the disabled population and types of disability so that there could be better planning of provision of services. Mazin Ghafel had attended the first meeting and should be included in further meetings and Julie Helean should also be involved.

Moved Sacha Dylan, seconded Ava Tafili

*That the Disability Support Advisory Committee approves the proposal to work in partnership with Auckland City Council and other professional agencies to implement the DAP/Disability Vision.*

Carried

There would be a need to ensure that the survey provided information that ADHB could use.

**8. DRAFT PALLIATIVE CARE STRATEGY**

The redefining of palliative care by the World Health Organisation in 2002 was noted as was the involvement of Maori and Pacific with the need also to address the needs of disabled. An electronic copy of the strategy was to be distributed.

**9. CARE AND SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

This was a Ministry of Health document and they would be visiting to talk to staff the next week.

**10. REVIEW OF DISTRICT PLAN OBJECTIVES 2006/2007**

There was still a need for awareness training relating to people with disabilities within ADHB's services. It was important that messages be repeated again promoting the social model of disability and increasing disabled visibility. It was suggested that there be some references to incidences involving people with disabilities in NOVA through the communications department.

Auckland City Council were doing work on introducing sign language. For ADHB there needed to be some HR discussions relating to responsiveness training and HR policies to employ disabled in the organisation and then to support them in their position. It was also suggested that data on disability should be collected on the same basis as data on ethnicity. There should be access audits.

The Committee requested Viv Rawlings, General Manager Human Resources Operations address the next meeting.

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Consumer Participation**

Sacha Dylan was on the steering committee for a forum to be held on 26 July 2007 on strengthening consumer voice.

**DSS Review**

The MoH is to be asked where they are up to in terms of reviewing disability support services. This is to be circulated to the Committee.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 12.12 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for  
10.00am Thursday 19 July 2007  
Seminar Room, RehabPlus,  
Carrington, Pt. Chevalier

**CONFIRMED**

**CHAIR**

**DATE**