

Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Committee
held in the Boardroom, DHB Offices, Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Thursday 5 July 2001 at 2.00pm

Present: Dr Debbie Ryan (Chair), Dr Siro Fuatai, Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Ms Bernadette Pone, Mr Ika Tameifuna, Mrs Metua Faasisila, Taufao Lurch, Sefita Haouli-2.50pm

In attendance: Ms Debbie Sorensen, Mr Iosefo Tapusoa

1. Welcome and Introductions

The chair welcomed the Committee to the meeting, noting there were no members of the public or media in attendance.

2. Apologies

Mr Tu'uta Pome'e

3. Minutes of last meeting-dated June 7

The minutes of the meeting held on June 7th 2001 were amended to include correct spelling of committee member's names

Ref.4 first para to read "...the status of Pacific health in Counties **Manukau**."

The amended minutes were confirmed and approved. (moved Mr Nonumalo Taufao Lurch/ seconded Dr Siro Fuatai)

4. Matters Arising

Committee members were reminded to complete Conflict of Interest Register.

Mrs Metua Faasisila provided an update to the Committee of her role as the Pacific observer at NDSA Board meetings.

5. Intersectoral Work

Ms Debbie Sorensen presented CMDHB intersectoral initiatives including:

Health housing project: Joint venture between Ministry of housing and CMDHB to reduce overcrowding. Outcomes are to identify health needs in households and other social issues ie WINZ. Houses have been rebuilt by Housing NZ.

Finlayson Park: how health needs impact on kids education needs. One year project. The outcomes are to improve attendance, kids health etc

Youth Interagency Project: To co-ordinate all sectors affecting youth ie health, education and social services. Outcomes are the co-ordination of services as well as improvements in those sector areas.

It was noted that the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs (MPIA) have not responded to a request for a presentation on the Counties Manukau Programs of Action developed as part of the MPIA's capacity building work last year.

After due consideration, the committee resolved that

"The Pacific Committee strongly supports the intersectoral projects outlined and recommends that this focus is developed with the Departments of Work and Income New Zealand, Housing and Education. The committee recommends a strength based, holistic approach" (moved Dr Debbie Ryan/ seconded Mr Ika Tameifuna).

6. Pacific communications Strategy.

The committee received the draft CMDHB Pacific communications strategy.

It was agreed that terminology required further definition. Members requested that management prepare a presentation for the next committee meeting on cultural competence. Mr Ika Tameifuna to prepare a presentation on the terms "ethnic specific" services. The paper "Monitoring Ethnic Inequalities in Health" by the Ministry of Health was distributed to the committee for consideration at the next meeting.

The following changes were recommended:

p1, para 2 change to " Pacific peoples have the lowest participation in health programmes due to various factors such as access, cultural competence and awareness"

p1 para 5 change to "The DHB needs to form **effective** relationships with Pacific communities..."

p4 dot point 2 add to Pacific media "and language specific media"

p4 add churches to Primary Audiences

p5 para 1 change "excellent" to "effective"

p5 add dot point" CMDHB will foster a strength based approach"

The committee discussed the role of the churches and the appropriateness of the concept of partnership. It was agreed that advice from Church leaders would be sought on this issue and discussed further at the next committee meeting.

The Budget allocation for the Communications strategy was noted and the allocation of the majority of the Budget to evaluation was discussed. It was agreed that the committee would consider this issue further at it's next meeting.

7. Strategic Planning discussion

Ms Debbie Sorensen outlined the proposed strategic planning process. Discussion followed on the involvement of Pacific communities in this process. The committee recommended that management collate the numerous consultations with the community which had been held by the HFA, MOH, MPIA, South Auckland Health and the Transition Committee of CMDHB on Pacific health issues and priorities. The committee recommended that a draft based on this information be presented to the Pacific community at a workshop in September 2001.

8. Other Business

- CPHAC committee report
- Hospital Advisory Committee report

Brief updates were provided to the committee by Dr Siro Fuatai, Mrs Metua Faasisila and Ms Ailua Fatialofa. It was noted that committee members would in future receive copies of these committee minutes.

- Launch of Counties Manukau Health Profile

The committee received the Counties Manukau Health Profile Report.

The committee resolved that members would use their networks to promote the Pacific health status issues highlighted in this report.

The committee recommended that the launch include a meeting with Pacific leaders and use of Pacific media.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.30pm
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2 August 2001.