

Disability Support Advisory Committee

Minutes

Of the meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2007, 1.00-4.00pm at Boardroom, Lambie Drive.

<p>1. Welcome & Apologies:</p>	<p>Mrs Jillian Dooley (Chairperson), Mr Phil Beilby, Prof. Sir John Scott (until 1.30pm), Mr Don Barker (until 3.30pm), Ms Miria Andrews (until 3.30pm), Ms Heather Grace, Mr Bill Mudgway, Mr Ezekiel Robson, Ms Chris Ellis, Mr Vaughan Dodd</p> <p>In attendance: Mr Chris Mules, Ms Jenni Coles, Mrs Alice Ropata (secretary)</p> <p>Apologies: Mr Bob Wichman, Mr Matthew Slade, Mr Mike Cohen</p>	
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<p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:</p>	<p>Noted the following correction to previous minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Bob Wichman's apologies for the previous meeting to be added to the minutes. - Pg 4. Pou is accountable to the CMDHB Board to provide leadership on Maori health matters. <p>Resolution: The minutes of the meeting of DiSAC held on Monday 12th February 2007, with the noted corrections, were taken as read and confirmed.</p> <p>Moved: Mr Don Barker Seconded: Prof. Sir John Scott Carried: Unanimous</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p>	<p>3.1 Interpreting & Translation Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Dooley advised that there are 3 Sign Language interpreters with the DHB but they are not fulltime employees. The Sign Language interpreters are also contracted to the Police and Courts. - From 1 Dec 06 to 16 Feb 07 there were 39 bookings made for Sign Language interpreters. - DiSAC noted that Sign Language is now an official language of NZ. - DiSAC suggested that sign language skills be incorporated into job descriptions and advertisements for interpreting staff. DiSAC ask that Mr Slade work with HR to discuss this. <p>3.2 Activity Report, Disability Strategy Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As Mr Slade was on leave, DiSAC noted the paper as read. <p>Regional Taxi Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Jillian Dooley has been in touch with Easthealth to discuss their volunteer driver scheme. 	<p>M Slade to discuss with HR re sign language skills to be included in job descriptions and adverts</p>

	<p>Select Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been no further news. A meeting will be held in April to schedule the start of the enquiry. <p>Occupational Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a waiting list of approximately 500. GPs are complaining that their patients are waiting 6 weeks or more to be seen. Ms Heather Grace spoke with an Occupational Therapist who feels that more staff are needed. - Ms Coles explained that demand is outstripping the resource at present. Funding for under-65s is only a small proportion of overall MoH funding. The DHB also funds district nurses as well. - Staff are working to prioritise urgent cases first and maximising existing resources. - DiSAC asked that management continue to lead and manage use of current staff resources as efficiently as possible. <p>Community-based Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Barker asked if an update on community-based services could be presented to the next DiSAC. The report would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Staff numbers and workload § Waiting lists for assessment/treatment § Comparison against historical data. <p>Shower seats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Ellis raised the issue that the proposed shower seats for the new AMC wards at Middlemore are too small. - Mr Robson also raised concern that the current chairs are inadequate and dangerous for patients. - Ms Coles explained that the proposed shower seats are not fixed into the wall but portable to enable staff to move around the patient to assist with showering. The stool height is adjustable. Patients who use shower seats would already require additional support from nurses to ensure safety. Also, water damage behind wall-mounted shower seats can cause structural damage to buildings. - DiSAC asked that managers ensure that there are brakes and hand grips on portable shower seats. <p>Disability Awareness Training Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Dooley reported that the course was excellent. There were 12 participants from a variety of health services. - Mr Dodd asked whether this course should be tied to NZQA training. He suggested that having a national standard would significantly increase its credibility as a worthwhile training course. - Ms Coles advised that the course will be linked to career portfolios - The next course is scheduled for April 2007. 	<p>J Coles to provide report to next DiSAC re community-based services</p>
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<p>4. Procedural Issues</p>	<p>Disclosure of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members should update this, as appropriate, through Alice. <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CMDHB Board has extended the membership of all co-opted members through to March 2008. - Mrs Dooley will discuss with members to discuss their availability. 	<p>J Dooley to discuss with members their extended term on DiSAC</p>
<p>5. Webhealth and Healthpoint</p>	<p>Presentation by Mr Tony Kake, Community Liaison Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Kake reported on the Webhealth kiosk and Healthpoint website usage to date. - Webhealth kiosk stats to date are high for its first year. DiSAC requested data on which sites people are looking at. - Mr Kake advised that the cost per kiosk is approx. \$10k however the DHB bought the kiosks for \$5k each. - Disability will be included as a key link on the kiosk. Disability services will also be added in Directory listings. Ms Ellis suggested including Weka.net.nz (a NZ disability information website). - Ms Dooley and Mr Mudgway both reported that the disability information on Webhealth has improved. - Mr Dodd cautioned that quality of information provided on the kiosk and website are most important, not quantity. It is important not to duplication information. He reminded DiSAC that the purpose of the information is to provide information on services in Counties Manukau. <p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The DHB intends to claw back responsibility for promotion and quality assurance of Webhealth kiosk. - Work will be undertaken to link Webhealth and Healthpoint. - Promotion of these services needs to be increased. DiSAC members suggested leaflets in GP offices, advertising in local papers. Mr Kake advised that there will be signage above kiosks to make them more visible. 	<p>T Kake to provide data on most popular sites accessed through kiosk.</p>
<p>6. PIMS information</p>	<p>Presentation by Janet Gibson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Gibson reported on the Patient Alert System which are included in the Patient Information Management System (PIMS). - There are approx. 18,000 patient alerts on the system. They are logged in an ad hoc fashion and there is no formal process for adding, updating or ending alerts. There is also no vetting process to ensure alerts are accurate and relevant. - Many clinical staff do not refer to alerts as they are 	

	<p>considered unreliable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Although alerts are viewable in PiMS Web in Concerto, they are difficult to find. - A regional project has been established to develop a policy and guidelines around patient alerts and to ensure alerts are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § accurate, relevant and current § captured and displayed consistently § can be accessed across the region in Concerto - Ms Gibson will be writing the CMDHB alerts policy and asked DiSAC for their feedback on alerts and what should be included. - Ms Grace asked how the public get their alerts on to PiMS. - Mr Robson asked who owns the information on a patient alert. He also asked whether any information included on an alert is a breach of the Privacy Act. Ms Haley explained that the person entering the information into PiMS is the owner. - DiSAC members asked that Ms Gibson include in the policy that the owner of the alert must discuss with the patient first the nature of the alert. The patient must give permission for an alert being entered, amended or deleted. - DiSAC members also asked that Ms Gibson discuss the project with the Community Panel. - DiSAC requested a copy of Ms Gibsons presentation be included in the next meeting's minutes. 	<p>Ms Gibson to discuss patient alert project with Community Panel</p>
	<p><i>3pm Mr Mules & Ms Coles left the meeting.</i></p>	
<p>7. Accessibility for vision impaired voters</p>	<p>Discussion led by Mr Vaughan Dodd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Dodd discussed that NZ has been very slow to look at electronic voting. The current system does not promote opportunities to vote for the disabled community. Mr Dodd is not convinced that the disabled community are voting at local election level. - Mr Robson also reported that there is a very low turnout for 18-24 year olds to vote. He suggested that electronic voting may increase the interest for this particular age group. - Mr Dodd suggested a submission to the Health Select Committee that electronic voting be introduced for local body elections. - DiSAC members also suggested that all candidate information for the upcoming health board elections be included on the healthpoint website. Information is currently only available in written material. - DiSAC members asked that the Electoral Officer for Manukau City Council be approached about the possibility of introducing electronic voting in the future. 	<p>A Ropata to contact MCC & DHB Electoral Officers re electronic voting and candidate info being made</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DiSAC members asked that the DHB Electoral Officer be contacted to ensure all candidate information is included on the healthpoint website. - DiSAC members encouraged the DHB to promote elections and the benefits of voting for the upcoming health board elections. 	available on website.
	3.25pm Ms Andrews & Mr Barker left the meeting	
8. DAP priorities for 07/08	Noted.	
9. Monthly reports	Update on DAP 06/07 noted.	
10. For information only	Noted.	
11. Other Business	<p>An invitation to Lani Stowers to provide an update on the Pacific Disability Plan.</p> <p>Ms Grace is meeting with the MoH to discuss Respite Care funding (at the MoH's invitation). Funding came through in July 2006.</p>	
Next Meeting:	Monday, 11th June 2007, 1.00 to 4.00pm, Boardroom, 19 Lambie Drive	
Signed as a true and correct record on Monday 11 th June 2007.		
Chair: Ms Jillian Dooley		
<p>Resolution</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Disability Support Advisory Committee of Counties Manukau District Health Board of 2nd April 2007 are approved.</p>		
Moved:	Mr Vaughan Dodd	
Seconded	Mr Bill Mudgway	
Carried:	Unanimous	