

Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Committee
held in the Boardroom, DHB Offices, Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Thursday 9 August 2001 at 2.00pm

Present: Dr Debbie Ryan (Chair), Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Ms Bernadette Pone, Mr Ika Tameifuna, Mrs Metua Faasisila, Taufao Lurch, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e

In attendance: Ms Debbie Sorensen, Mr Tony Brown, Rev Mika Faamausili, Rev Tavake Tupou, Dr Teuila Percival

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed the Committee and staff, and also Rev Mika Faamausili and Rev Tavake Tupou to the meeting, noting there were no members of the public or media in attendance.

2. Apologies

Dr Siro Fuatai, Mr Rangi Fariu

3. Minutes of last meeting-dated July 5

Moved Dr Debbie Ryan/seconded Mrs Metua Faasisila that the minutes of the previous meeting be noted as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

Item 6 – Dr Debbie Ryan advised that points from the Pacific Communications Strategy are agenda items for this meeting.

5. Role of Churches

Ms Debbie Sorensen discussed the current contractual relationship with the churches across the three Auckland DHB's. These contracts were originally set up by the HFA to start a relationship with the churches and engage in the areas of health education and promotion.

Counties Manukau have the largest number of church contracts in the Auckland area. There are four church coordinators who are responsible for liaising with the churches to develop the programmes. The Coordinators provided feedback to the Regional Pacific group about the status of the churches and in some cases, the lack of performance by some churches. The Committee agreed there needs to be a strategy around the engagement of churches, the outcomes of what we want to achieve, and how we achieve and measure these outcomes.

Rev Tavake Tupou talked about the importance of building a strong relationship with the churches. Rev Tavake Tupou suggested that the church coordinators work through the Ministers Association when dealing with churches.

Mr Ika Tameifuna gave an overview of the HFA's initiatives when setting up the pilot for the church contracts three years ago. The Committee agreed that the health education and promotion programmes for the churches needs to be reviewed. There needs to be a strategy around the engagement of churches, the outcomes of what we want to achieve, and how we achieve and measure these outcomes. The Committee expressed the importance of developing a partnership with the churches to resolve these issues.

It was moved Dr Debbie Ryan/seconded Mr Ika Tameifuna

That a sub-committee be set up from this group to report back to the Board. The sub-committee will consist of Rev Tavake Tupou, Rev Mika Faamausili, Ika Tameifuna, Dr Debbie Ryan and support provided by Mr Tony Brown.

6. Ethnic Specific Services

Presentation by Dr Teuila Percival

Dr Teuila Percival presented an overview of the need for cultural competencies in Pacific Primary Health Care Providers and the use of Pan Pacific services versus Ethnic Specific services.

The Committee agreed that the wording "Cultural Competency" would remain in the Pacific Communications Strategy and that the definition of Cultural Competency is to include "Ethnic Based". This paper will be distributed to the Committee for the next meeting.

7. CPHAC update

Dr Debbie Ryan provided an update from CPHAC discussing issues around quality and quality measures used in hospitals and how to develop quality in Primary Care.

The Strategic Planning process was also discussed and the draft Strategic Plan will be forwarded to the new Board for comment in December.

8. HAC update

Mrs Metua Faasisila gave an update of the last HAC meeting and discussions were held around the ethnicity breakdown of Pacific staff at South Auckland Health.

9. Work Plan

Agreed to include Population Based Funding Formulae for September.

10. Other Business

NDSA Update

Mrs Metua Faasisila gave an update on her role as Pacific representative at the NDSA Board meetings. There were issues raised regarding the role of the Pacific and Maori representatives being present at the NDSA Board meetings.

MPIA Presentation

It was noted that the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs will do a presentation for the Counties Manukau Programmes of Action at our next meeting.

Population Based Funding Formulae (PBFF) Presentation

There will be a presentation to the Committee by Gary Jackson regarding the PBFF and also on the Health profile.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.40pm
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 September 2001.