

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WAIKATO COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009, LIBRARY MEETING
ROOM, TOKOROA HOSPITAL**

PRESENT:	<i>Chair Graewyn O’Sullivan, Gwen Robyns, Margaret Bell, Iuni Stowers, Akarere Henry, Gwenda Brodie, Heather Rydon, Philip Alloway and Adrienne Kinsey.</i>
IN ATTENDANCE:	<i>Janet Hanvey – Waikato DHB Representative Amy Thomsen – Waikato DHB Media & Comms Consultant</i>
APOLOGIES:	<i>Joanne Knight and Kaye Walls.</i>
ITEM 1	<p>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS <i>Graewyn O’Sullivan welcomed people to the meeting and invited people to introduce themselves and signal any issues they wished to raise.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Iuni Stowers – Communication among local organisations.</i> ➤ <i>Akarere Henry – Transport, clinical service developments planned and hospital update.</i> ➤ <i>Gwenda Brodie – Hospital update.</i> ➤ <i>Philip Alloway – Possibility of re-opening the hospital hydrotherapy pool.</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>LOCAL ISSUES</p> <p>CHF Chairs Forum <i>Graewyn updated on the recent forum and advised she has a clearer idea on her role as a chair. Graewyn’s aim is to do something positive and get resolution to some of same issues that keep arising. Need someone from council to attend this meeting.</i></p> <p>Transport <i>Akarere is concerned Tokoroa is not a high priority in DHB plans compared to others as reasonably well serviced. On a positive note Akarere advised the DHB are planning to establish a four bed dialysis unit at the hospital which should reduce transport issue by about 50%. In addition SWPHIC will be receiving a small contract to support with transporting Pacific people to Waikato.</i></p> <p><i>Janet provided an update on the DHB transport service, (see attached). The CHF Chairs have been developing a paper to go to the DHB to support the project and offer solutions for specific local issues. Graewyn advised that for Tokoroa this will see the return of the 0800 numbers. The option of petrol vouchers is also being discussed. The meeting felt this would address the problem.</i></p> <p><i>Graewyn is planning to write to all service clubs and a number of other organisations to set up a public meeting to look at the establishment of a shuttle bus system and discuss local funding options. Matamata has an excellent shuttle bus system using volunteer drivers, the Matamata group is happy to support Tokoroa to set up a service.</i></p>

Gwenda suggested Graewyn talk to Howard Gould, Putaruru TCOSS who has been working on a potential solution. Noted that EW has responsibility to provide transportation.

A case was highlighted in relation to an elderly lady dropped off at Waikato Hospital by a shuttle, signage is not clear as to where the main entry is and she was left to work it out herself. Members felt agencies who put people on the shuttle should advise on where to go on arrival or send an escort.

Akarere advised that she has excellent assistance when she has visited. Graewyn's vision is for two van's, one with wheelchair.

Philip outlined his family's issues with dealing with TCOSS process.
Action: Akarere will address Philip's issue.

Tokoroa Hospital Update

Janet provided an update on hospital matters:

- Medical staff recruitment unresolved.
- With the issues around the cost of repairing the roof the CEO commissioned a piece of work to explore the viability of an alternative model which would entail bringing all services onto one site. The report is due to the CEO tomorrow and will then go to the Board who will make the decision whether or not to proceed further. Irrespective of the outcome, the 4-bed dialysis unit is planned.
- Joanne Knight is planning a local press release
- Gwenda (TCOSS) was interviewed as part of the information gathering for the paper. She expressed concern around the direction of the questions with suggestions focussing on setting up primary and secondary services in the C.B.D. Inpatient/Radiology – questions raised, she was not asked about the option of repairing the roof. A lot of concerns around the extent of the consultation – is this all there will be?
- Full consultation would be expected by this CHF if any development becomes evident. Concern that community may not be asked what they think. Janet reiterated that this is only an exploratory exercise and the Board may not wish to proceed.
- Graewyn said the CHF would be the watch dog and she will ensure any information she receives gets circulated, Graewyn asked could we have an extra ordinary meeting if required? Janet said she would discuss with Grant.
- Members highlighted the positive features of the current site including its elevation and space. Ward 4 – is this option being looked at? needs sprinkler system/cosmetics. Noted it is needed for pandemics and has been cabled. Discussed co-lease with Oceania Life Care but agreed there were challenges regarding combining public/private e.g. different salary, levels.

Hydrotherapy Pool

Philip discussed his thoughts around re-opening the hydrotherapy pool and the information he has been gathering. He estimated it would cost \$10-15k to refurbish plus operating costs. There are new rules around people operating and any staff i.e. physio, would need a life saving certificate. The Tokoroa pools are too cold, too public and there are access issues. The local pool manager supports re-opening the hospital pool as does the hospital physio. Private physios and local sports clubs would use. Noted that there maybe some backlash from the community who have fund raised twice in past only to see the money go into a DHB trust and get misplaced.

	<p><i>Proposal – Graewyn draft a letter from this group to community groups and service clubs inviting expressions of interest for possible funding and support to recommission and run the existing hydrotherapy pool at Tokoroa Hospital. Moved: Philip Alloway, Seconded: Margaret Bell.</i></p> <p>Waikeria Health Contract <i>Philip asked whether the DHB had considered sending prisoners, currently transported to Anglesea Clinic for treatment, to Tokoroa Hospital. Action: Janet to follow up.</i></p> <p>Mental Health Services <i>Graewyn raised a situation that occurred Sunday afternoon involving a mental health patient. Graewyn rang CAT, the woman was sent to HBC for assessment and returned to Tokoroa after an hour. Graewyn felt the woman needed a safe, secure place; shouldn't be on her own. There is nowhere in Tokoroa for her to go while she waits for acute episode to be address, appeared to be an advocacy issue. No transition for discharged patients back into the community and not sure what can be done? Action: Janet to seek further information</i></p> <p>Communication <i>A clash of community meetings today highlighted a need for better co-ordination. A living calendar of events would help. Gwenda Brodie (TCOSS) offered to facilitate. Please send dates to Gwenda.</i></p> <p>DHB Update <i>09/10 Prioritisation – Janet outlined this years process (see attached).</i></p> <p><i>Akarere advised the outcome for Tokoroa from the previous round of prioritisation: Homebased co-ordination services 2.0 FTE and 1.0 FTE Pacific Hospital liaison at Waikato Hospital.</i></p> <p>Agenda item for next meeting: <i>Disabled clients, no respite care.</i></p>
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Wednesday 11 November 2009 10.00am – 12.00pm Library Meeting Room Tokoroa Hospital</p>