

Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Advisory Committee
held in the Boardroom, DHB Offices, Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Thursday 27 March 2003 at 2.00pm

Present: Dr Juliet Walker (Chair), Dr Siro Fuata'i, Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Mr Nonumalo Taufao Lurch, Mr Ika Tameifuna, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Ms Bernadette Pone and Rev Tavake Tupou

Apologies: Dr Debbie Ryan

In attendance: Mr Tony Brown, Mr Lincoln Papali'i and Mrs Anna-Maree Harris

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed all members and officers to the meeting, noting that there was no media in attendance. There were several members of the Pacific Island Advocacy Support Services (PIASS) in attendance and the Chair welcomed them to the meeting.

Rev Tavake Tupou offered the opening prayer.

2. Apologies

Dr Debbie Ryan and Mrs Metua Faasisila.

Moved: Mr Ika Tameifuna

Seconded: Dr Siro Fuata'i

3. Minutes of last meeting-dated 27 February 2003

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and approved.

Moved: Dr Siro Fuata'i

Seconded: Rev. Tavake Tupou

4. Matters Arising

Item 7 GM Pacific Health position - The Chair advised the Committee that the closing date for applications for the GM Pacific Health has been extended.

Item 4 Action Points – It was reported that Therese Weir from the Ministry of Health's Disability Team has accepted an invitation to present to the Committee at its next meeting.

5. Procedural

Disclosure of Interest

Committee Re-appointments

The resignation of Dr Debbie Ryan from this committee and CPHAC was raised. Mrs Audrey Aumua was nominated as a replacement for Dr Ryan on PHAC.

It was agreed that the nomination of Mrs Audrey Aumua to PHAC be accepted.

Moved: Mr Ika Tameifuna

Seconded: Dr Siro Fuata'

6. Presentation - Pacific Mental Health Plan

Mr Tevita Hingano presented the findings and recommendations of the Draft Regional Pacific Mental Health Plan, noting that this was a regional sector plan and not a DHB plan.

The plan would help to guide the actions of the Auckland region DHB's with respect to determining and implementing the pathways that would best provide for the needs of the Pacific communities within their locale.

Members noted that the preferred option for Counties Manukau was to develop a framework that enabled an integrated pathway of enhanced care for both primary and specialist mental health areas.

The Chair and members of the committee thanked Mr Tevita Hingano for his presentation.

7. Presentation – Meningococcal/Kidslink Update

Mr Chad Brown, the Project Director Meningococcal/NIRS/Kidslink Programmes presented a brief overview of the status of these projects. The National Immunisation Register rollout is scheduled for around November 2003 with a goal of 90% of 2 year olds fully immunised by June 2004 and 95% of two year olds with full Well child checks.

The Meningococcal vaccine rollout for the Auckland region will commence with the Counties Manukau district in January 2004 and will comprise a three pronged campaign of under 5s, school age children and youths under 20 years of age. A number of issues are currently being addressed including vaccination manufacture, storage, administration and monitoring.

The Chair and members of the committee thanked Mr Chad Brown for his presentation.

8. Presentation – Pacific Child Health

Dr Teuila Percival presented to the Committee a snapshot of statistics of Pacific child health in the Counties Manukau District. Pacific children featured highly in all negative areas of health. One measure to counteract some of these health issues has been a focus on the education of perinatal/prenatal women through a Pacific teen service.

The Chair noted that the severity of these statistics needed to be taken on board by Committee members.

The Chair and members of the committee thanked Dr Teuila Percival for her presentation.

9. Presentation - Disability

Mr Tu'uta Pome'e outlined the origins and current set-up of services available to disabled Pacific people. The current model has moved from a medical to a social one. He reported that disabled Pacific people wanted to be able to live independently in the community and this is why PIASS was established.

There is currently a five year plan in place which looks at an individual's requirements. Mr Pome'e stressed that disability is not a health issue, but rather a matter of independence and that his organisation employs disabled people on its staff to give the best advice and advocate on how disabled people want to live their lives.

The Chair and members of the committee thanked Mr Tu'uta Pome'e for his presentation and also the members of PIASS that had come along to support Mr Pome'e.

10. Workforce Update

The information was received and noted by the Committee. The Regional Commissioner from WINZ is to be invited to present workforce statistics at the next meeting.

11. Other Business

The Committee has requested that in the future members should be advised in advance of a presentation on whether a decision is required after the presentation has been given, or whether the item is for information only.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 1 May 2003** to accommodate the Easter holiday period.

Action Points

Item 4

- The invitation to the Ministry of Health's Pacific Disability team as requested by the Committee at its February meeting has been made and a presentation is confirmed for the May 1, 2003 meeting.

Item 6

- Mr Nonumalo Lurch is to consider the Pacific Mental Health plan and report back to the next meeting.

Item 9

- Clarification on PPD funding for Disability is to be obtained from Mr Tupu Araithi at the Ministry of Health.

General

- Information on payments made in the last financial year to Committee members is to be clarified with the Board Administrator and advised to Committee members.