

6. WINZ Workforce Document

Ms Bernadette Pone spoke to the paper regarding the spreadsheet of health related occupations from the department of Work and Income. The paper lists the number of unemployed people seeking health related occupations over a period of time. The paper is a potential workforce tool enabling measurement of people interested in seeking employment within the health sector. The data is able to be sorted by ethnicity breakdown and also by the number of qualified applicants.

7. Pacific Mental Health Action Plan

Mr Tevita Hingano presented a paper outlining the scoping requirements for the Pacific Mental Health Action Plan. This project is aimed at establishing an Action Plan for Pacific Mental Health for all age groups in the Northern Region over the next 3 years. The Action Plan will identify direction and focus areas for Pacific Mental Health Development within the Mental Health System. This project will focus principally on Primary and Secondary Health.

The Committee requested a paper outlining an update on the allocation of 'Blueprint' money for Pacific Mental Health and also a summary of expenditure to date from this money. The Committee also discussed the privacy issues relating to Pacific Mental Health.

The Chair and members of the committee thanked Mr Tevita Hingano for his presentation on the Pacific Mental Health action plan.

8. Draft Primary Health Care Plan

Mr Tony Brown spoke to the draft Primary health care plan for Counties Manukau District Health Board. The Committee noted the feedback due for the draft plan is due to Counties Manukau District Health Board on 22 November 2002. Feedback for a collective response will be emailed to Mr Tony Brown before this date.

9. Committee Updates

Ms Metua Faasisila provided a verbal update from the CPHAC committee. In regards to the CPHAC Memo: "Prioritisation Update" presented by Janine Pratt, Metua Faasisila raised concerns that in spite of progress with Pacific Health issues to date, the principle based framework being used by the Ministry and DHBs to assist national prioritisation decisions around service investment and disinvestment in line with the requirements under the NZPHD Act and, locally, based on the Crown Funding Agreement between CMDHB and Ministry of Health, do not specifically feature 'Pacific' as a priority. Despite a Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission statement that explicitly states Pacific is a priority, decision-making principles do not echo this. The bullet points listed in the first paragraph under the Background heading omit Pacific as a priority 'principle'. Under "Regional Activities" no. 3 Principles underpinning resource allocation decisions are: Cost-effectiveness, Equity, Maori Health and Acceptability. While Pacific could come under Equity or Acceptability, it is of grave concern that 'Pacific' is not explicitly stated as a priority.

The Committee recommended that the Chair, Dr Juliet Walker pursue an explanation or resolution on this matter at Board level. In addition, the matter should be raised in the same manner with the Chief Advisor Pacific Health and the General Manager Pacific CMDHB.

Community engagement, specifically around the Primary Health Care Plan, does not appear to adequately give opportunity for the community voice to be heard due to the timing and context of meetings. Issues raised by CPHAC members of an improved engagement strategy with community that fits in to their context rather than our timeframes and 'statutory obligations' solely. Concerns were also raised that the lessons on community engagement learnt by the Counties Manukau Health Council in its 10 year history may not be heeded.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

Mr Nonumalo Taufao Lurch offered the closing prayer.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.10pm

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28 November 2002 at CMDHB premises.