

Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Committee
held in the Boardroom, DHB Offices, Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Thursday 4 October 2001 at 2.00pm

Present: Dr Debbie Ryan (Chair), Mrs Metua Faasisila , Dr Siro Fuatai

In attendance: Ms Debbie Sorensen, Mr Tony Brown, Mr Ben Taufua

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed the Committee, and also Ms Jo Elvidge from the Ministry of Health and Ms Rosemary Nash from South Auckland Family Violence Prevention Network to the meeting, noting there were no members of the public or media in attendance.

2. Apologies

Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Ms Bernadette Pone, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e

3. Minutes of last meeting-dated 6 September 2001

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September were confirmed and approved. This recommendation was moved by Dr Siro Fuatai, seconded by Dr Debbie Ryan and carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting

5. Domestic Violence

Ms Jo Elvidge, Project Manager for Child and Family Health Policy at the MoH is currently involved in a project aimed at providing training for Paediatrics, General Practitioners and Maternity (midwifery) in health needs for the family in relation to child abuse and partner abuse. The project looks at how providers can provide intensive support and case load training, personal support, counselling for children and emphasis on safety for the entire family. Ms Jo Elvidge asked the Committee for suggestions and Pacific advice on relevant Pacific issues that will impact on the project.

The Committee recommended that Ms Jo Elvidge attend the Regional Pacific DHB meeting in early November to ensure the project includes a Pacific component in the capturing of ethnicity data and ways to measure that the service is culturally safe. The Regional DHB group can recommend the appropriate Pacific people for Ms Jo Elvidge to liase with and also to receive appropriate Pacific advice for the project.

Ms Rosemary Nash from South Auckland Family Violence Prevention Network (SAFVPN) provided the group with a brief history of SAFVPN and its objectives. The network was set up 10 years ago and is a network of agencies and individuals working in the field of family violence in Counties Manukau. It encompasses 360 different agencies including NZ Police, Womens Refuges, CY&FS and a number of community groups. The Committee agreed that Domestic Violence is an important approach to looking after families and children's health issues and should be included in the Pacific Health Strategy.

The committee recommends that Ms Rosemary Nash should provide a deputation to CPHAC. Ms Debbie Sorensen to discuss with Chris Mules.

6. Traditional Healing

Mr Ben Taufua gave a presentation to the Committee on Traditional Healing. He advised that Traditional Healing is not just confined to Pacific, but also includes Maori, Asian and Europeans also. His paper was presented to the Clinical Board which contributed to Policy development at SAH. The Committee acknowledged the work carried out to date by Mr Ben Taufua and believe a similar policy should be developed for Primary Care taking into account the Ministerial Committee on Alternative Health and Complimentary Therapies.

7. New Members

The Committee discussed the need for additional members and agreed to formally invite Rev Tavake Tupou and Mr Emi Rancou to become members of the Pacific Health Committee pending Board approval.

8. HAC Update

Full verbal report to the Committee by Mrs Metua Faasisila included workforce development issues and DNA rates at SAH and the linking of the Pacific Cultural and Interpreting units.

9. CPHAC Update

Full verbal report to the Committee by Ms Debbie Sorensen included deputation by South Seas on Pacific Health Services, a presentation by Dr Andrew Lindsay on Health Indicators and discussion around workforce and in particular Pacific Health and Mental Health.

10. Other Business

- MoH has sent **the Pacific Health Action Plan** to Cabinet for approval next week
- **The Draft Regional DHB Pacific Health Plan** will be completed next week and the local DHB Pacific Plan will be taken from the Regional plan. This will go to the Board in December followed by consultation in February and March next year.
- Mrs Metua Faasisila reported on the last NDSA Board meeting and the Committee endorsed the recommendation that Pacific representation on the NDSA Board be at General Manager level.
- The Committee agreed to nominate Mr Tu'uta Pome'e as Pacific Representative to DSAC.
- **Home Visiting Initiatives Consultation.** The feedback received from the community was that community people should be involved in leading and facilitating this type of community consultation. The Committee recommends that the Board consider the appointment of a Pacific Liason person.
- **Next Meeting on 8 November 2001**– The Agenda for the next meeting will be dedicated to the Pacific Health Strategy around the Plan.