

Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the
Disability Support Advisory Committee of the Counties Manukau District Health Board
Held in the Board Room, 19 Lambie Drive, Manukau
Tuesday 1st April 2003 at 1.00 p.m.

Present: Mr Brent Morrissey (Chair), Mr Paul Cressey, Ms Heather Grace, Mr Lindsay Smith, Ms Chris Ellis, Ms Nganeko Minhinnick, Professor Sir John Scott, Mr Donald Barker, Mr Bruce Ellery

In attendance: Ms Carol Delaney, Mr Chris Mules, Ms Elisabeth Harding, (Board Secretary)

Apologies: Ms Jenni Coles, Ms Donna Hemi, Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Ms Karyn Russell, Ms Airini Tukerangi

Absent: Dr Siro Fuata'i, Ms Donna Rauwhero

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the Committee and Mr Ian Anderson. There were no members of the public present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Donna Hemi, Ms Jenni Coles, Ms Karyn Russell, Ms Airini Tukerangi and Mr Tu'uta Pome'e.

3. Ratification of previous minutes (4th February 2003)

Resolution:

The minutes of the meeting of DiSAC held on Wednesday 4th February, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mr Lindsay Smith, **Seconded** Professor Sir John Scott, **Carried** unanimously.

Matters arising

Item 5: Devolution: The Ministry's hesitation around devolution is related to potential loss of national consistency, loss of efficiencies in terms of infrastructure and human resource, and the potential for increase in transaction costs for providers.

Item 6: Counties Manukau Health Council report on Needs Assessment and Service Coordination. This matter is being followed up by Ms Jenni Coles.

Item 7: Information Project. There is no further information available from the Ministry at this stage.

Item 10: Manukau Courier article: A reporter from the Manukau Courier has been in contact with Ms Chris Ellis (1 April 2003)

4. Procedural issues

Deputation: presentation by Mr Ian Anderson, Chief Executive Manager, Culverden Care Centre and Hospital.

Mr Anderson provided members with a provider perspective of residential services. He has been involved in the delivery of these services for 22 years.

Over the last four years Mr Anderson has been involved in Ministry/provider meetings to discuss residential service requirements. Recently the DHBs have also been invited to participate in these meetings.

As part of the Joint Action Group, representing 30-40 residential care providers who are owner/operators, Mr Anderson has been working with the Ministry trying to ensure that fee for service payments covered the range of costs involved in the delivery of residential services. There is currently an audit of costs being undertaken by the Ministry, using Cap Gemini to ascertain the target figures for updating the transparent pricing model. It was noted that the Ministry currently funds six sevenths of the current price, which is not indicative of actual costs. It will be important that prior to devolution there is a transparent pricing model. Mr Anderson estimated that the increase of funding required would be around 15%. Discussions also include whether the maximum payment for private patients should stay at \$636 or should be increased.

Information was provided about the services provided by Culverden Care Centre and Hospital. It was noted that payment for services needed to reflect the level of care provided by the rest homes, which in some cases is heavy care.

Underlying the provision of care is the concept of 'community' and that the Centre is the resident's home. Care is considered transportable and provided to people in a community setting. There is a multidisciplinary review of each resident involving the family. The Centre is a leading provider of services to Pacific Island and Maori communities. There are 120 staff who are able to speak 36 languages with the expectation that at least one staff member will be able to speak the resident's language.

Referrals are received from Taikura Trust, CMDHB social workers, and community social workers. Any placement is subject to a needs assessment. Over the past year there have also been some referrals under the primary care options to acute care programme. About 70% of residents are from the Counties Manukau region.

5. Devolution of services for older people: update

A paper was tabled setting out the process from national strategy to implementation of the strategy for older people in the Northern region. Ms Janine Pratt, Planning and Accountability Manager and Ms Carol Delaney, Disability Support Advisor Primary Care are CMDHB's representatives on the regional planning group. The implementation plan is due 1 May 2003 and will be available for the next DiSAC meeting.

Prior to devolution existing contracts need to be reviewed and risk identified. However, it was noted that currently there is some difficulty getting relevant information about the contracts from the Ministry to enable any analysis of the existing agreements. Other aspects to be considered include the staffing requirements at a local and regional level and the amount of funding to be devolved with the agreements.

It was noted that DHBs have been invited to assist in providing feedback on devolution through the Ministry to Cabinet.

The importance of local responsiveness was reiterated, while acknowledging the need for regional processes. It is anticipated that a model similar to mental health will be followed.

6. Aging in Place Projects Update.

- Development of an integrated model of assessment, coordination and liaison (Pukekohoe);
A project manager, Ms Anthea Penny, has been appointed and will present at the next DiSAC meeting. The aim is to develop a model for integrated service delivery in this region, which can then be used in other regions. Over the next month Ms Penny will be talking to patients and health professionals. Ms Nganeko Minhinnick, Professor Sir John Scott and Mr Bruce Ellery will be providing assistance.
- Community development project to build networks of older people from Pacific Island backgrounds and disseminate health/disability information. The service specification is being development and an agreement from the Ministry is awaited.
- Marae based day activities: The Ministry is working directly with Tainui MAPO on this project.

7. Proposal for Web site to enable disabled people to find employment

Ms Chris Ellis is keen to develop a web site to assist disabled people to find employment. Reference was made to a similar project in England, the Disabled Workers Co-operative <http://www.disabledworkers.org.uk/>. Ms Ellis has discussed the concept with Manukau City Council, Workbridge and DPA. Each of these organisations is supportive, but not able to provide any funding. It is estimated to cost approximately \$76k for the first year.

The site may also facilitate people undertaking further training and upskilling.

The Committee agreed to write a letter expressing their support of this initiative. The DiSAC Chair will sign the letter.

8. CMDiSAC Progress to Date

Paper provided for information, noting the achievements of DiSAC to date.

9. General business

An invitation to the Ministry of Health's "Health of Older People Provider Workshop" was circulated to members.

The next meeting of DiSAC will at Lambie Drive on Tuesday 6th May 2003.
The meeting closed at 2.55 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record on the day of 2003

Chair:
Mr Brent Morrissey

The minutes of the meeting of the Disability Support Advisory Committee of Counties Manukau District Health Board of 1st April 2003 are approved.

Recommendation (moved Prof Sir John Scott/seconded Mr Bruce Ellery)

The minutes of the meeting of Counties Manukau District Health Board's Disability Support Advisory Committee of Tuesday 6th May 2003 are approved.