

**Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Advisory Committee  
held in the Boardroom, DHB Offices, Lambie Drive, Manukau  
on Thursday 31 July 2003 at 2.00pm**

Present: Dr Juliet Walker (Chair), Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Mr Ika Tameifuna, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Mrs Roine Lealaialoto, Mr Sefita Haouli and Rev Tavake Tupou

Apologies: Ms Bernadette Pone, Dr Siro Fuata'i, Mrs Audrey Aumua, Mrs Metua Faasisila

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

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

The Chair welcomed Committee members to the meeting and welcomed Ms Margie Fepulea'i, the new GM Pacific Health to her first meeting.

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

### **2. Apologies**

Ms Bernadette Pone, Dr Siro Fuata'i, Mrs Audrey Aumua, Mrs Metua Faasisila

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

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and approved.

Moved: Mr Tu'uta Pome'e                      Seconded: Ms Ailua Fatialofa

### **4. Matters Arising**

Ms Fepulea'i thanked the Committee members who attended her welcome and expressed her thanks for the warm introductions she had received.

Rev Tavake Tupou advised that his absence from the last meeting was due to an emergency and he was unable to formally convey his apologies due to the short timeframe.

The Chairperson advised that following on from the last Board meeting, she had given an interview to the Manukau Courier on women's health issues. Members of the Committee requested a copy of the media articles that is compiled and given to Board members.

The Chairperson is to request information from the CEO of the New Zealand Dental Association in regards to oral health issues.

Taito Phillip Field is to be formally invited to address the Committee however it was noted that his schedule in parliament on Tuesday to Thursday does pose some logistical problems.

## 5. Procedural

### **Committee Re-appointments**

The Chair reported that all appointments had been approved by the Board:

- Mr Tu'uta Pome'e re-appointed for a further period of one year.
- Mr Ngeretina Puna appointed to DiSAC for a period of one year.

## 6. Committee Update

### **HAC**

The Chairperson and Ms Fatialofa updated the meeting on the recent HAC meeting.

Items of note:

- 10 renal satellite stations are to be set up in Manukau
- Additional Blueprint funding has become available for mental health services in the Counties Manukau District. This is yet to be allocated.
- Construction is continuing on the burns, gynaecology and radiology units.

### **Board**

The Chairperson noted that complaints from Pacific people especially do not always get processed appropriately and that this is a concern. The GM Pacific Health advised that a review is currently underway looking at the methodology of capturing patient satisfaction information from Pacific patients and will examine the complaints process and support available for Pacific patients. Further consumer input is to be sought and the GM will report back to the September PHAC meeting on the outcome.

The Chair noted that PHAC's recommendations with regards to contraceptive issues and the teen mothers' service have been forwarded for further consideration.

A recent Regional Board meeting (involving all Auckland DHBs) on regional collaboration was held. The members of PHAC are strongly of the opinion that collaboration should occur but without structural merging.

### **DiSAC**

Mr Pome'e reported on the last DiSAC meeting noting that he is concerned about the allocation of housing for elderly Pacific people. The GM Pacific Health advised that the officers would report back to the next meeting on any developments in this area.

## 7. Overview of Pacific Health Work Programme for 03/ 04 Year

The GM spoke to her paper on a proposed work programme and tabled a draft agenda for discussion noting that proposed topics for coverage are able to be changed depending on the Committee's wishes. The Committee was to determine whether it wishes to have a broad overview of a wide number of issues, or select a smaller number of strategic priorities that align with the Board's work programme. The role of the Committee could be discussed in this context also. The proposed topics on the Draft Agenda work programme arise from the District Annual Plan and further papers on these areas will be presented to the Committee in due course. It was suggested that intersectoral collaboration including Health Education be

added to the September programme as it was felt that this was an important area to consider as an individual topic. Oral Health would also be added to the programme at a later date.

The GM noted that no new service funding were available for the 03/04 year and that this will be a year of consolidation of services and identifying priorities for Pacific health in the context of the District Strategic Plan. Staff would provide Committee members with concise papers at the relevant time of the year flagging issues for input.

With regards to a future discussion of PPD funding, it was agreed that there could be issues of conflicts of interest, where many PHAC members were also involved with Pacific providers. Although the papers would not detail individual provider allocations, and focus on generic issues, this would still be confidential information. It was agreed that the CMDHB Legal Adviser be present during such discussions. The Ministry of Health has not signalled the intention to continue the PPD funding post 04/05 years. Hence, it is necessary to ensure that the final allocations for CMDHB are targeted at the priorities for Pacific health and review future areas for capacity building. This is particularly important where:

- Child and Youth Health is undergoing some changes (e.g. new Well Child framework)
- Disabilities are in the process of devolution
- Maternity and Public Health is not yet devolved

Terms of Reference – The Chairperson provided Committee members with a copy of Terms of Reference dated December 2000 for consideration.

Workforce – Mr Ben Taufua, Group Leader Pacific, has been delegated to complete work on workforce issues across the DHB including a Workforce Development Action Plan by June 2004.

Inequalities paper – Ms Fepulea'i spoke to Mr Gary Jackson's paper to CPHAC on Inequalities.

### **National Pacific Sector Reference Group**

Mr Pome'e would provide an update at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 28 August from 2.00 – 4.30 pm.**

### **Action Points**

- A formal invitation is to be extended to Mr Taito Phillip Field to address the Committee on workforce issues.
- A farewell letter is to be sent to Dr Colin Tukuitonga on behalf of the Committee
- A report on projects would be requested from Ms Jude Woolston, the Intersectoral Project Manager
- Committee members are to be provided with media releases
- CMDHB staff report on progress with disability housing project
- The Legal Adviser is to be invited to attend a future meeting when PPD and other potential conflicts of interest items are on the agenda
- The Chairperson is to request information from the CEO of the NZ Dental Association