

**Minutes of the meeting of the Members of
the Counties Manukau District Health Board Hospital Advisory Committee,
Held in the Board Room, 19 Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Wednesday 8th October 2003 at 2.00pm**

Present: Mr Lindsay Smith (Chair), Mrs Jo Cameron (from 2.15pm), Mr Ross Keenan, Dr Charles Small, Ms Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai, Dr Juliet Walker, Mr Bob Wichman

In attendance: Mr Paul Cressey, Dr Ian Brown, Ms Dale Oliff, Mr Chris Fleming, Mr Tony Hickmott, Ms Elisabeth Harding (Board Secretary)

Apologies: Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Ms Pare Rauwhero, Mr Ron Pearson

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Committee members. No members of the public were present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Ailua Fatialofa and Mr Ron Pearson.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

One change was made to Item 6, changing 'capacity' to 'flexibility'.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2003 were confirmed.

Moved: Mr Bob Wichman, **Seconded** Dr Charles Small. **Carried** unanimously.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Procedural Issues

There were no procedural matters.

6. Board/Advisory Committee Updates

PHAC: Dr Juliet Walker noted the discussions at PHAC regarding eligibility, particularly as this relates to Pacific people. PHAC had raised concerns about the provision of services to non-eligible people and the impact this has on the availability of service to eligible people. Providing services to non-eligible people created clinical and ethical issues for clinicians. Further information will be provided for the next HAC meeting, including work with Pacific island countries.

MHAC: There was no meeting this month, as there was no quorum. Members used the time to progress the Maori Health Plan and consider guidelines with regard to organ donation. The question of whether the Maori Health Plan should be developed on a regional basis was asked. The three GM Maori for the Auckland DHBs meet regularly. It was considered that the Plans needed to be aligned. There is also a proposal for the DHB MHACs to meet on a regular basis. Mr Bernard Te Paa is presenting the Maori Health Plan to the Board and he will be also asked to address these issues.

CPHAC: Mr Paul Cressey gave an overview noting the discussion on the relationship with the Manukau City Council, engagement with the community, PHO issues and Oral Health. The planning and funding team is working in conjunction with the provider arm with regard to the provision of dental services provided through the provider arm of CMDHB.

DiSAC: Age Concern and the Alzheimers Counties Manukau gave presentations about the services they provide. Issues associated with the devolution of disability services for people over 65 years were discussed.

8. Operational report

8.1 GMs' Report

The paper was taken as read. Issues arising:

- Volume activity is stable but the acuity of patients was noted.
- Theatres have now reopened.
- Elective services: Some people who had been on the ophthalmology and hand waiting list have been referred back to their GPs on the basis that they did not meet the clinical threshold.

- Burns: concerns were expressed that the recommendation of the Board had been that the National Burns Service would not go ahead unless the service is sustainable, noting the required zero deficit position. Funding for patients with extremely complex burns will be funded at cost. Discussions continue about the payment of costs incurred in treating patients with less complex burns where the cost is greater than the current funding. There is current estimated shortfall in providing services to this group of people. This funding is the subject of current discussions as part of the service improvement group. A further update will be provided at the next HAC meeting. Providing sustainable funding can be agreed the National Burn Service will commence 22 March 2004.

7 Capital Expenditure Request

7.3 Philips Monitoring System: Lions Foundation Sponsorship

Members requested that a letter of thanks was to be sent on behalf of Member to the Lion Foundation thanking them for the sponsorship.

Resolution

The Committee recommends that the Board approve the purchase of the Philips Monitoring System at a cost of \$619,000.

Moved Dr Juliet Walker, **Seconded**, Mr Bob Wichman, **Carried** Unanimously

8. Operational report (cont.)

8.5 Strategic Issues

• Maternity Service Provision

Ms Nettie Knetsch and Ms Ann Hansen provided an overview of the funding of maternity services including primary maternity services, facilities fees and secondary and tertiary care. A copy of their presentation was distributed to members. The increase in birth rates was noted. It is not clear what is driving the increased birth rate but migration to the Counties region and desire for larger families are contributing factors. The impact of the transfer of National Women's Hospital to the Grafton Auckland City site is unclear, but it is possible that that will also lead to an increase in deliveries at Middlemore Hospital and the other maternity units.

Most of the births are at Middlemore Hospital with women transferring to the other units following birth.

Risks associated with the provision of Lead Maternity Carer (section 88) services relate to non-compliance with the Notice requirements and the payment process for this service.

• Mental Health Service Provision

Mr Ian McKenzie provided an overview of provider arm mental health services. A copy of the presentation was provided to Members. (Refer to <http://www.mhc.govt.nz> for information about the Blueprint for Mental Health Services.)

Key issues:

- Policy direction of de-institutionalisation to community based services and the work required to provide the infrastructure to enable services to be provided in the community. It was noted that both providers and patients prefer services to be provided in a community based setting
- Historical under funding, now starting to be addressed
- Acute demand crisis. Currently CMDHB provider arm mental health services provide services to approximately 0.4% of the population at any one time. There is a need to respond quickly when people become unwell in the community. The sector is moving toward providing brief interventions with regard to secondary care, with greater focus on community care.
- The intersectoral issues were discussed, noting that often-secondary mental health services dealt with consequences of housing, employment and other social issues.
- Mental Health Guidelines are being developed for the primary sector.
- The Blueprint for Mental Health services indicates that 3% of the Population have a major mental illness. However, it was noted that not all these people would need to access secondary/tertiary mental health services at the same time.
- Workforce issues: vacancies are currently around 18% but it was noted that this was related to a pricing issue in that the current prices for the services were not sufficient to cover staffing costs. Experienced staff have been appointed in child and youth services, enabling the recruitment of less experienced staff.

8.3 Clinical/Quality Report

Dr Ian Brown provided an update, noting that much information was collected and ways were being considered to better utilise this information.

Cultural orientation for overseas staff was discussed. Nurses are required to go through orientation training covering cultural issues. This is not the case for clinicians. An orientation process for senior medical staff is being developed. This will include cultural issues.

Mr Bob Wichman left the meeting at 4.50pm.

8.2 Financial performance

Key issues:

- Overall, services are on target for the month
- The definition of FTE is still being re-defined.
- Volumes are down for the month but slightly up for the year to date.
- Surgical revenue is down, this is associated with the closure of theatres and provision of elective ACC services.
- Bureau costs were being well managed.

The Committee resolved (moved Dr Juliet Walker/seconded Ms Jo Cameron) that the public and media be excluded from the items on capital expenditure for the crèche and theatre equipment, industrial relations, and the risk register (OIA s 9(2)(i), Standing orders Schedule 2 cl 2(g)) to enable the carrying out of commercial activities. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 5.50 pm. No members of the public were present.

8 General Business

There was no general business.

9 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 29th October 2003 at 2.00pm Lambie Drive.

The meeting closed at 5.50pm.

Signed as a true and correct record on the day of2003.

Chair:
Mr Lindsay Smith

Recommendation (moved/ seconded)

The minutes of the meeting of Counties Manukau District Health Board Hospital Advisory Committee of 8th October 2003 are approved.