

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 7th October 2003 at 1.00 p.m.

Present: Mr Brent Morrissey (Chair), Mr Donald Barker, Mr Paul Cressey, Mr Lindsay Smith, Ms Chris Ellis, Ms Donna Hemi, Ms Nganeko Minhinnick, Ms Donna Rauwhero, Professor Sir John Scott,

In attendance: Ms Carol Delaney, Mr Chris Mules, Ms Jenni Coles (from 1.30pm) Ms Elisabeth Harding (Board Secretary)

Apologies: Mr Bruce Ellery, Ms Airini Tukerangi, Heather Grace

Absent: Mr Tu'uta Pome'e, Mr Ngeretina Puna, Ms Karyn Russell,

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the Committee and public to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Bruce Ellery and Ms Airini Tukerangi.

3. Deputations

Services provided and Local Issues for Older People

Ms Janet Davidson, Executive Officer, Counties Manukau Age Concern

Ms Davidson gave an overview of the services provided by Age Concern and distributed information pamphlets to members. Further information is available from the web site www.ageconcern.org.nz

Services provided include:

- Information service
- Health Promotion workshops such as Fall Prevention and Safe With Age (in conjunction with the Land Transport Safety Authority).
- Elder Abuse and Neglect Service: this covers physical, emotional and financial abuse. This service is funded predominately by the Child Youth and Family Service with some funding from the Ministry of Health.
- Accredited Visiting Service funded by the Ministry of Health
- Total Mobility Voucher Scheme with discount taxi fares available to Age Concern members
- Wheelchair loan service
- National Newspaper

The importance of people having an enduring power of attorney was also discussed.

Overall the focus is on positive ageing and in particular empowerment, welfare, rights and well-being.

Ms Davidson was thanked for her presentation.

Ms Jenni Coles arrived at 1.30pm

New Regional Residential Services and Local Services provided by Alzheimer's Counties Manukau

Ms Pat Durey, General Manager and Ms Joy Simpson, Finances and Special Projects

An information pack with materials was distributed to members. The core business of Alzheimers Counties Manukau is the provision of information, professional assessment and support, education, public awareness and advocacy services.

Five percent of people under 65 years have dementia and 10% of those over 65 years. It is estimated that for each person diagnosed there are another 8 people significantly affected. The services provided by Alzheimers Counties Manukau include:

- Carer Education
- Special dementia assessments and ongoing assessments and home support
- Advice and counselling for individuals and families

- Pacific Island dementia service
- Advocacy
- Carer lunches
- 24-hour information.

Education programmes are run for carers. Analysis following attendance by carers at the courses indicates an increased utilisation of community services. Overall the focus is on life beyond the diagnosis.

Concerns were noted about anti Alzheimers medication not being subject of Pharmac subsidies. The cost of medication is therefore estimated as \$220-290/per month. The medication holds the disease for a time (three to four years and sometimes longer). The medication is also considered very effective for younger people with dementia.

The need for more funding was also highlighted and in particular a review of the agreements and prices.

Ms Joy Simpson gave an overview of regional residential services. Ms Simpson has been involved in the Sector Reference Group (SRG) bringing a community perspective to the allocation of specialist dementia beds (50) and private hospital specialist beds (84) in the region. The Disability Services Directorate in the Ministry of Health has managed this project. At present the specialist dementia beds have been allocated but the allocation of the other specialist beds has been deferred on the basis that further information is required to understand the bed demand. The SRG has recommended that there should be a research project so that the demand can be better understood. Ms Durey and Ms Simpson were thanked for their presentations.

4. Ratification of previous minutes (5th August 2003)

Resolution:

The minutes of the meeting of DiSAC held on Tuesday 5th August 2003, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Professor Sir John Scott, **Seconded,** Ms Donna Hemi **Carried** Unanimously.

5. Audit/Quality Measures Project

Ms Chris Ellis provided an update on the project noting that the paper was still in draft but feedback received to date had been incorporated. Members still had until the end of October to feedback to Ms Ellis. Ms Rauwhero will provide feedback to Ms Ellis from the Kaumatua group and Manawhenua.

Once finalised the information would be tailored to suit the secondary care sector and PHOs to develop a strategy for implementation. .

The Committee congratulated Ms Ellis on the report noting its simplicity while maintaining consistency with the New Zealand Disability Strategy.

6. Devolution Update

Ms Carol Delaney provided an update noting that Ms Jenni Coles will be taking on the role of programme manager for disability support services. Ms Jill Calverly has taken on the role of managing disability support services in the NDSA.

The current situation is business as usual to ensure that payments and services continue with as little disruption as possible for the sector to avoid any adverse outcomes.

Upcoming projects include:

- Home based clients: identifying the needs of home-based clients including identifying who they are, where they live and any safety issues.
- Residential census: identifying who is in rest homes, why they are there and how many people move out of the region for rest home services.

Clarification is still awaited following 1 October 2003 devolution on the confirmed governance and services budgets and a variation for the Crown Funding Agreement. Agreement is still to be reached on how risk is to be managed until June 2004, taking into account any errors associated with devolution and the risks associated with uncapped agreements. It is expected that this information will be available by the end of October.

It is expected that by March/April 2004 there will be sufficient information to plan for the implementations of the Disability Strategy. Management will bring the work plan to the next DiSAC meeting for consideration.

7. Ageing in Place Projects Update

Ms Delaney provided an update. The final report on the Integration project based in Pukekohe is expected soon and will be made available to Members for the next meeting. The project for Pacific people has only recently commenced. The CMDHB Pacific Health team is also involved with this project.

8. General business

Access to respite care: This is controlled by NASC (needs assessment service coordination) services, followed by placement in either a public or private facility.

Regional meeting: Member requested that the presentation by Sam Cliffe from the NDSA was distributed to members. The reporting processes through the local and regional DiSAC were also considered. Ms Jenni Coles will report to DiSAC on NDSA issues. Members also raised concerns about the prospect of the Ministry of Health withdrawing its involvement in the regional DiSAC following devolution.

Terms of Reference:

Members reviewed the existing terms of reference noting that the Board has now requested that DiSAC also consider personal health and disability services for Older People. The DiSAC work plan, which will need to be approved by the Board, will also reflect this change.

Resolution

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the following additions to the DiSAC Terms of Reference:

- (k) Advising the Board on personal health and disability services for people over 65 years consistent with the Health of Older Peoples Strategy.
- (l) Advising the Board on issues arising in the regional DiSAC forum.

Moved, Mr Paul Cressey, **Seconded**, Mr Lindsay Smith, **Carried** Unanimously.

It was also proposed to include the following responsibility (aa) Advising the Board on disability support services for Kaumatua and Kuia. Ms Minhinnick will discuss this change with Manawhenua.

Manukau City Council Policy: The Chair has received a copy of a report from the Council on its Disability Policy Strategy. This will be distributed to members. It was noted that there was no reference to CMDHB in the policy.

The next meeting of DiSAC will at Lambie Drive on Tuesday 2nd December 2003. There will be a regional DiSAC meeting on 27th November 2003 from 1 to 4pm.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Signed as a true and correct record on the 2nd day of December 2003

Chair:
Mr Brent Morrissey

The minutes of the meeting of the Disability Support Advisory Committee of Counties Manukau District Health Board of 7th October 2003 are approved.

Recommendation (moved Professor Sir John Scott /seconded Mr Donald Barker)