

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WAIKATO COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2009, LIBRARY MEETING
ROOM, TOKOROA HOSPITAL**

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| PRESENT: | <i>Chair Graewyn O’Sullivan, Lorna Gribble, Ailsa Gathergood, Maureen Harely, Jan Wiles, Vicki Ray, Gwen Robyns, Akarere Henry, Kaye Walls and Adrienne Kinsey</i> |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | <i>Janet Hanvey – Waikato DHB Representative Ted Armstrong, Waikato DHB Board Member Amy Thomsen – Waikato DHB Media & Comms Consultant</i> |
| APOLOGIES: | <i>Margaret Bell and Pam Carter.</i> |
| ITEM 1 | <p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS <i>Graewyn O’Sullivan welcomed people to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves plus raise any issues for discussion later in the meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Kaye Walls, Stroke Foundation – no current issues.</i> ➤ <i>Akarere Henry, Manager SWPHT – New representative for SWPHT. Issues: allocated of funding for housing insulation, access issues to 0800 number for the bus service and no transport option for patients being referred to Thames.</i> ➤ <i>Gwen Robyns, Consumer Health Service – difficulty with joining or changing GP practices in Tokoroa.</i> ➤ <i>Vicki Ray, Tokoroa Community Hospice – no current issues.</i> ➤ <i>Jan Wiles – no current issues.</i> ➤ <i>Maureen Hartley, Manager Tokoroa Life Care – joining or changing GP Practices and district nursing service to Mangakino.</i> ➤ <i>Lorna Gribble, Institute of Rural Health – no current issues.</i> ➤ <i>Ted Armstrong, Waikato DHB Board Member – advised that as a Board member has focus on rural hospital services and he sits on the campus redevelopment committee.</i> |
| ITEM 2 | <p>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: <i>These were taken as read</i></p> <p>MATTERS ARISING: <i>There were no matters arising</i></p> |
| ITEM 3 | <p>WAIKATO DHB UPDATE <i>Janet Hanvey provided an update on Waikato DHB activities. General discussion and questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Ted Armstrong advised that the Minister of Health has signalled his desire to see better collaboration between DHB’s. Examples of local collaboration are the opportunity of a shared chief financial officer position for Waikato and Lakes DHB’s and more sharing of surgery facilities across the region.</i> ➤ <i>Alisa Gathergood asked who was rolling out the B4 School Programme to Mangakino? Action: Janet to find out.</i> ➤ <i>In response to the update on patient transport (see attached document attached with minutes) the meeting that increased petrol costs was impacting on the availability of volunteers. The challengers of people being able to attend clinic appointment was also discussion in relation to the high DNA (Did Not Attend) rates.</i> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Janet advised that the staff working on the transport project were keen to meet with people to get their input. Contact details are: Jane Hudson, HUDSONJ@waikatodhb.govt.nz 07 834 3646 ➤ Amy Thomsen (Waikato DHB) updated on the development of a new national transport assistance brochure for the Waikato. The current national brochure is difficult to understand. A copy of the propose brochure will be sent out with the minutes for feedback. People were asked to send any comments directly to Amy Thomsen – Media and Communications Department, Waikato Hospital or email thomsena@waikatodhb.govt.nz. Feedback is required by the end of March 2009. The introduction of the brochure will be supported with a localised communication strategy. The brochure will be translated into other languages. ➤ Janet updated on the HEHA project, including work being done in Tokoroa Schools. ➤ Joanne Knight joined the meeting at this point. Janet advised the meeting that Neal Thornton, Clinical Director, Tokoroa Hospital has resigned and recruitment is underway. It will be a difficult position to recruit to. Joanne advised that the hospital did have access to locum support and hoped there would be minimal impact on the community. ➤ Ted Armstrong updated on further DHB news: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ \$2 million has been allocated to refurbish Tokoroa Hospital including renewing the roof and painting. ➤ Jerry Rickman has resigned as Board Chairman and will be sorely missed. The minister will reappoint and the position is currently being advertised. ➤ Dave Currie has also resigned as a Board Member due to other work commitments. ➤ Graewyn welcomed Joanne to the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves. ➤ Joanne provided a further update on the hospital. There is ongoing recruitment of GP's and nurses and the DHB is looking at incentives to attract people to Tokoroa. |
| <p>ITEM 4</p> | <p>LOCAL ISSUES</p> <p>Issues raised earlier in the meeting were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Housing Insulation – allocation process was queried given the small amount Tokoroa will receive. Graewyn advised that Grey Power had also been getting queries. Action: Janet to follow up with Planning and Funding re: methodology and get back to Akarere and Graewyn. ➤ 0800 number for the bus service - should be able to access through the Tokoroa Hospital receptionist. Action: Graewyn to follow up. ➤ Accessing GP Services – Specific examples highlighted. Action: Janet to raise with Waikato Primary Health. Graewyn advises that the rumours around current GP's leaving were incorrect as she had asked one herself. There is an issue around workload. ➤ DNS Service to Mangakino – Ailsa Gathergood queried whether Mangakino was only receiving the service three days a week now. |

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| | <p><i>Joanne advised that there were set days but nurses would visit on the other days when required and when GP cannot support. Noted there have been advances in wound management meaning dressings no longer have to be changed every day.</i></p> <p>➤ <i>The discussion moved onto Dental and who is now providing the service to Mangakino. Ted advised that 46 new mobile dental units were being built to be allocated across NZ. Action: Joanne to follow up with Dianne Pevreal (Waikato DHB) and report back.</i></p> |
| <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> | <p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Thursday 2 July 2009 10.00am – 12.00pm Library Meeting Room Tokoroa Hospital</p> |