

**MINUTES OF THE
DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE
WAIRARAPA DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD,
HELD ON TUESDAY MAY 8th AT 1PM
IN THE BOARD ROOM, WAIRARAPA DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD,
BLAIR STREET, MASTERTON**

Present:

Dr Rob Tuckett (Chairperson), Mr Bob Francis, Ms Yvette Grace, Ms Trish Taylor, Ms Anne Savage, Ms Ruth Carter, Liz Faulkner

In Attendance:

Ms Joy Cooper (Director Planning and Funding), Ms Joanne Edwards (Portfolio Manager), Ms Stephanie Turner (Director of Maori Health),

1. Apologies

Mr David Meates, Viv Napier

2. Conflicts of Interest

Nil

3. Minutes of last meeting held 20th March 2007

Accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters arising:

Rob Tuckett is to follow up with Phillipa Hintz and Helen Dore to set a meeting time regarding the establishment of a new CCS Forum.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman had nothing significant to report.

5. Care and Support in the Community for Older People in NZ

- The issues paper; "Care and Support in the Community for Older People" has been produced by the Ministry of Health to promote discussion and comment on future policy, funding and service delivery options for effective community care and support in the community for older people.
- It invites stakeholders in the aged care sector to give feedback and comment in order to contribute to the ongoing discussion about the future direction and possible options for community and home-based care services for older people.
- Joanne Edwards is to be the WDHB key contact person involved in stakeholder discussions.
- Committee members sought further information regarding the economic evaluation of the Aspire trials.
- Committee members went through the questions and gave feedback and comments on the questions asked.
- It was suggested that as part of the process to develop the next Health Needs Assessment report there should be consultation with the sector regarding what they see as emerging needs and gaps. A community-wide survey is suggested.

**RESOLVED THAT THE DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECEIVE THE ATTACHED MINISTRY ISSUES PAPER;" CARE AND SUPPORT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR
OLDER PEOPLE".**

NOTE THAT THIS PAPER SUMMARISES:

- WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED FROM INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRENDS AND NEW ZEALAND RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE;
 - WHAT HAVE EMERGED AS THE KEY ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE;
 - THE CHALLENGES OF PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY
- **NOTE** THAT THE ISSUES PAPER INVITES FEEDBACK AND COMMENTS FROM STAKEHOLDERS
 - **ASK** MANAGEMENT TO INCLUDE POINTS MADE BY DSAC IN THE DHB SUBMISSION.

6. Accessibility audit of Wairarapa Hospital

Joanne Edwards spoke to this report and the following points were discussed:

- The audit was conducted by Bill Wrightson who has 35 years professional and consumer experience (as a quadriplegic wheelchair user) in design and construction of universally usable built environments.
- Members agreed that this was an excellent report and a very useful exercise that reassures the Committee that things were done to the standard that was expected.
- The auditor gave very positive feedback about the Wairarapa Hospital building and whilst he identified some matters that need attention, a lot of these are in respect to the two older buildings.
- Members requested that management report to the Committee in December on progress in addressing the issues identified.

RESOLVED THAT THE DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECEIVE THE WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

NOTE THAT THE AUDITOR'S SUMMARY COMMENTS WERE EXTREMELY COMPLIMENTARY ABOUT THE WAIRARAPA HOSPITAL

NOTE THAT THE AUDIT REPORT INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS (IN ORDER OF PRIORITY) FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH AND FOCUS BUILDINGS:

- *ACCESSIBLE CAR-PARKING PROVISION*
- *ACCESSIBLE ROUTE CONNECTIONS FROM CAR-PARKING TO ALL ENTRANCES AND THE EXTERIOR ROUTES FROM THE MAIN BUILDING TO BOTH THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND FOCUS BUILDINGS.*
- *ACCESSIBLE TOILET PROVISION - IN THE MENTAL HEALTH AND FOCUS BUILDINGS. CLEARANCES IN SOME CORRIDORS AND THOROUGHFARES OBSTRUCTED BY FURNITURE AND SOME STORAGE ITEMS*
- *DOOR HARDWARE – IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BUILDING AND LIGHT SWITCHES AND SOME DOOR SWING CLEARANCES*
- *IMPROVED PROVISION OF SIGNAGE AND WAY-FINDING TECHNIQUES*
- *RECEPTION COUNTERS - IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND FOCUS BUILDINGS AND SOME IN NEW MAIN BUILDING.*

REQUEST MANAGEMENT TO IDENTIFY A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT STAFF MEMBER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THESE MATTERS ARE ADDRESSED, USING QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT ACCESS ADVICE WHENEVER IT IS NECESSARY TO CHECK IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. Quarter 3 Report for MoH on progress implementing HOP plan

This paper presents the 2006/07 Quarter 3 Progress Report on the Health of Older People Plan. It is a summary of the various initiatives and current work towards implementing continuum of care for older people.

Some of this has already been seen by the Committee eg; Slice of Time data.

There was general discussion about training that Anne Savage is setting up, in association with WOOPS, to help older people in the community. The classes will be held approximately once a month and will cover things like microwave cooking for one.

RESOLVED THAT THE DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE:
RECEIVE THE ATTACHED QUARTER 3 REPORT FOR HEALTH OF OLDER PEOPLE

NOTE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN ALL THE DIMENSIONS OF

- EFFECTIVENESS (HEALTH AND WELLBEING),
- ACCESS AND EQUITY,
- SAFETY AND
- EFFICIENCY (CONTINUUM OF LINKS).

NOTE THAT THIS REPORT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY AS PART OF THE 2006 – 07 QUARTER 3 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

8. Update on AT&R review

- This paper is an update on the progress with the AT&R review to date.
- All people on the review team have confirmed their availability.
- Janice Wenn is to be the Maori representative on the Steering Group.
- The Committee congratulated Joanne on the work done to date.

RESOLVED THAT THE DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTE THAT PLANNING FOR THE REVIEW OF THE WAIRARAPA AT&R SERVICE IS PROGRESSING

NOTE THE QUALITY OF THE REVIEW AND EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE WORK DONE TO DATE.

The meeting concluded at 2.50 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date