

**JOINT HAMILTON CITY AND WAIKATO DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH  
FORUM HELD 3 DECEMBER 2008 AT THE CELEBRATING AGE CENTRE  
VICTORIA STREET HAMILTON**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<i>Evelyn Weir (Chairperson), Pat Bent, Murray Dear, Marlene Tau, Cary Douglas, M.Southgate, Aotea Maipi and Gerrie Pemeroy</i>
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<i>Janet Hanvey - Waikato DHB Representative Amy Thomsen – Waikato DHB Communications Consultant Gordon Chesterman – Waikato DHB Board Elected Member Jerry Rickman – Waikato DHB Board Chair Adam Wardle – Waikato DHB Planning &amp; Funding Sam Mannakkara – Waikato DHB NTA Co-ordinator</i>

<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<i>Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special greeting to Jerry Rickman and Gordon Chesterman, Waikato DHB Board Members.</i>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<i>Glenda McLean, Mary Hayes, Sharon Dawson, Paula White, Mrs Osborne and Mrs Whittaker</i>
<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<i>Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 3 September were tabled and taken as read.</i>
<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	<i>No matters arising. Noted that Pat Bent was an apology for the previous meeting.</i>
<b>ITEM 1</b>	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b> <i>Attendees introduced themselves to the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Evelyn updated the meeting on a conference she had attended recently; further information will be circulated following the meeting. Age Concern looking to strengthen given the growing numbers. Evelyn gave an overview of services they provide.</i></p>
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<p><b>TRANSPORT PRESENTATION</b> <i>Adam Wardle and Sam Mannakkara attended for this item, updated on the current status and to seek advice and guidance from the community plan that has been developed and endorsed by Community and Public Health Advisory Committee (CPHAC) of the DHB.</i></p> <p><i>Early stage of the project, be coming back to seek further input. Two broad areas of focus:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. National transport assistance policy (NTA), restrictive criteria; reimbursement system; work around the policy and lobby for change; only spending about half the funding.</i></li> <li><i>2. Other areas: transport to services outside Waikato, access to renal services, reducing “did not attends” (DNA’s) to clinics. Looking at ways to improve promotion and communication around NTA, streamline form filling, ensure staff are aware of the criteria and process. Suggestions from CHF members:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• Should the forms be printed in other languages</i></li> <li><i>• Information provided by GP’s</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Send forms out with clinic appointments</i></li> <li>• <i>Streamline the form</i></li> <li>• <i>Is there an option to better use technology</i></li> <li>• <i>Could there be a local protocol under national policy</i></li> <li>• <i>Use petrol vouchers, taxi vouchers etc, pre printed with details of trip.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Timeframe</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Some aspects within DHB control, but policy changes will take a lot longer</i></li> <li>• <i>Sam is doing training with DHB staff around the policy.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Intent is to work within the boundaries of policy and increase the uptake. Will update at the next CHF round.</i></p> <p><i>3. Improving access to renal. An example given of a patient required to go from rest home to hospital 3x a week, is not entitled to subsidised taxis, rest home not able to release staff member and no room on mobility service in the morning.</i></p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>Forward any ideas/issues to Adam email: <a href="mailto:wardlea@waikatodhb.govt.nz">wardlea@waikatodhb.govt.nz</a> or post Waikato DHB, Planning &amp; Funding, PO Box 934, Hamilton, Attention Adam Wardle</i></p>
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<p><b>WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD UPDATE</b></p> <p><i>Janet Hanvey attended for this item and provided a power point presentation covering a number of DHB and Health sector developments. Hand out was supplied for members.</i></p>
<b>ITEM 4</b>	<p><b>LOCAL ISSUES</b></p> <p><i>Discussion was held around the issue of people retiring out of their home town and needing to return for medical care. Problems with married couples being separated in separate rest homes.</i></p> <p><i>Waikato District CHF's will continue next year and next year meeting dates for both Hamilton and Waikato District will be sent out with minutes.</i></p>
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p><b>Hamilton CHF</b>  <b>Wednesday 4 March 2008</b>  <b>10.00am – 12.00pm</b>  <b>Venue TBC</b>  <b>Hamilton</b></p>