

**MATAMATA PIAKO COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUM HELD
WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE 2007 AT THE MATATMATA CIVIC
CENTRE**

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Carole Greenville (Chair), Anton Turner, Flo Mace, Margaret Troughton, Russell Morgan, Ruth Baltus, Bruce Purchase, Bob Thompson, Ron Moles, Shirley Gillard, Endine Dixon-Harris and P M Barrett.

APOLOGIES: Ann Inglis and Ruth Boyce

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Taken as read.

• **Matters Arising:**

- Request to not use acronyms. Or alternative use standard convention of spelling out in full the first time.
- Request for local media coverage. Grant had expected the DHB Journalist to be present. *Agreed to follow this up and ask Amy to contact the Chair to draft a local news story.*
- The Chair asked when members would get to meet the new Chief Executive. Following this meeting Grant is arranging the CEO to visit communities over the next few months. Meetings would more likely occur with an offer to service providers, Local Govt and political representatives meeting together. *Dates to be provided ASAP.*

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chair tabled a letter from the Morrinsville Pharmacy requesting additional funding to permit a wider range of services to be provided through pharmacy. *Grant to respond to the issues raised in the letter.*

MEETING TIME;

Grant requested a change in meeting time from night to day. This came about due to changes within the Waikato DHB Team and difficulty in attending night time meetings.

Meeting resolved to leave the meeting arrangements as they were.

TRANSPORT:

Access to this service remains a major issue for the CHF. Members expressed strong views that the Govt. Policy was inequitable and unworkable for communities close to major centers where no financial support was available. Grant updated the meeting on progress with local review of the National Transport and Accommodation Policy (NTA), acknowledged that while the rules governing the Policy were tight, the Waikato DHB was prepared to be as flexible as possible within this framework to the advantage of the DHB's rural communities. After much discussion:

- Members were to consider lobbying local and national Politicians
- Identify local supports to strengthen the current services ;and

Grant to keep the members briefed on progress with the local review.

ADDICTIONS SERVICES MATAMATA:

Concerns expressed that the current provider is limiting services to 'Adults' only. This leaves a gap you youth access to services. *Grant to investigate and report back.*

MENTAL HEALTH:

These services are becoming difficult to access. A number of reports were given whereby people calling for assistance were told that they didn't fit/meet the criteria for service provision. This results in frustration and added stress on local support services that do not have the skills or resources to cope. Members felt that the situation for the local area was deteriorating.

After much discussion and requests for access to a list of local services, members were encouraged to check Webhealth.co.nz. This service is contracted to the Waikato DHB to list services who have contracts with the Waikato DHB for service delivery. Anton Turner advised that a Webhealth Information Kiosk was available at Pohlen Hospital.

Similar concerns were expressed around the availability of services to Older People at the local level. Increasing frustration with poor access to Home Support, slowness of the system to respond to people needs in their home, rudeness of workers are culminating in a high level of concern about the quality of services to the area. In response. *Grant encouraged members to feed information and concerns back to him as they occurred rather than wait until a meeting. As much detail as was available was requested.*

Grant agreed to add to the minutes contact points for the Health Consumer Trust funded by the DHB to assist in these matters.

Contact Information: Raewyn Edgar-Wolfe, Ph: 07 846 1991 or 0800 801482

HEALTH EATING HEALTHY ACTION (HEHA)

Concerns that little HEHA support was available for older people. *Grant agreed to discuss this with the HEHA Team.*

PETROL VOUCHERS:

These had not been given during Grants absence. These need to be sent to Flo, Russell, Ruth and Shirley.

No further business the meeting finished at 9.30 pm. Date for next meeting to be sent ASAP.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 3rd September 2008

6pm-8pm

TBC

LAST MEETING FOR THE YEAR:

Wednesday 3rd December 2008

6pm – 8pm

TBC

**ACTION LIST FROM THE MATAMATA/PIAKO COMMUNITY HEALTH
FORUM MEETING HELD ON 11th June 2008**

1.	Request for local media coverage. <i>Agreed to follow this up and ask Amy to contact the Chair to draft a local news story.</i>	Before next meeting
2.	Letter from the Morrinsville Pharmacy. <i>Grant to respond to the issues raised in the letter.</i>	Before next meeting
3.	Grant is arranging the CEO to visit communities over the next few months. <i>Dates to be provided ASAP.</i>	
4.	Transport - <i>Grant to keep the members briefed on progress with the local review.</i>	Next meeting
5.	Addictions Services Matamata - Concerns expressed that the current provider is limiting services to 'Adults' only. This leaves a gap you youth access to services. <i>Grant to investigate and report back.</i>	Next meeting
6.	Mental Health - <i>Grant encouraged members to feed information and concerns back to him as they occurred rather than wait until a meeting. As much detail as was available was requested.</i> <i>Grant agreed to add to the minutes contact points for the Health Consumer Trust, funded by the DHB to assist in these matters.</i>	Before next meeting Included in minutes
7.	Little HEHA support was available for older people. <i>Grant agreed to discuss this with the HEHA Team.</i>	Before next meeting
8.	Sent petrol vouchers to Flo, Russell, Ruth and Shirley.	Before next meeting