

Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the
Disability Support Advisory Committee of the Counties Manukau District Health Board
Held in the Board Room, 19 Lambie Drive, Manukau
Tuesday 2nd December 2003 at 1.00 p.m.

- Present: Mr Brent Morrissey (Chair), Mr Donald Barker, Mr Paul Cressey, Mr Bruce Ellery, Ms Chris Ellis, Ms Heather Grace, Ms Nganeko Minhinnick, Ms Donna Rauwhero, Ms Karyn Russell, Professor Sir John Scott,
- In attendance: Ms Carol Delaney, Ms Jenni Coles (from 1.30pm) Ms Elisabeth Harding (Board Secretary)
- Apologies: Mr Lindsay Smith, Ms Airini Tukerangi Mr Chris Mules
- Absent: Ms Donna Hemi, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Mr Ngeretina Puna

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Lindsay Smith, Ms Airini Tukerangi and Mr Chris Mules.

3. Ratification of previous minutes (7th October 2003)

Correction – Heather Grace provided apologies for the last meeting.

Resolution:

The minutes of the meeting of DiSAC held on Tuesday 7th October 2003, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Professor Sir John Scott, **Seconded,** Mr Don Barker **Carried** Unanimously.

Regional DiSAC meeting

The Chair provided an update from the recent Northern DiSAC meeting. There was a good attendance with 7 members from CMDHB DiSAC attending. The meeting was chaired and run by the local DiSAC members (previously it had been run by MOH). In the future, the three DiSAC Chairs will chair meetings in rotation.

Items arising:

Northern locality team (MOH) provided an update.

NDSA post devolution issues (Sam Cliffe, Jill Calverly).

The need for greater clarity around role of NDSA and comparative role between the NDSA and the DHBs. Also clarity was sought around the relationship between the DHBs Ministry and NDSA.

Risk pool – this is still under debate and how it will be used.

MOH NASC review, action plan and reviews are being collated to return to NASC services over the next few weeks.

4. Devolution Update/Workplan

Copies of the presentation were provided to members.

Ms Jenni Coles, Programme Manager Health of Older People, provided an overview of the funding for non-government organisations and the CMDHB provider arm services and the services provided under that funding. Services include age related residential care services, home based support services and a range of other services.

The location of residential beds was considered and is currently being ascertained. This information will be needed to make informed decisions about funding for services. Historically, unlike other parts of the country, there has not been a managed bed programme in the Auckland region and consequently the Auckland and Waitemata DHB regions have a greater number of residential beds than the Counties Manukau region. Access to residential beds is through the NASC services.

Implementation of the Health of Older People strategy is being coordinated through the NDSA with programme managers from the three DHBs forming a regional team.

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Risk pool issues were discussed and in particular access to the risk pool funding by and between the different DHBs.

NASC is the gateway to the services means that it needs to be properly resourced to ensure that the right care is put in place and that the assessment services are provided promptly. Anyone, including the individual, can refer to NASC. The waiting list is around 30-40 people, but this is prioritised so that someone needing personal cares would be assessed straight away in contrast with a person requiring specific equipment. Information on the provision of NASC services is currently being analysed.

Mr Bruce Ellery noted that from a provider perspective the transition has gone smoothly. The work of Carol Delaney and Janine Pratt was acknowledged with regard to the transition together with the role of the NDSA.

5. Provider workshops

There have been two provider workshops, provider arm services in August and the second one in November for non-government organisations (27 providers (out of and estimated 47) attended, mainly from the residential sector. Ms Anthea Penny facilitated the workshops. Priorities were identified at each meeting. Overall, the relationship between the CMDHB provider arm and NGO services was identified as pivotal.

Training of GPs providing services to rest homes was considered. As a result of a survey, a link to CMDHB geriatricians for GPs to discuss particular patients has been established and is well utilised in some areas.

Common themes from both workshops were identified and will be considered in the development of the work plan.

Mr Don Barker noted that pharmaceutical management of medication is not funded (for example the use of bubble packs for dispensing medications). It was noted that there was an opportunity for leadership to assist patients in the management of medication. Eldercare programme has increased its emphasis on medication reviews and medication management.

Ms Rauwhero will discuss the incorporation of a Maori focus into provider arm services of older people with Mr Bernard Te Paa.

Turning ideas in to action

There was a general discussion about how to get some of the Committee's ideas into practice and in particular ideas about providing services in a different way.

Professor Sir John Scott raised the issue of the utilising the services of students in the health sector and questioned whether it was feasible to set up a service to assist in paying off student debt. This would also be an incentive for graduates to stay in New Zealand rather than going overseas. The Committee suggested that management took the concept of credit on student loans for health students to the workforce committee for consideration.

It was agreed that DiSAC would start by noting and collecting ideas of how to do things differently for the health of older people. These would be noted in the minutes and included in an ideas register and reviewed regularly through the work plan with the challenge being to implement changes through the annual and strategic plans. Ideas to be included at this stage are the utilisation of the student workforce and the use of blister pack in medicine management for older people.

Some of the ideas raised in the workshops are part of a recurring theme.

6. Disability Audit material

Refer to the paper at the last meeting written by Ms Chris Ellis. Ms Carol Delaney has discussed this paper with others and in particular with Dr Allan Moffitt regarding incorporating into primary care quality provisions.

Further work will be undertaken on this area of work in the New Year.

7. General business

Manukau City Council is developing a disability strategy and the Chair is attending the Council's meetings on this subject. There is now better recognition and understanding of the DHB's role.

Ms Chris Ellis noted the functions of two different groups convened by the Council considering disability issues:

Policy development for Council

Forum for individuals with disabilities providing the Council with feedback about what affects them and identifying what the Council can do to assist: At these meetings Manukau City Council updates actions from previous meetings. The Council can arrange help with transport to this meeting.

The Council has a focus on well-being, and is looking to avoid duplication while consolidating work in this area under the Healthy City project. Ms Donna Rauwhero provided an update of this work, noting that she is the deputy chair of the Health Council.

Mr Paul Cressey made Eldercare Directory of services available to members.

The constraints within the home care services service specifications was noted with regard to the requirements that caregivers have to be present in the home while care is being provided.

The Chair reflected, as this was the last meeting of the year, on the work of the Committee throughout the year and in particular recognised the quality of Members participation and ideas. The Chair noted that DiSAC has become recognised a functioning credible committee around disability and elder care and noted its improved public profile. The Members were thanked for their participation.

Professor Sir John Scott, on behalf of the other members acknowledged and thanked the Chair for his leadership and acknowledged the support of Board members.

The Chair also thanked Ms Carol Delaney for her work.

The next meeting of DiSAC will at 19 Lambie Drive, Manukau City on Thursday 19th February 2003 at 1pm. .

The meeting closed at 2.50pm.

Signed as a true and correct record on the 22nd day of April 2004

Chair: Brent Morrissey

The minutes of the meeting of the Disability Support Advisory Committee of Counties Manukau District Health Board of 2nd December 2003 are approved.

Recommendation (moved Don Barker/seconded Bruce Ellery)