

**MINUTES OF THE WAITOMO/OTOROHANGA  
COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2008 AT OTOROHANGA LIBRARY**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<i>Jim Ohalloran (Chairperson), Aileen Berrigan, Anne Lemieux, Merv Williamson, Kay Walshaw, Betty Holden, Jill O'Reilly and Shirley Turnee</i>
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<i>Janet Hanvey – Waikato DHB Representative Amy Thomsen – Waikato DHB Communications Consultant Jane Hudson &amp; Rachel Poaneki – Waikato DHB Planning &amp; Funding Ted Armstrong – Waikato DHB Elected Board Member Pippa Mahood – Waikato DHB Elected Board Member</i>

<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<i>Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a special greeting to Ted Armstrong and Pippa Mahood, Waikato Board Member</i>
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<i>Mark Amon, Jeff Johnston, Kim Atutahi, Hillary Karaitiana, Rosemary Murray, Done Lemieux, Lynne Benefield, Murray Loewenthal. Liz Phillips and Rachel Dekel</i>
<b>MINUTES &amp; MATTERS ARISING OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<i>Minutes of previous meeting held Wednesday 27 August were tabled and taken as read.  Nil matters arising</i>
<b>ITEM 1</b>	<p><b>TRANSPORT PRESENTATION</b></p> <p><i>Jane Hudson introduced the project and proposed process. Planned consultation. This is the first round of consultation. Two areas of focus:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. National Transport Assistance Policy (NTA) – Otorohanga is 60k from Hamilton; NTA applies to people who travel more than 80k.</i></li> <li><i>2. Other areas of transport: Renal, DNA's, Transport to services outside from Hamilton e.g. Starship.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Transport Matrix</b></p> <p><i>Rachel Poaneki gave an overview on the process to look at how transport needs are identified and will help inform the DHB's focus. The project will ensure DHB population priority groups are targeted plus other travel priorities e.g. distance, time, car ownership, public transport. Looking for CHF's feedback about specific issues for Waitiomo/Otorohanga that should be looked at. Noted short travel distances may still require long travel times due to the condition of the roads. Rachel to complete this work and bring back to the Feb/March CHF meeting round.</i></p> <p><b>Otorohanga Community Transport</b></p> <p><i>Noticed it is getting busier including difficult to find short notice drivers for urgent trips (births). Rachel offered to meet with Liz Phillips and get her feedback. The Taumarunui bus service is used but it is a very long day for many. The transit lounge does help with the wait although there are issues with that service. The Taumarunui bus service is being reviewed</i></p>

	<p>for a planned upgrade.</p> <p>Sam Mannakkara, Waikato Transport Facilitator distributed NTA information. Commented that Te Kuiti is 1km too short and there is a wheelchair accessible van but no funding at this stage.</p> <p>Betty Holden, Transport Project in Te Kuiti are planning a survey, will feed results back. Frequency of visits criteria does not always override distance criteria. Reimbursement system is a barrier. The reason for this DHB transport work is in acknowledgement that NTA does not meet all need. Rachel is keen to visit community groups to discuss their specific issues. Rachel can be contacted on <a href="mailto:poanekir@waikatodhb.govt.nz">poanekir@waikatodhb.govt.nz</a> or 07 834 3646.</p> <p>Ted Armstrong commented that he is pleased to see the focus being given to this issue.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Attach Transport presentation with minutes.</p>
<b>ITEM 2</b>	<p><b>WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD UPDATE</b></p> <p>Janet Harvey 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.</p> <p>Hospital Discharge Planning Trial. Benefits noted includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• better flow of patients through beds</li> <li>• certainty of discharge for patients and families</li> <li>• increased throughput resulting in increased revenue for the DHB</li> <li>• links to transit lounge process</li> </ul> <p>Welcome feedback on this process and the transit lounge evaluation. Important to manage expectations re latter priority is on inpatients at this stage. Need to plan for people attending waiting after specialist appointments.</p> <p>Best of Health Awards Pippa Mahood had attended the awards and gave an overview of the projects. Very impressive staff in organisations to be commended.</p>
<b>ITEM 3</b>	<p><b>LOCAL ISSUES</b></p> <p>Commented that vascular clinic, access is very difficult, found out could use the shuttle. Need to advise patients/caregivers of this. Suggest providing advice via appointment letter.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Janet will follow up with Surgical Services Manager.</p>
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 5 March 09</b>  <b>3.00pm – 5.00pm</b>  <b>Venue: TBC</b>  <b>TE KUITI</b></p>