

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTH WAIKATO COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH 2010, LIBRARY
MEETING ROOM, TOKOROA HOSPITAL**

PRESENT	<i>Chair Graewyn O'Sullivan, Adrienne Kinsey, Ailsa Gathergood, Akarere Henry, Gwen Robbins, Jan Wiles, Kaye Walls, Margaret Bell, Eileen Barker, Pam Carter, Ralph Wiles and Carolyne Neale</i>
IN ATTENDANCE	<i>Bernadette Doube – Waikato DHB Representative Andrea Sutton – Waikato DHB</i>
APOLOGIES	<i>Joan MacManus, Joanne Knight and Vicki Ray</i>
ITEM 1	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS <i>Graewyn O'Sullivan welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves and thanked the Waikato DHB for the meeting time change to now start at 12pm instead of 10am.</i>
ITEM 2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING <i>These were taken as read.</i> MATTERS ARISING <i>There were no matters arising</i>
ITEM 3	LOCAL ISSUES Travel Criteria <i>Margaret raised that the Cancer lodge in Hamilton travel criteria is 80km and Hilda Ross travel criteria is 100km. If patients travelling from Tokoroa can stay at the cancer lodge but cannot stay at Hilda Ross House as they do not qualify as it is 86km from Tokoroa. Bernadette thought all travel criteria equal. Action: To look into why the travel criteria is different.</i> GPs <i>Ralph commented that the GPs in Tokoroa are getting older, destabilised situation in next 5 years a big problem. Waikato DHB are aware of this problem. Mark Lockwood in Mangakino is now doing evening surgeries, this is a positive move.</i> Renal Bed Unit <i>When is the unit up and operating in Tokoroa as was meant to be already up and running? There are a number of concerns with patients travelling to Hamilton to dialysis. Action: To follow up with Joanne Knight.</i> Waikato DHB Funded Asthma Education in School <i>The feedback was good having this in schools but the funding has been discontinued and directed to asthma respiratory society which is rechanneled to children under 5 and cuts out all the in school help, was not exactly sure where in the DHB the money was coming from so unsure who to contact to bring this up with. Action: To find out what happened with the funding and where it was coming from.</i>

	<p>Diabetes Problem Problems accessing dieticians, local dieticians and waiting a long time to see one. A community dietician comes to Tokoroa as part of a circuit but is overloaded.</p> <p>Medical Centre Charges Putaruru charges have gone up one dollar, they went up last year. Action: To follow up with Pinnacle regards to charges.</p> <p>Informal enquiries re: concern about continued access to service (home help/rest homes) did not know how to get support worker to help. It is concerning about all the queries. Action: Bernadette to discuss with Fiona Murdoch the opportunity to bring service providers together for workshop.</p> <p>Bus Services Graewyn commented on the bus service to Hamilton, found it all wonderful and when arrived at the Hospital found the volunteers were helpful. Graewyn came on the East Bay bus, this leaves at 6.30am and 8.30am, picks you up from the front door and Jim the bus driver would set up one later if there is a need. If you have a CSC it is free but if you do not have one you need to pay. Graewyn is trying to set up a shuttle service alongside Jim which is something like Matamata Shuttle Service, would use it as a koha system as there are gaps with the bus system. Graewyn to contact groups in regards to help fund and keep the CHF updated of her progress.</p>
<p>ITEM 4</p>	<p>WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD UPDATE Bernadette Doube presented the Waikato DHB update to the group and members got a copy of the presentation.</p> <p>Bernadette presented Jan Adams presentation which was the video clip of Jan Adams talking about the future of rural services. Key discussion points after the presentation were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merging of Putaruru to Tokoroa concern expressed. There is no plan to reduce level of activity, provision for supplies stored at Putaruru. • Change is not always bad, can be for the good. Give things time, new things take time. • Evaluate this from a community perspective in 3, 6, 9 months, what is it like on the ground evaluate data etc positive/negative.
<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Please note date change of next meeting due to clash in school holidays</p>	<p>Wednesday 28 July 2010 12.00pm – 2.00pm Tokoroa Hospital Library Meeting Room TOKOROA</p>