

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WAIKATO COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM MEETING

Held on Wednesday 18th June 2008, Library Meeting Room, Tokoroa Hospital

Present:	Chair Yvonne Johnson, Ailsa Gathergood, Graewyn O'Sullivan, Gwen Robyns, Heather Rydon, Kaye Walls, Pam Carter, Vicki Ray Lorna Gribble and Margaret Bell
Waikato DHB Representatives:	Grant O'Brien WDH B Project Manager Amy Thomsen WDH B Communications
Apology:	Maria Lowe and Maarama Follas
ITEM 1	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Yvonne Johnson welcomed people to the meeting. Apologies were taken and recorded.
ITEM 2	PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING These had been sent with the agenda therefore taken as read. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mangakino and Mental Health service • Election of a new Chair at this meeting <p>These matters to be discussed in local issues.</p>
ITEM 3	WAIKATO DHB UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation was provided to people present. • Key discussion on the DHB funding process including Prioritisation Funding. Members advised of the opportunity for a local initiative(s) to be considered in this process. Agreed to Agenda for a future meeting. • Transport issues were again discussed and it was noted that the EW Transport service from Mangakino was a great success. Waikato DHB's current project was seen as exciting specifically if the South Waikato was going to be recognised as an area of need.
ITEM 4	LOCAL ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Favourable comments were received about the local Child Adolescent and Addictions Service which was seen as a valuable local service. • Delay in receipt of transport reimbursements was emphasised again. • The Mangakino Mental Health Issue remains problematic to the Mangakino residents who relate to the Tokoroa base versus Lakes DHB. It was reported that Lakes DHB were reviewing services provided locally. It was hoped that this might improve access. Agreed to watch this closely. • Jane Chittenden gave an update on Hospital happenings and issues. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on the success of the After hours Pilot which was due to become permanent in the town. • Recruitment of health professionals remained a difficult challenge for the Hospital. There are current vacancies for Medical Staff and allied health. • Jane advised that Lab services were to be re-located to the Campus. A collection point is to remain in the town centre. • A new Hotel Services Manager had been appointed. This role managed, food, security and attendant services at the Hospital • A careers day had been held and this was seen as a great success. Plans are to hold this event annually. • Jane provided an overview of the Rural health Summit which she had recently attended. Key points included: Different models of rural

	<p>health delivery around the country ,some evidence that rural health is becoming a greater career choice for people, a Rural Hospital managers National Forum had been established at this conference and Jane was nominated as the Waikato Rep.</p>
	<p>ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON Yvonne advised she would be standing down at this meeting. Members expressed their gratitude to her for the sterling job she had done in this role now for some time.</p> <p>Graewyn O’Sullivan was nominated and selected by the members as Yvonne’s replacement.</p>
	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p><i>Thursday 28th August 12.00pm – 2.00pm Library Meeting Room Tokoroa Hospital TOKOROA</i></p> <p>FINAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR:</p> <p><i>Thursday 4th December 2008 12.00pm – 2.00pm Library Meeting Room Tokoroa Hospital TOKOROA</i></p>