

Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Advisory Committee
held in the Boardroom, DHB Offices, Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Thursday 29 May 2003 at 1.30pm

Present: Dr Juliet Walker (Chair), Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Mr Ika Tameifuna, Rev Tavake Tupou, Ms Bernadette Pone, Mrs Audrey Aumua, Mr Nonumalo Taufao Lurch

Apologies: Dr Siro Fuata'i, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e Mr Sefita Haouli, Mrs Metua Faasisila

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed Committee members to the meeting. It was noted that there were no members of the public or media in attendance.

Rev Tavake Tupou offered the opening prayer.

2. Apologies

Dr Siro Fuata'i, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e Mr Sefita Haouli, Mrs Metua Faasisila

Moved: Bernadette Pone

Seconded: Mrs Audrey Aumua

3. Minutes of last meeting-dated 1 May 2003

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and approved.

Moved: Ms Bernadette Pone

Seconded: Mrs Audrey Aumua

4. Matters Arising

Dental Update

Mr Papali'i advised that the CPHAC minutes in the agenda provide the information that had been sought at the 1 May meeting.

5. Procedural

Committee Re-appointments

PHAC

The appointments of a number of committee members expire on 7 June 2003. Those seeking reappointment were:

Mrs Ailua Fatialofa
Ms Bernadette Pone

Mr Ika Tameifuna

Mr Nonumalo Taufao Lurch advised that he does not wish to seek reappointment to PHAC and will also resign from HAC. He recommended his replacement on PHAC with a colleague working in the mental health sector. This appointment will be brought to PHAC at the meeting on 26 June 2003.

Dr Siro Fuata'i and Mr Sefita Hauoli's appointments are also due to expire on 7 June 2003. The Committee has agreed to extend the memberships of Dr Fuata'i and Mr Hauoli with their agreement. The Chairperson will report on this to the Board at its June meeting.

CPHAC

The appointment of Ms Bernadette Pone to CPHAC was agreed.

DiSAC

Mr Tu'uta Pome'e has agreed to provide PHAC with the names of two persons to sit on DiSAC. The Committee will discuss the nominations prior to the positions being offered.

HAC

Mr Taufao Lurch wishes to resign from HAC. A replacement for the HAC appointment was not discussed.

6. GM Pacific Update

The Chairperson advised the appointment of Mrs Margie Fepulea'i to the position of General Manager Pacific Health. She is currently at Capital and Coast District Health Board where she is the Manager of Pacific Health Services. She will commence with CMDHB in July. The Chairperson thanked Mr Brown for his work as the Acting General Manager.

7. TaPasefika update

Mrs Audrey Aumua updated the meeting on issues at TaPasefika. It was noted that CMDHB is leading some of the most innovative work in PHOs in the country, and as always when you are at the leading edge of development, the risks are also high, particularly for those smaller PHO's. TaPasefika is the smallest PHO's in the CMDHB area and its enrollees are predominantly Pacific people, most of who reside in deciles 8, 9 and 10 areas.

One of the areas of risk is in fluctuating register numbers. This problem has been identified as an area of high risk and an independent audit has confirmed a degree of non-conforming business practices resulting in register decreases to TaPasefika and other PHO's.

8. Mental Health integration project

TaPasefika is to be the pilot site for this integration project that will provide learnings for the rest of the country. At present mental health services are not offered

appropriately within primary care and with a purported one in three Pacific Islanders suffering mental illness, this project aims to provide better clinical intervention and support for mental health issues in a primary care setting.

9. Diabetes project

Mr Papali'i updated the committee on the project proposal which has been submitted to the Ministry of Health for consideration. The committee will be informed of the outcome in due course.

10. Other Business

Committee Update

HAC

The Chairperson updated the meeting on the recent HAC meeting. Points of note were:

Orthopaedics – CMDHB has the capacity but no funding for orthopaedics. The acute hub for the Auckland area is located at Auckland Hospital. This may make more space available for elective surgery at Middlemore.

Renal transplants – there are issues with donations of body parts in the Pacific Island community and hence a shortage of kidneys available for transplant. There is currently a nationwide promotion to encourage donors to tell their families of their wishes. With predominantly Christian beliefs, it is a difficult area for Pacific Islanders and many were uncomfortable with donating body parts to people they did not know.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by CMDHB with Manukau Institute of Technology.

The Committee requested that it receive the HAC minutes with Committee papers.

General

The Committee advised that it would like to invite Mr Taito Phillip Field to address the Committee on workforce issues.

The SAH Foundation is currently offering scholarships to encourage more Pacific Islanders into the workforce. The Chairperson is to keep the Committee informed on the release of this information.

Mr Taufao Lurch addressed the Committee at his last meeting, noting that the Pacific sector in Counties Manukau has come a long way in the two years since its inception, although some of the issues remain the same. Mr Lurch noted that we need to keep educating our Pacific people to take advantage of opportunities they have. The Chairperson thanked Mr Nonumalo Taufao Lurch for his two years of service to PHAC. Mr Brown thanked him for his very valuable contribution to the DHB and to the Pacific community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.20pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 26 June 2003 from 2.00 – 4.00 pm.**

Action Points

Mr Taito Phillip Field to be invited to address the Committee on workforce issues.