

Primary Health Care Nursing Sector Reference Group Meeting 2 June 2010

ACTIONS REQUIRED SHEET

WHO	WHAT	COMPLETED
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High needs people: communications between sectors 	
Karyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Group: Invitation to GAIHN to attend meeting 	Done
Denise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Access to Health Care 	
Karyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forum 6 October: • Invitations to speakers • Workshop plan 	
Lizzie/Karyn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Centre – endorse letter 	
Lizzie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health Workforce Development: dissemination of information via Google – www address to be provided to all PHC nurses, especially school nurses. 	

MINUTES OF MEETING

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Date: Wednesday 2 June 2010
Time: 13:00 - 15:00 hours
Venue: Meeting Room 1, 19 Lambie Drive

Present: Denise Kivell (CMDHB), Diana Tormey (CMDHB), Lizzie Farrell (CMDHB), Sandy Alcock (CMDHB) Meg Goodman (CMDHB) Christine Lynch (CMDHB), Jean McQueen (East Health), Wayne Hussey (CMDHB), Liz Clark (CMDHB), Gillian Davies (ETHC), Sheena Murray-Brown (MIT), Dianne Dawson (CMDHB), Judith Davison (CMDHB) Allan Moffitt (CMDHB) Sandy Alcock, Mary Roberts, Siobhan Mattock, Diana Gibson

Apologies: Karyn Sangster (CMDHB) Tepora Peseta (Ta Pasefika), Sandra McDonald (Procure), Joanne Rosier (Plunkett), Dolly Rewha (TKOH), Annette Stewart (CMDHB), Devi-Ann Hall (CMDHB) Pam Williams (MCHT) Suz Heslop (CMDHB),

ITEM	GENERAL NOTES & ACTION ITEMS	ACTION
1.0	<p>Update - Denise</p> <p>Funding: is 2% lower than required. Need more efficiency. 'Business engines' to be implemented, communications strengthened, systems integrated. The focus is on key deliverables. Health sectors to work closely together to best utilize available funding. It is important for all organisations to surround the whanau.</p> <p>'Alliance contracting', approved by the Cabinet, is to happen within twelve months. Work done now will affect contracts in the future. Challenges are expected.</p> <p>The Better, Sooner, More Convenient mandate indicates a need for better clinical leadership, via a multi-disciplinary approach, championing leadership at all levels, developing good working relationships.</p> <p>Geraint Martin, as CEO for the region, will ensure that new approaches support initiatives in every sector, to achieve the Ministry's stringent requirements.</p>	
2.0	<p>Allied Health</p> <p>Siobhan presented. Funds are limited, so are diverted to ensure that they are available. There has been no loss of staff, but the rules differ, including individual contracts. Clinical skills must be maintained, and staff confidence needs to grow.</p>	
3.0	<p>High needs people</p> <p>Statistically, out of a population of 75,000 Tongan people, 68% are in the high needs sector. IFAC will be in Mangere soon, to enhance new practices. Input will deal with complex issues of funding, insufficient equipment, and providing for high needs people.</p> <p>Feedback is requested by Nurse Lead Service Development, on practical approaches to working differently, more efficiently, sharing ideas, so that change</p>	ALL

	<p>takes place.</p> <p>Dr Fuatai is interested in development, and the Marae is involved in some work initiatives.</p> <p>Communication between PHC providers and carers in the community is key to providing informed support. Information and encouragement to carers on their continuity and perceived value.</p> <p>Patient experience to improve, and links between the patient, the patient's whanau, and the community. Specific focuses are –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encouraging patients to quit smoking • providing immunisation • treating the acutely unwell • treating chronically ill children. <p>GPs require good, complete and accurate patient records. Patients must have the confidence to discuss openly with their practitioner and carers, to ensure treatment is consistent, and appropriate.</p> <p>The programme is to begin on 1 July 2010.</p>	
4.0	<p>Brenda discussed the Maori Coalition</p> <p>The ideas coming forward are very good. Child health statistics are worrying in spite of the information broadcast internationally that New Zealand is among the best health providers. This results in an attitude of 'What is broken? What is there to fix?', when in fact there is a large sector in need, which is not generally known.</p> <p>Many challenges lie ahead in terms of collaboration. The ground work has begun, and improvements will be noticeable.</p> <p>The last nine months have been hectic, and a large document of implementation plans has been sent to the Minister. Later editions have been chunked down, and the final edition was comparatively very small.</p> <p>Korero is focused on nursing, and what is now changing is the focus to include all from the Pacific population, and immigrants who have come here for safety. The worst health and social statistics relates to the Maori community, particularly children and babies, and adult chronic, threatening conditions. Turning this around is critical to success. Although there are four complex health organisations in the Auckland region, out of a total of nine in the North Island, a well integrated family health centre is not available.</p> <p>Nurses are integral to the success of the program, the biggest group of the medical workforce, and have the most important role in terms of service. More nurses are needed, capable of holding more responsibility to cover the shortage of GPs, and widen the structure of the structure and improve standards. Health is a competitive field; nurse development programmes must continue; expand and push past barriers to improve relationships is essential. A multi-layered nursing team, with a range of different skills for a wider spectrum of disorders, to cover a wider area, with consistent application and systems.</p> <p>Training facilities and opportunities in small, rural clinical practices differ markedly from the national norm for major hospitals. The skills of all medical staff in every clinic must be appropriate to the needs of patients of that clinic.</p> <p>A coalition of clinical regional groups, including primary health care nurses, is planned, to provide efficient secondary support services staff and structures. The national body, and individual clinical bases, should be involved.</p>	

	<p>Besides training, ways to retain skilled PHC nurses by providing commensurate wages and opportunities must be set up.</p> <p>Steering Group ACTION POINT: Karyn to extend an invitation to GAIHN.</p> <p>It is essential to get systems secure and done properly, with tight deliverables. A well-presented case will be successful, if the main criteria are met. Noted that Geraint Martin has been appointed by the Minister as the Lead Executive on these proposals A proposal to the steering committee this week, to keep up the momentum, with a re-focus on 'Better, Sooner, more Convenient' principle.</p>	<p>Karyn</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p>Access to Healthcare</p> <p>An 8% overall increase in patient attendance at clinics, and more in the rural areas and very poor areas is recorded. A network of carers is needed. Information to be available to the public on facilities available for their care and for their access to care. New infrastructure, part of the implementation plan, to include convenient access to healthcare. GAIHN has a plan for Auckland to cover transport and accessibility, and the PHC sector of nursing must be included. Further consultation with DHBs is needed, reconfiguration of sectors for the long term, to include areas and sectors not previously included.</p> <p>Public health clinicians and GPs resist becoming involved, slowing progress. They must be persuaded to become involved, active, and instrumental, in planning and decision making, and communications between all ranges of health care professionals are to expand.</p> <p>ACTION POINT: Denise to send out a report: the project is a work in progress and therefore continually developing and improving; all ranges of different skills need to unite; provide the service to meet different needs of different people in the wider community; to provide a truly community service; meaningful health facilities for all. Nurses as 'walking clinics'.</p>	<p>Denise</p>
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Forums: The annual Winter and a Summer Forum to be reinstated. The next is scheduled for 6 October, with Roseanne Geddes as the guest speaker; this will be run workshop-style.</p> <p>ACTION POINT: To be discussed with Karyn. Gill Clendon also could be invited.</p>	<p>Karyn</p>
	<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHO performance results: have been useful. • Access Concerto IT system was being worked on with Campbell Bremner. • The nursing and midwifery awards were exciting and successful, and thanks to all those involved. • Alliance Contract: this is good and attending their next meeting would be useful. • Ten people are being funded for the Primary Health Care Conference 25-27 June, and four vacancies are available. Those interested in going should contact Diana to register their names. 	

	<p>Resource Centre</p> <p>Lizzie wrote about the Resource Centre, and will get back to Bev about it. 300 online visits a week by a wide range of users –schools, clinics, public health.</p> <p>Noted: The Heart Foundation is also on-line, with useful information.</p> <p>ACTION POINT; This is an important facility and opportunities need to be followed up. Karyn to endorse the letter. School nurses in particular need it, and should support it.</p>	<p>Lizzie/Karyn</p>
	<p>Health workers who smoke</p> <p>How to help smoking health workers quit, preventing smoke being passed on to patients (especially babies) from the smoker’s hair, skin and clothing, is to be investigated.</p> <p>Education is a major factor in improving the health of the general population. Also it is vital to keep positive – by making a conscious choice to be positive.</p>	
	<p>Public Health Workforce Development</p> <p>Lizzie, as an NZNO delegate, is on the steering group. The best way to disseminate information is to Google the UK Kai Tiaki. Lizzie to send the web address through.</p>	<p>Lizzie</p>
	<p>Date: Wednesday 7th July Time: 1.00pm to 3.00pm Venue: Mtg Room 1-19 Lambie Drive</p>	