

**Minutes of the meeting of the Members of
the Counties Manukau District Health Board Hospital Advisory Committee,
held in the Conference Room, Manukau SuperClinic, Browns Road, Manurewa
on Wednesday 3rd April 2002 at 1.00pm**

Present: Mr Lindsay Smith (Chair), Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Dr Charles Small, Mr Eru Thompson, Ms Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai, Dr Juliet Walker, Mr Robert Wichman,

In attendance: Dr Ian Brown, Mr Ron Pearson, Mr Brian Rousseau, Mr Peter Tod, Mr Alistair Burry (Secretary)

Apologies: Mr Ross Keenan, Mrs Jo Cameron, Prof. Harley Gray

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Ms Fatialofa to the Committee as Pacific Health representative and noted that there was one member of the public but no media in attendance.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Ross Keenan, Mrs Jo Cameron and Prof. Harley Gray.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2002 were confirmed.

This recommendation was moved by Mr Thompson, seconded by Mr Wichman and carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

4./ 6.1 d) ED Attendances

Mr Smith and Mr Rousseau have had initial discussions regarding the feasibility of establishing a GP clinic on or adjacent to the Middlemore site.

6.1 b) Opening of AMC Stage 2

Mr Thompson and Mr Rousseau are to discuss a date for the official opening of AMC stage 2 which might be convenient for the Maori Queen to attend.

Mr Thompson advised that he may not be able to provide an English translation for all of the Maori blessings to be provided at the opening ceremony.

6.1 d) Mental Health

Mr Rousseau advised that the cost of readmissions due to non compliance with medication had been calculated at \$3.3m.

6.1 i) Renaming of the Cottage

Mr Thompson advised that discussions were still being held with Mana Whenua, but that he expected to be able to submit a suggested name to the next HAC meeting.

6.2 Financial Performance – Year End Forecast

Mr Tod confirmed that South Auckland Health was on track to achieve the budgeted Net Deficit of \$15.0m. Mr Rousseau advised that this was subject to no significant adverse impact from:

- > Mental Health funding crisis
- > Nursing settlement negotiations
- > Any extraordinary issue.

6.2 Financial Performance - Annual Leave Policy

Mr Rousseau tabled South Auckland Health's Annual Leave policy. Although staff were encouraged to take their leave entitlement, no staff member had had leave forfeited.

Mr Pearson confirmed that the Payroll had integrity.

6.7 a) Elective Surgery Waiting Lists

Mr Rousseau clarified that the issue was that funding had not been adequately provided for the administration of the booking system. This had now been addressed.

6.7 b) AMC Stage 2 Main Entrance

Mr Thompson is to discuss the Maori sensitivities with Mr Rousseau after they have been considered by the Mana Whenua forum.

5. Procedural Issues

5.1 Deputations

There were no deputations.

5.2 Disclosure of Interest

There were no further disclosures of interest.

6. Chief Operating Officer's Report

Mr Rousseau updated the Committee on current matters.

6.1 Financial Performance

a) Performance

The February result was not as good as expected due to:

- Higher nursing costs due to increased rosters
- Unexpected drop in demand (lower inpatient days) – but costs not reduced
- High usage of nursing resources in acute mental health services
- High cost of Treatment Disposables (unfunded), to keep people out of hospital
- Implants and burns costs continuing at a high level.

b) Balance Sheet

Mr Pearson advised that negotiations were continuing with the Ministry of Health over the \$4.1m receivable and that the difference was now down to around \$800k which related to the interpretation of claims in respect of 2000/01. It was expected that this issue would be resolved shortly and the debt paid. However, any shortfall would impact the result for the current year.

6.2 Clinical Performance

WIES8 volumes were in line with contract, but higher Interregional Flows. YTD volumes were 3% over contract and 5% up on last year. Births are down 3% YTD.

There has been a very high surgical demand in March, resulting in cancellation of significant elective surgery volumes.

6.3 Key Issues

a) Acute Mental Health Services

The Intensive Community Team is in place (to maximise community based care) and the 5 new beds will be commissioned this week. They have cost \$400,000 to develop and additional annual operating costs will increase by a similar amount. Funding for the operating costs beyond June 2002 is being discussed with MoH.

Industrial action from April 10th has been flagged by staff if patient numbers exceed the new level of 50 beds. Whilst management does not condone industrial action, we have a very committed team of mental health workers and any action should be viewed as a “cry for help” from those staff who are faced with a very difficult situation on a day to day basis.

CMDHB is currently only funded to 57% of the Ministry’s mental health Blueprint, whereas Wellington and South Island DHB’s receive 75%. There is a meeting with the Ministry on 5th April.

b) Kaupapa Maori Ward

A proposal to create a ward purely for Maori has been reported in the media. SAH’s position is that any proposal to improve the health outcomes for Maori will be considered.

c) Major Burns Service

ACC have advised that it is likely that they will assume responsibility for funding of burns services. Mr Rousseau will discuss the matter at the DHB CEO’s forum on April 8. However, Mr Pearson advised that he had just received advice that the concept of a National Burns Centre at Middlemore had been declined in favour of local burns services.

d) AMC Stage 2

Construction remains on time and budget.

e) Parking

The plans to introduce some parking charges have been announced internally and have generally been well received. Some exceptions are being considered. External announcements will be made next week. The barrier arms will be installed towards the end of May.

The Committee resolved (moved Mr Wichman/ seconded Mr Thompson) that the public and media be excluded from the following confidential items due to commercial sensitivity. The motion was carried unanimously.

Accordingly the public and media were excluded from the following confidential matters.

6.5

At the completion of the confidential matters, the meeting was again opened to the public and media. Mr Wichman left the meeting.

6.5 Strategic Issues (cont).

f) Elective Services Booking System Update

The Manukau Surgery Centre remains under-utilised due to lack of funding. Additional staffing for the administration of the booking system have been approved.

Mr Thompson left the meeting.

g) Human Rights Act

The paper from Elisabeth Harding was noted. The Committee expressed concern over the exposure under this Act.

h) healthAlliance COO's Report

The report from Mr Skeggs was noted. Mr Pearson advised that a review suggested that the benefits being derived from the shared services structure may take longer to realise that originally planned.

7. Next Meeting

To be held Wednesday 1st of May 2002 at 1.00pm at CMDHB offices 19 Lambie Drive, Manukau City.

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record on the day of2002.

Chair:

Recommendation (moved/ seconded)

The minutes of the meeting of Counties Manukau District Health Board Hospital Advisory Committee of 3rd of April 2002 be approved.