

**Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Advisory Committee  
held in the Boardroom, DHB Offices, Lambie Drive, Manukau  
on Thursday 26 June 2003 at 2.00pm**

Present: Dr Juliet Walker (Chair), Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Mr Ika Tameifuna, Ms Bernadette Pone, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Mrs Metua Faasisila

Apologies: Dr Siro Fuata'i, Mrs Audrey Aumua

Absent: Mr Sefita Haouli, Rev Tavake Tupou

In attendance: Mr Lincoln Papali'i and Mrs Anna-Maree Harris, Mrs Roine Lealaialoto (appointment to PHAC currently under action)

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed Committee members to the meeting. It was noted that there was one staff member in attendance for the WINZ presentation.

Mr Tu'uta Pome'e offered the opening prayer.

### **2. Apologies**

Dr Siro Fuata'i, Mrs Audrey Aumua.

Moved: Ms Ailua Fatialofa

Seconded: Mrs Metua Faasisila

### **3. Minutes of last meeting - dated 29 May 2003**

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and approved.

Moved: Mr Ika Tameifuna

Seconded: Ms Ailua Fatialofa

### **4. Matters Arising**

The reappointment of Mr Tu'uta Pome'e was omitted from the previous minutes. Mr Pome'e wishes to be reappointed to the Pacific Health Advisory Committee. This is to be notified to the Board for approval at its meeting in July 2003.

### **5. Procedural**

#### ***Committee Re-appointments***

#### **PHAC**

The Board at its last meeting approved the reappointment of the following committee members:

- Mrs Ailua Fatialofa
- Ms Bernadette Pone

- Mr Ika Tameifuna
- Dr Siro Fuata'i
- Mr Sefita Hauoli

The reappointment of Mr Tu'uta Pome'e was omitted from the list of reappointments recommended to the Board in June. This will be forwarded to the Board in July 2003.

PHAC recommends the appointment of Mrs Roine Lealaialoto to replace Mr Nonumalao Taufao Lurch. Mrs Lealaialoto works in the mental health field.

Moved: Mr Ika Tameifuna

Seconded: Dr Juliet Walker

### **CPHAC**

The CMDHB Board approved the appointment of Ms Bernadette Pone to CPHAC.

### **DiSAC**

Mr Tu'uta Pome'e nominated Mr Ngeretina Puna to sit on DiSAC. The Committee accepted the nomination of Mr Ngeretina Puna to DiSAC and this recommendation will be presented to DiSAC at its meeting on 1 July 2003.

Moved: Mr Tu'uta Pome'e

Seconded: Mr Ika Tameifuna

## **6. Committee Update**

### **HAC**

The Chairperson updated the meeting on the recent HAC meeting. Mrs Ailua Fatialofa is now back on HAC.

Items of note:

- There is now obstetric consultant cover 100% of the time at the hospital.
- A new Infection Control Officer has been appointed.
- Discussion took place on a renal satellite unit at Manukau to cope with the increasing need for dialysis.

### **CPHAC**

Mrs Metua Faasisila updated the meeting on the recent CPHAC meeting. A focus of this meeting was youth with discussion on the high youth population coming through and the importance of all services having a youth focus.

## **7. GM Pacific Welcome**

The Chairperson advised that the welcome for Mrs Margie Fepulea'i will be held at the Middlemore gymnasium at 10.30am on Thursday 3 July. Committee members are invited to attend.

## **8. Child and Women's Health**

The Chairperson outlined issues of concern for Pacific women. In the discussion it was noted that scoping work is currently being carried out in CMDHB in regard to the potential development of an intersectoral service for teenage Pacific mothers.

### **Recommendation:**

- ◆ That the proposed teen service for Pacific mothers be endorsed and an early start to this service be strongly encouraged.

A recent AUT survey pointed out that Pacific women tend not to use contraception such as oral methods. Tubal ligation is an accepted form of contraception.

**Recommendation:**

- ◆ That tubal ligation be performed as a postpartum procedure.

**9. Oral Health**

Mr Papali'i spoke to a recent paper which was presented to a recent CPHAC meeting. Waitemata are the lead DHB for Oral Health and it is likely that there will be some devolution in the near future to CMDHB for dental services that directly affect the CMDHB community. Members felt that it is important that there is regional equity of access to services. Currently all children under 18 are entitled to free dental care while they are still at school, but many do not take advantage of this through lack of awareness. Members felt that it was important that there was consistency of service to all and that when the Pacific health plan is developed, that Oral Health Services be included in that plan.

**Recommendations:**

- ◆ That dental health education and perhaps a toothbrush be tagged to the immunization schedule.
- ◆ That an education programme for child dental health be carried out particularly using radio, in the different Pacific Island languages. The need to keep the message the same across all modalities was stressed. Public Health funding should be accessed for this.

**10. Other Business**

**Diabetes project**

Mr Papali'i advised that the proposal put forward by the Pacific health team for diabetes research has been accepted by the Ministry of Health. Mr Papali'i will manage the CMDHB contract and will work with TaPasefika Health Trust and other Pacific providers looking at current interventions, research and education of diabetes related issues with regard to Pacific people.

**WINZ presentation**

Losalina McAlpine, supported by Amanda Eves, from WINZ in South Auckland made a presentation to the meeting. The WINZ South Auckland region extends from Otahuhu to Meremere excluding Howick and Pakuranga. Some points of note were:

- 67,000 people are currently receiving some form of income support in the region. Of these 14,662 or 22% are Pacific Islanders
- 29% of DPB clients are Pacific
- 30% of unemployment benefit clients are Pacific
- 70% of people identify themselves as Maori or Pacific Islander
- Approximately 100 Pacific clients broadly indicated an interest in working in the health related field.

WINZ outlined its ability and willingness to work with groups that are able to create employment for Pacific clients. PHAC requested a breakdown of the clients interested in the health sector.

**Recommendation:**

- ◆ That CMDHB HR work with WINZ and their special strategy initiatives in placing Pacific people within the organisation.

**Appointment procedure**

Mrs Faasisila asked that as a committee all members be clear about the procedure used for new appointments so that they can reflect representation from the Pacific community.

Mrs Metua Faasisila also brought to the attention of the committee a request she had recently had from a media person asking for her perspective as a Committee member on an issue. The request was forwarded through to the Chairperson as the spokesperson for the PHAC. Mr Papali'i clarified the position of members when talking to the media as members of the CMDHB or as representatives of their respective communities of interest.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 31 July 2003 from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.**

**Action Points**

- The Chairperson is to invite Mr Taito Phillip Field to address the Committee on workforce issues.
- A formal thank you to Mr Nonumalao Taufao Lurch is to be sent.