

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 5th August 2003 at 1.00 p.m.

Present: Mr Brent Morrissey (Chair), Mr Paul Cressey, Mr Bruce Ellery, Ms Heather Grace, Mr Lindsay Smith, Ms Chris Ellis, Ms Donna Hemi, Ms Donna Rauwhero, Professor Sir John Scott, Mr Ngeretina Puna, Ms Karyn Russell, Ms Airini Tukerangi

In attendance: Ms Carol Delaney, Mr Chris Mules, Ms Elisabeth Harding (Board Secretary)

Apologies: Mr Donald Barker, Ms Nganeko Minhinnick, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Ms Jenni Coles

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the Committee and Mr Ngeretina Puna to his first meeting of DiSAC. There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Donald Barker, Ms Nganeko Minhinnick, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Ms Jenni Coles.

3. Ratification of previous minutes (1st July 2003)

Resolution:

The minutes of the meeting of DiSAC held on Tuesday 1st July 2003, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mr Bruce Ellery, **Seconded,** Ms Chris Ellis **Carried** Unanimously.

Procedural issues

Ms Donna Hemi has agreed to be a member of the Committee for a further year. This recommendation will be put to the Board.

4. Integration Project based in Pukekohe: presentation by Ms Anthea Penny

Ms Penny provided an update on the progress of the project. Copies of the presentation were made available to Committee members.

The framework for integrated care for the provision of older peoples health services in the Franklin region has been developed. The review of the current services, demographic, socio economic and health status indicators and have also been completed. Existing services including utilisation issues have been measured against the framework. The next steps will be to meet with key stakeholders and with those stakeholders develop a time framed plan with action steps. This will be followed by implementation of the action steps and monitoring and evaluation of the project process and outcomes. The Committee is considered to be part of the stakeholder group.

Other comments:

- Further information was requested about the meaning of 'Factors influencing health status' (slide 15).
- No information relating to ethnicity is available at this stage.
- Further information was requested about the allocation of nursing intervention in terms of hours spent with each patient.
- There appears to be a smooth transition between episodes of care based on good will and informal networks.
- There is an urgent need to address the respite care/carer support demands.
- The low rate of DNA can be attributed in part to the support of relatives and volunteer drivers assisting patients to attend SuperClinic Outpatient appointments. Generally the importance of the role of volunteers was discussed and the need for volunteers to be reimbursed for costs incurred. This was considered to be a national issue and the involvement of local MPs was discussed.

5. Quality measures for provider arm contracts

Ms Chris Ellis provided an update on the analysis she has been undertaking in reviewing the quality provisions in existing disability support service agreements with the view of incorporating auditable quality measures. This is connected to her work as a health auditor. Ms Ellis has also been in contact with Waitemata and Auckland DHBs to discuss how they are implementing the New Zealand Disability Strategy. Ms Ellis is part of Waitemata DHB's disability strategy group.

Committee members were shown the VIP (Valued, Included and Participates) Calendar, which has monthly actions to work towards the implementation of the Strategy.

The Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers Rights was also considered and the right for services appropriate for people with disabilities to be provided. Ms Ellis will provide a further update at the next DiSAC meeting.

6. Report by Ezekiel Robson and Media Interest

The report was noted.

Although the report was written for Blind Youth it was of general relevance. This report has created media interest and an article has been published in the Manukau Courier (5 August 2003). The Committee expressed its support for people with disabilities to be involved in these issues and encouraged them to write to this Committee. The report would also be of relevance in the development in a Youth Plan for the Counties Manukau region.

Discussion considered the advantages and disadvantages of groups for people with the same disabilities noting the range of views between 'institutionalisation' and 'normalisation'. Self-determination was important together with the importance of connections and opportunities of being involved with groups.

Sir John Scott referred to a Trust with which he is involved which may be interesting in supporting groups such as the World Blind Union Asia Pacific Youth Committee.

7. Devolution update

- Development of the business plan has been difficult and is currently being reviewed.
- Pacific island project: contract documentation from the Ministry is still awaited and a letter of agreement has been requested from the Ministry so that the project can commence.
- DHB representatives met with the Hon Ruth Dyson recently as part of the Minister's monthly advisory group meeting to present approaches to the devolution of disability services. The Auckland region's Person-Centred approach was presented and was received positively:
 - Older people identify their own needs and priority.
 - A plan to meet needs is developed with the person.
 - Older persons are to have copies of the written plan.
 - Encourage all provider correspondence about the older person to be addressed to the person, with copies to other providers.
- The position is still unclear about how disability support services will be placed under the population-funding model. If funding remains at the same level it will be difficult to redirect existing spending. If more funding becomes available it may be possible to allocate some funding to different models of disability service provision.
- It was noted that once a person has been in a residential home for more than 3 months, they are considered to be a resident in the DHB region of the rest home and funding will follow that patient. As there are fewer residential beds in the Counties Manukau region, an increasing number of older persons will move away from the area.
- Mr Ngeretina Puna advised the Committee that he belongs to the Cook Islands Elderly and Disabled Trust. The purpose of the Trust is to develop centres for older people to enjoy spending time during the days while still being cared for in their own homes during the evening, avoiding the need for institutional care.

8. General business

Mr Brent Morrissey advised members about a recent workshop held by Manukau City Council to develop a disability strategy for the region. Mr Morrissey has expressed his interest to the Council and will attend the next meeting. Ms Ellis will also be attending. Ms Ellis noted that about two years ago Auckland City Council started to develop a similar strategy.

The next meeting of DiSAC will be at Lambie Drive on Tuesday 7th October 2003. There will be a regional DiSAC meeting on 17 September 2003 from 1 to 4pm.

The meeting closed at 2.40 pm

Signed as a true and correct record on the 7th day of October 2003.

Chair:
Mr Brent Morrissey

The minutes of the meeting of the Disability Support Advisory Committee of Counties Manukau District Health Board of 5 August 2003 are approved.

Recommendation (moved: Prof Sir John Scott / seconded Donna Hemi)