

Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Advisory Committee
held in the Boardroom, CMDHB, 19 Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Thursday 30 October 2003 at 2.00pm

Present: Dr Juliet Walker (Chair), Rev Tavake Tupou, Mrs Audrey Aumua, Mrs Metua Faasisila, Mr Ika Tameifuna, Dr Siro Fuata'i, Ms Bernadette Pone

Apologies: Mr Sefita Haouli, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Mrs Roine Lealaiauloto

In attendance: Mrs Margie Fepulea'i, Mr Tony Brown, Mrs Anna-Maree Harris, Mr Tevita Hingano.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the Pacific Health staff. It was noted that one member of the public was in attendance.

Rev Tavake Tupou offered the opening prayer.

2. Apologies

Mr Sefita Haouli, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Mrs Roine Lealaiauloto

3. Minutes of last meeting – 18 September 2003

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and approved.

Moved: Mrs Metua Faasisila Seconded: Mrs Audrey Aumua

4. Matters Arising

The Chair has arranged to meet with Professor Colin Mantell to clarify the allocation of places for Maori and Pacific students at Auckland Medical School. She will report back to the committee on the process that the School uses.

Actions from previous meeting

Family Violence - the GM Pacific circulated minutes from previous meetings. Committee members requested that staff continue to follow up with the Ministry on arrangements for family violence management.

Organ donation - Staff are to advise Mr Hauoli of the name of the person based at Greenlane that the Chair has contacted regarding organ donation.

Consultation – the GM Pacific Health advised that she is currently negotiating with Manukau City Council's Pacific Island group for a time on their forthcoming agenda.

National Pacific DHB workshop – The Chair advised that the Director's section of this recent meeting was productive.

5. Procedural

Committee membership

Rev Tavake Tupou's term of membership is due to expire on 31 October 2003. The Pacific Health Advisory Committee recommends to the Board the reappointment of Rev Tavake Tupou to the Pacific Health Advisory Committee for a further term.

Moved: Dr Juliet Walker

Seconded: Mrs Metua Faasisila

Ms Pone advised that she had received a ministerial appointment to the Board of MIT.

6. Updates

CPHAC

Oral health – the Committee discussed concern about poor coverage of Pacific children in South Auckland and noted that the Committee has received written reports on oral health in previous papers.

Members discussed the merits of having a regular slot for Pacific issues on the CPHAC agenda. The GM Pacific is to discuss with Mr Chris Mules about agenda items concerning Pacific issues, especially primary care.

HAC

Update from HAC committee meetings given.

Dr John Wellingham arrived at 2.30pm.

7. Integrated Care update

Dr John Wellingham gave the Committee a progress report on integrated care projects. There are now 4 diseases that are part of the CCM (Chronic Care Management) programme – diabetes, cardiovascular disease, heart failure and lung disease.

The ADM Acute Demand Management programme is operating at the hospital for patients with heart failure and COPD Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder. On admission to hospital, patients in the CCM programme are flagged. Data on patients is tracked and patients are managed thoroughly with funding for a number of GP and nurse/community worker visits. A hard to reach programme has commenced for patients who have not made contact for 6 months or more.

Results for patients enrolled in CCM diabetes have shown decreased HBA1C levels, lower blood pressure and reduced cholesterol readings in patients in the programme. Health Pacifica Doctors is part of the programme and Dr Fuata'i noted that the level of support that patients receive is leading to positive results and he praised the project.

2,500 of the 3,500 patients enrolled in the programme are high needs with an estimated total population of high needs' patients numbering 30,000. Ethnicity breakdowns on current enrolments are approximately 46% Pacific, 24% Maori, 25% European and 5% other.

Mrs Aumua noted that there are workforce issues arising for example with specialised community workers being required for the intensive follow-ups.

Dr Fuata'i left the meeting at 3.15pm.

8. Diabetes Update

The GM Pacific advised that CMDHB has received the CFA variation for the diabetes contract. The key deliverables of the project are:

Establishing a Steering Group and appointing a project manager to ensure implementation;

- Develop a National Pacific Diabetes Framework that includes an up to date database of current Pacific diabetes interventions and programmes in New Zealand;
- Identify and promote best practice that are clinically and culturally appropriate for Pacific people; and
- Encourage integration across delivery settings (eg primary, secondary, community).

9. Primary Mental Health

Mr Tevita Hingano introduced the Pacific Primary Mental Health plan noting that the purpose of the Plan is to build capacity in primary care for treatment of mental health. The Plan is aligned with the Ministry's strategy and also with the Regional Mental Health Plan which is now completed.

Committee members asked if destigmatisation issues would be addressed in the Plan. The GM Pacific advised that they would be as part of the health promotion facet for Mental Health and is unlikely to be included in PHO Health Promotion Plans for 03/04. This is because Health Promotion funding is being prioritised to other focus areas.

Recommendation

That the Pacific Health Advisory Committee (PHAC)

note progress on the Pacific primary mental health project.

Mr Hingano and the member of the public left the meeting at 3.55pm. Mrs Aumua left the meeting at 4.05pm.

10. Workshop

It was proposed to hold a workshop for Committee members in place of the November 2003 meeting. The date agreed by Committee members present was Wednesday 26 November from 1-5pm at a venue to be decided. The purpose of the workshop is to provide a context for Pacific issues to inform the 2004 agenda for PHAC and the Pacific Service Plan.

11. Other Business

Timeliness – the Chair reminded Committee members that it was important that they attend all meetings on time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.15 pm.

The next meeting has been cancelled and will be replaced by a workshop for Committee members **on Wednesday 26 November from 1-5 pm** at a venue to be advised.

Action Points

- Family Violence - the GM Pacific circulated minutes from previous meetings. Committee members requested that staff continue to follow up with the Ministry on arrangements for family violence management.
- Staff to advise Committee members of the location on the website of the rules for being on a Board committee.
- Organ donation - Staff are to advise Mr Hauoli of the name of the person based at Greenlane that the Chair has contacted regarding organ donation.
- Current breast screening usage by Pacific Island women requested.