

Minutes of Meeting of the Pacific Health Advisory Committee
held in the Counties Manukau DHB Boardroom, 19 Lambie Drive, Manukau
on Thursday 30 September 2004 at 2.00pm

Present: Seiuli Dr Juliet Walker (Chair), Ms Bernadette Pereira, Rev Tavake Tupou, Mrs Roine Lealaialoto.

Apologies: Ms Ailua Fatialofa, Anae Mrs Si'anaua Ostler, Mr Ika Tameifuna

Absent: Mr Sefita Hauoli

In attendance: Mrs Margie Fepulea'i, Mrs Anna-Maree Harris

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Committee members to the meeting noting that no members of the public were present.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ms Ailua Fatialofa and Anae Mrs Si'anaua Ostler.

3. Minutes of last meeting – 26 August 2004

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and approved with an amendment to from Pacific fanau room to Pacific aiga room in Item number 6.

Moved: Ms Bernadette Pereira Seconded: Mrs Roine Lealaialoto

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Procedural

Committee membership

Agreed that the Committee would wait until after the DHB elections to recruit a Cook Island representative.

6. Church Symposium

Mrs Rachel Enosa-Saseve outlined progress on the arrangements for the Symposium to be held on 1st and 2nd December 2004. A Reference Group has been formed and will meet a number of times prior to the Symposium. The purpose of the Reference Group is an advisory role and the group may be retained after the symposium for consultation on the development of the Pacific community consultation strategy. The purpose of the symposium is to:

- Strengthen partnerships between CMDHB and Pacific Church, religious and faith leaders in the Counties-Manukau district to work together to improve the health status and wellbeing of Pacific peoples;
- Inform Pacific Church leaders about CMDHB's Pacific Service Plan and its strategic priorities for the Counties-Manukau district.
- Agree commitment to key public health goals for Churches and religious community organisations (eg: 95% smoke-free Churches by 2005, adopting nutritionally appropriate celebrations, encouraging physical activity programmes in Church congregations and establishment of health committees to promote health)

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- Launch a Pacific Church Health Grant and invite Registrations of Interest for health focused Church projects that CMDHB will fund.
- Develop a process for ongoing engagement with Pacific Church, religious and faith leader in the Counties-Manukau district

The Committee expressed support for the Symposium, and Reverend Tavake commented that PHAC had seen the need to promote a relationship with churches for a long period of time and that it is promising to see the start of this being developed. Other comments were that it is important to ensure that the process for the awarding of the health grant is clear and transparent; that the organisers need to be aware of the dynamics from the different denominations and ethnicities that will be attending; and that if the Steering Group continues, a more robust selection process should be followed.

7. Strategic Priority Initiatives Presentation

Mrs Janine Pratt, Planning and Accountability Manager, presented the range of initiatives to be funded from the Strategic Priorities Initiatives. The process involved a weighting of proposals to reflect focus on reducing inequalities and Pacific health as a population focus. The Committee discussed the relevance and impact of initiatives on Pacific people and requested a summary of the programme (e.g. objectives, target population) and their impact on Pacific people at the next meeting.

8. CMDHB Diabetes Plan

Ms Amanda Dunlop, Project Manager Diabetes, further updated the Committee on the progress of the Diabetes Plan. A branding exercise is being undertaken with the first proofs displayed for comment.

The 10 emerging areas of action were discussed along with progress on the areas of action. Ms Dunlop reminded the Committee of the Diabetes Summit on 27 October at Manurewa Marae. Ms Pereira has offered to lead the Committee in a brief exercise at the allotted time during the Summit.

Ms Dunlop expressed thanks to 531PI for their support in bringing together all Pacific media groups to review social marketing approaches for Pacific and to cover the Summit.

9. Other Business

Ms Fepulea'i reported on the recent Child Health Conference she attended in Montreal. Key items of note were:

- Continued discussion around various countries favouring either targeting programmes at high needs areas vs a universal approach
- Structured learning for parents of preschool children
- Economic analysis progress – Mr James Heckman and Professor Fraser Mustard.

MeNZB update – 90% of Pacific under 5 children have received their first vaccination and 35% have received their second. This is an outstanding result, which far exceeds projections.

The Committee requested a presentation from Ms Lita Foliaki on the Cultural Competency model she is developing.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

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Signed as a true and correct record on 28 October 2004.

Chair: Seiuli Dr Juliet Walker

The minutes of the meeting of the Pacific Health Advisory Committee of Counties Manukau District Health Board of 30 September 2004 are approved.

Recommendation (moved Ms Pereira/seconded Rev Tupou)