

WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of the Disability Support Advisory Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10 June 2009 commencing at 1.10 pm

Present: Mrs P Karalus (Chair)
Mr T Armstrong
Ms S Christie
Ms J Eketone
Dr J Havill
Mr G Milne
Ms G Raumati
Mr D Slone

In Attendance: Mr B Paradine (General Manager: Planning and Funding)
Ms J White (Manager, Disability Support Link)
Ms D Straiton (Minute Secretary)

**IN THE ABSENCE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY ALL ITEMS WERE FOR
RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD**

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES

**Resolved
THAT**

The apologies from Ms S Christie, Mr J McIntosh and Dr S Vatsyayann be sustained.

ITEM 2: LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

ITEM 3: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 11 MARCH 2009

**Resolved
THAT**

The minutes of a meeting of the Disability Support Advisory Committee held on 11 March 2009 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

ITEM 4: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND ACTION LIST

There were no matters arising.

ITEM 5: CONFLICTS RELATED TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

No conflicts were foreshadowed in respect of items on the current agenda.

ITEM 6: QUARTERLY REPORTS

6.1 Planning and Funding Report

Topics for future DSAC meetings

Members were asked for suggestions on topics of interest for future meetings and for inclusion on the Committee's work programme. Ideas/suggestions to be submitted to Ms R Balakrishnan using the template attached in the agenda.

Given that the older persons service is a key area of responsibility for the DHB (from a funding and service provision perspective) and its connection to the work undertaken by the AgeWISE advisory group, a presentation on AgeWISE strategies and progress to date would be very worthwhile.

It was suggested that visiting organisations in the disability sector (for example, an age related residential care centre) could help increase the Committee's knowledge and understanding as would an organisation map of the various groups involved with the disability community.

Contact will be made with the Ministry of Health on presenting to the Disability Support Advisory Committee on Ministry funded disability support services.

New Specialised Unit in Hamilton – care for older people

A new specialised unit to provide care for older people with extremely challenging behaviours began on 9 April 2009. It is too soon to report on delivery given this unit's recent establishment, however progress would be reported at a future Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting.

Equipment Modification Statistics 1 February 2008 to 31 March 2009

It was noted that the statistics provided by Enable New Zealand on equipment modification did not include accident related costs; it covered equipment related to Ministry of Health funds.

Midland Region Mental Health and Addictions Services

A hard copy of the Midland region Health and Addictions strategic plan 2009/2015 and Midland region Workforce Development plan 2008/2011 is available from Ms R Balakrishnan on request.

It was noted that:

- Since the establishment of DHBs there has been a requirement for DHBs to collaborate around mental health.
- There are shared mental health services based at Lakes DHB for the whole Midland region.
- The Mental Health and Addictions strategic plan is a subsidiary document to the District Strategic Plan; the latter sets out what initiatives need to be focused on in mental health, the former sets out what we should be doing about it.

Hearing Aids Funding

Management undertook to investigate the subsidising of hearing aids through Waikato hospital as it appears to only relate to the private sector. This would be clarified at the next Disability Support Advisory Committee meeting.

It was noted that people requiring funding assistance could apply to the Ministry of Social Development for one off grants and interest free loans. Communication of this type of service is provided in the first instance through primary healthcare.

Mental Health and Addiction of Older People and Dementia Project

A report on the outcomes of this project is expected by the end of this month and will be provided to Committee members on request.

Midland Region Clinical Services Plan

Work on identifying a range of vulnerable services across the Midland region was undertaken over the last two months. The services prioritised as highest risk are obstetrics and rural general practice. A third vulnerable service identified was midwifery services provided by lead maternity carers (LMC) and this has been raised with the Ministry to highlight the significant LMC workforce shortages across the region.

Future reports on the DSAC agenda

A request was made from Mr D Slone that all future reports submitted outline whether there are any health-related issues identified for the DHB and how these will be addressed. This would involve an indication as to whether issues were at a national, regional or local level.

Ms J White advised future reports on the activities of Disability Support Link would include services for older persons with intellectual disabilities.

Community health forums were seen as an opportunity to raise issues for feedback particularly from rural communities.

Management would determine a process for incorporating this request into the actions and activities already in place and how to link this process to the reports prepared by external agencies.

The importance of identifying and managing barriers to accessing health services for people with disabilities was noted.

Resolved

THAT

1. The Planning and Funding Report be received.
2. DSAC members to provide feedback on suggestions for topics for the balance of the 2009 meetings to Ms R Balakrishnan.

6.2 AgeWISE Project Officer's Report

An update on the activities of AgeWISE was submitted to the Committee.

The Committee noted the feedback on the Mental Health and Addictions of Older People and Dementia project, particularly:

- Support for a "behavioural needs-based" system rather than an "aged-based system".

- The need for a single point of entry for services and better coordination of services.

**Resolved
THAT**

The report be received.

6.3 Older Persons and Rehabilitation Service Report

Ms J White asked that the Committee note that this paper was in fact a Disability Support Links report and that a separate report on Older Persons and Rehabilitation services would be provided to future meetings.

An update on the activities outlined in the report was noted.

**Resolved
THAT**

The report be received.

ITEM 7: WORK PLAN

The work plan for the Disability Support Advisory Committee was submitted for information.

**Resolved
THAT**

The report be received.

ITEM 10: GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items under this heading.

ITEM 11: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1.00pm, 9 September 2009.

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____

Meeting Closed: 1.56pm

ACTION LIST FROM DISABILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF – 10 JUNE 2009

(Relates to Items to be reported to the Committee and not implementation of substantive decisions)

	ACTION	WHEN