

**MINUTES OF THE WAITOMO/OTOROHANGA
COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 1 JULY 2009, LIBRARY MEETING ROOM,
OTOROHANGA**

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| PRESENT: | Mark Amon (Chairperson), Lynne Benefield, Wayne Jensen, Jill O'Reilly, Kay Walshaw, Kaye Nelson, Holly McKay, Liz Phillips, Merv Williamson, Jim O'Halloran, Kim Atutahi, Sheryl Waters, Sally King, Jeff Johnston, Aileen Berrigan and Shirley Turner. |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Janet Hanvey – Waikato DHB Representative Amy Thomsen – Waikato DHB Communications Consultant |

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| WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited people to introduce themselves. |
| APOLOGIES | Murray Lowenthal, Shirley Wilson, Sarah Ashley, Rose Viamea and Mayor Dale Williams. |
| MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING OF PREVIOUS MEETING | Minutes of previous meeting held Thursday 5 March 2009 were tabled and taken as read. Nil matters arising |
| ITEM 1 | <p>LOCAL ISSUES</p> <p>North King Country Workforce Development Project Thia updated everyone on the work Rachel Dekel is doing. Rachel is calling a hui at the end of July, Rachel to circulate details regarding date, time, and venue.</p> <p>Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Vouchers – Thia commented that this has been raised some time ago, what was the outcome? Action: Janet to follow up. ➤ Mark Ammon updated on the papers being developed by the CHF Chairs, things are happening and as it firms up will update CHFs, currently waiting to hear from Planning & Funding re: funding. ➤ Face to face survey – Will do telephone survey in Te Kuiti in school holidays. Discussion around existing transport, providers and what areas they service. Noted volunteers are only reimbursed for petrol. Ditre Tamatea (GM Maori Health) has been asked to support with lobbying for additional funding. ➤ DHB's support seems inequitable between communities, there is need to utilise community services to address issues. Mark advised that the DHB has a focus on issues now. <p>Medical Centre Liaison Service to Elderly What progress is being made? There is a need for preventative health screening for our aging population. Thia commented Ray Constable has increased team to meet this need and is looking for someone in</p> |

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| | <p>Otorohanga. Marae Pac trust provides a good advisory service to Kaumatua with weekly and monthly services in place and open to everyone.</p> <p>Thia advised that a case has been approved to establish a dialysis unit in Te Kuiti. Training will be required for registered nurses as there needs to be one on duty.</p> <p>Community Garden Thia updated on lasts week’s Community lead meeting. There needs to be a community management committee established to work with Rotary. Thia outlined the proposal and benefits of establishing a garden in Te Kuiti to be based on the hospital site. Rotary’s aim is to lead its establishment. A garden fundraising management group is to be established to work with Rotary and then take over. People have offered support at last weeks meeting and Thia extended an invitation to this meeting to become involved. Janet advised that she had been advised that Te Rohe Potae want to be represented on the group.</p> <p>Warm Homes (Insulation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concern about capacity to meet demand. ➤ A trial in Te Kuiti has been run and worked well. ➤ There are challenges around installing wood burners where there is no funding for unsafe chimneys. Have any health benefits been evaluated following installation? E.g. Benneydale. Population Health has done some research. There is a free scheme for Te Kuiti applications due in by 10 July – 30 houses have been done so far. Why is Te Kuiti being targeted? This is due to poor air quality. This scheme will repeat next year. <p>Waikato Hospital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There is insufficient information and signage around shuttle for wheelchair. Action: Amy to look into this. ➤ Concern around long return trips and clinic waits for very short consultations with clinician noted. Inpatient waiting times for surgery – example discussed. Concern that there is poor communication between hospital departments leading to prolonged periods of fasting resulted from related theatre cancellations. ➤ Suggestion that patients waiting do not always have to be fully fasted. Action: Janet to discuss with Director of Anaesthesia. |
| <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> | <p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>Wednesday 4 November 09 3.00pm – 5.00pm (NOTE: TIME CHANGE) Seminar Room, WINTEC TE KUITI</p> |