

**MINUTES OF THE MATAMATA/PIAKO COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2009, AT
MORRINSVILLE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

PRESENT:	<i>Carole Greenville (Chairperson), Shirley Gillard, Leanne Smith, Ruth Baltus, Donna Rowe, Anton Turner, Bruce Purchase, Daryl Anderson, Ann Inglis, Ruth Boyce and Flo Mace</i>
IN ATTENDANCE:	<i>Bernadette Doube - Waikato DHB Representative Amy Thomsen – Waikato DHB Communications Consultant Gordon Chesterman, Waikato DHB Board Member</i>
APOLOGIES:	<i>Ann Inglis, Leonie Tisch, Bob Thompson and Ron Moles,</i>
ITEM 1	<i>Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was extended to Gordon Chesterman, Waikato DHB Board Member</i>
ITEM 2	<p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: <i>These were taken as read</i></p> <p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Re-wording of page 3 paragraph 3 was requested as the group were unclear about the meaning.</i> • <i>There is concern in Morrinsville about the loss of funding from Waikato PHO for the provision of free counselling services. The need appears to be increasing in the current economic environment.</i> • <i>Matamata youth suicide – Daryl Anderson attended the meeting from Matamata Community Board and spoke about the new initiative in Matamata “Starfish Social Services”, this is funded by Waikato PHO and is seen as a 2 year pilot project to take an holistic approach for at risk youth and others in the community. A group of local youth will attend a conference in Wellington and visit a range of “One stop Shop” services for youth to investigate the best options for service design in Matamata.</i>
ITEM 3	<p>WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD UPDATE <i>Bernadette attended for this item and provided a power point presentation covering a number of DHB and Health sector developments.</i></p> <p><i>This prompted some robust discussion regarding the challenges and tensions that will arise over the next period of time regarding workforce and service access. Several ideas were discussed about nurse training, and nursing scope of practice. It was felt that a return to nurse training in the hospital should be considered along with a range of qualifications related to nursing and care giving.</i></p> <p><i>Some discussion took place regarding the Child and Youth mental health service contract. The Forum would like to be kept informed of progress and would specifically like to know if this will improve service delivery at a local level for their area.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion took place regarding the viability and sustainability of residential care for the elderly in the short and medium term. Workforce and MoH contract requirements were discussed. The cost of compliance is high for the residential care sector and suggestions for cost saving in this area were highlighted for the benefit of the DHB representatives.</i></p>

	<p>TRANSPORT PROJECT Amy Thomsen – Waikato DHB Communications Consultant spoke about the proposed changes to the NATP brochures and some general discussion took place about transport issues for the Matamata-Piako area. A request was made that the DHB clarify what is meant by “specialist to specialist” referral or appointment.</p>
<p>ITEM 4</p>	<p>LOCAL ISSUES Waiting times for patients who attend ED and concern regarding the length of time people wait in ED before being admitted to a bed. Below is comments from a media release about the ED situation from Jenni Yeates: <i>"She said that the hospital is always looking at ways it can control the chaotic nature of the department. This includes changes in the triage process, already implemented as part of the hospital's patient streamline project with patients who don't need a bed kept in the waiting room and assessed while they wait. Ms Yeates said this new system keeps the ED beds for those in greater need. "Instead of having patients triaged and then sit on a bed until they leave, they'll be given a cubicle to be assessed in and then moved back into the waiting room. They'll still have the usual length of stay but things will be happening while they are waiting such as tests taken and vital signs checked regularly. The intention is that all the necessary information such as test results will be on-hand when the doctor is available." Over the next month, changes to the waiting room will become evident as the current area changes into a clinical space for the triaged patients. A new waiting area, just outside of ED, will be for those who are waiting to be assessed," Ms Yeates said.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear Caravan – it is believed that the ear caravan has been reprioritised to Hamilton and that the service to rural communities has been drastically reduced. Information is requested about this please.
<p>ITEM 5</p>	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS See information regarding Matamata Community Board under matters arising'</p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8 July 2009 6.00pm – 8.00pm MATAMATA Venue: TBC</p>