

**Minutes of the meeting of the Members of
the Counties Manukau District Health Board Hospital Advisory Committee,
held in the Conference Room, Manukau SuperClinic, Great South Road, Manukau
on Wednesday 6th November 2002 at 1.00pm**

Present: Mr Lindsay Smith (Chair), Mrs Jo Cameron, Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Mr Ross Keenan (from 1.20pm), Mr Eru Thompson, Dr Juliet Walker, Mr Robert Wichman

In attendance: Dr Ian Brown, Mr Ron Pearson, Mr Paul Ravlich, Mr Brian Rousseau, Ms Elisabeth Harding (Secretary).

Apologies: Ms Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai, Prof. Harley Gray, Dr Charles Small

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Committee members and noted that there were no public or media in attendance.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai and Prof. Harley Gray.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2002 were confirmed.

This recommendation was moved Mr Bob Wichman, seconded by Dr Juliet Walker and carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

6.8 Women's Health: a report has been presented to EMG and SMG and Dr Ian Brown, CMO will be providing feedback on the report to Mr Stephen McKernan. It is expected that additional costs will be met by internal substitution (reallocation of costs within the provider arm). If there are any capital or additional operation costs which cannot be provided by internal substitution, this will be referred to the Board.

Mr Eru Thomson raised concerns about lack of action in the area of mental health. Dr Sue Hallwright, Manager Mental Health Development, has been asked to present an action plan at the next Board meeting. Mr Brian Rousseau noted that there needed to be prioritisation of all services to enable the shift from non-acute funding to acute funding to maintain acute services.

Mr Ross Keenan arrived at 1.20pm.

5. Procedural Issues

5.1 Deputations: There were no deputations.

5.2 Disclosure of Interest: There were no further disclosures of interest.

6. Chief Operating Officer's Report

Acute Mental Health Crisis

The report is due to be released 7 November 2002. The draft recommendations from the report support the way forward for the provision of mental health services in the Auckland region. The industrial relations issues continue, with the Intensive Community Teams (ICT) now also participating in the industrial action. CMDHB is currently managing this on a daily basis. The impact of the extension of the industrial action to the ICT service significantly increases the potential clinical risk to clients. Patients are being triaged based on clinical safety with police cells being used as a place of last resort for holding patients.

It was noted that the Health and Disability Commissioner's report on the Southland Health investigation had implications for CMDHB. The clinical director for mental health services will be providing a report on this investigation to the next Board meeting.

Facilities Upgrade Projects

There are currently 3 major projects in the planning phase, namely:

- National Burns Centre – There are two options being considered (i) Wards 14 & 15 (option provided in the business case) or (ii) building above ICU (outside current budget). If wards 14 and 15 are used, those inpatient beds will be transferred to the Manukau Surgery Centre.
- NICU – The decision is dependent on the location of the National Burns Centre. Options include wards 14 and 15 or above the radiology refurbishment. If ward 14 and 15 are used, part of Ward 14 could also be used for a day of surgery assessment unit.
- Radiology – expansion below NICU. Business case with letter of support from ADHB & WDHB is planned to go to Wellington early next week.

The importance and value of the involvement of clinicians and user groups in these decisions was noted.

Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory - The planned review of Cardiac Catheterisation requirements across Auckland is currently underway, with CMDHB facilitating the co-ordination of a joint business case for the establishment of an Auckland regional cardiac catheterisation service. This business case will recommend that the next cardiac catheterisation unit be established at Middlemore Hospital.

Adult Medical Centre

A successful official opening took place as planned on 1st November 2002. The retail development is expected to be completed within the next week or two. The developer has still not contracted a vendor for the bookshop.

Parking

The park and pay scheme on the MMH site went live on Monday 30th September 2002. The building consent for construction of the parking building on the Western Campus has now been approved. A number of very significant issues have arisen since go-live, namely:

- Insufficient parking allocation for staff
- Too many bays for patients/visitors, which are being poorly utilised.
- Concern by residents, Manukau City Council and NZ Police regarding staff & visitors parking on public roads surrounding Middlemore.
- A number of security incidents in the neighbourhood, e.g. vehicles tyres being slashed, cars being broken into, staff being concerned with personal and property security.

Staff have been re-surveyed regarding their willingness to pay for parking (\$10 per week). The results were No = 1035, Yes = 345.

Parking options continue to be discussed with the parking company. In addition management is progressing the following options:

- Demolition of old Wards 4 & 9 = approx. 60 bays (this would take a month or two if approved) (\$240k cost).
- Moving board cars to a secure parking unit at Manukau SuperClinic = approx. 100-150 bays (could be done within a few weeks).
- Seeking approval to use the park area to the south of Manukau Radiology Institute near the S-bend = approx. 40 bays (awaiting a meeting with the current lessee).

Regional Capital Group

The primary focus of the Regional Capital Group over the past month has been the preparation of the joint business case to Wellington for Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories at ADHB, CMDHB and ultimately WDHB.

The Committee resolved (moved Mr Bob Wichman /seconded Dr Juliet Walker) that the public and media be excluded from the items on the key issues including parking, 2003/2003 budget review and industrial relations update, due to commercial sensitivity. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was re-opened to the public. No members of the public present.

6.2 Financial performance

- September month showed a pleasing result together with the result for the first three months.
- The freeze on FTEs is working effectively
- The annual forecast will be presented to the next Board meeting
- Confirmation was provided that CMDHB is being funded to meet past levels of safety.

- There has been one equity injection from the Ministry of Health and it is anticipated that CMDHB will need to make a further application.

6.3 Clinical performance

The following was noted:

- Increase in the elective day of surgery admission rate was due to the opening of an extra theatre.
- Medical acute growth was at 0% over the same period for last year (year to date actual).
- Adult elective surgery growth was 11% over the same period for last year (year to date actual).

There will be a presentation at the next Committee meeting on renal services and the capacity issues both CMDHB and the Auckland region is facing.

6.6 Strategic issues

Waiting list dashboard report

Dr Ian Brown advised the Committee that the decrease in waiting time was partially due to the shifting the risk back to the primary sector where many patients previously on the waiting list had been referred.

The Committee resolved (moved Mr Eru Thompson/seconded by Ms Ailua Fatialofa) **that the public and media be excluded from the item on the risk register due to commercial sensitivity. The motion was carried unanimously.**

The meeting was re-opened to the public. No members of the public present.

7. General Business

Non-resident bad debt: Mr Ross Keenan noted that little progress had been made on this issue although submissions were being made through population base funding discussions and were a factor in CMDHB moving to equity.

Nominations: Mana Whenua has recommended that Ms Jo Cameron and Pare Rauwhero be nominated to the Committee. The Committee will make this recommendation to the Board.

Mr Eru Thompson has been nominated by Mana Whenua to the Community and Public Health Advisory Committee. The Committee and Mr Brian Rousseau, on behalf of management, thanked Mr Thompson for his contribution on this Committee.

8. Next Meeting

To be held Wednesday 4th December 2002 at 1.00pm Lambie Drive.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Signed as a true and correct record on the day of2002.

Chair:
Mr Lindsay Smith

Recommendation (moved/ seconded)

The minutes of the meeting of Counties Manukau District Health Board Hospital Advisory Committee of 6th November 2002 be approved.