

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
 Waitaha Canterbury

Minutes – 01 July 2022
 Canterbury DHB Disability Steering Group (DSG)

Via Zoom:

Grant Cleland (Chair), Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir, Dave Nicholl, Emelia Winter (sitting in for Akira Le Fevre), Esala Vacamakawai, Helen Thorne, Ingrid Rammers (minutes), Janet Geddes, Joyce Stokell, Kathy O’Neill, Malu Tulia, Marlene Deale (Interpreter), NZSL Interpreter, Paul Barclay, Susan Wood

Apologies:

Akira Le Fevre (P&C), Catherine Swan, Dan Cresswell (Meeting Assistant), George Schwass, Harpreet Kaur, Jacqui Lunday-Johnstone, Jane Hughes, Mick O’Donnell, Rāwā Karetai, Rose Laing, Shane McInroe, Sekisipia Tangi, Simon Templeton, Waikura McGregor

	AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTION POINTS
1	Welcome Karakia Apologies received Introduction	By Grant Cleland By Grant Cleland Apologies as above By everyone	
2	Any conflicts of Interest Review and approval of previous minutes Action Points from Previous Minutes –	None Minutes of 27 May 2022 approved All action points actioned	

	including outstanding actions		
3	COVID-19 Omicron Response Update	<p>A discussion takes place.</p> <p>The COVID-Hub receives a lot of referrals from GPs making sure that their deaf patients can get the support they need as well as from someone who has time to give this support. It is not realistic for a GP to spend for example 1.5 hours talking to people by phone, therefore it is good that this safety net is in place.</p> <p>There is no further information about any denial of an interpreter. It would be a concern if this is happening.</p> <p>The question is raised about what the future is of the Vaccination Programme and the Care in the Community.</p> <p>The Vaccination Programme includes not only COVID but all immunisations such as the flu vaccination, childhood immunisations, and some random vaccinations. This programme has been going on for many years.</p> <p>The disability community is strongly encouraged to get a flu vaccination and a second COVID booster. There now is new eligibility for a second booster for people 6 months after they had their first booster or three months after they were tested COVID positive.</p> <p>There is a lot of information available on who is eligible and it is difficult to keep up with it. Allison proposes to double-check what is on the CDHB website and send around the information she thinks is the right information.</p> <p>Care in the Community is subject to a lot of discussion about what is going to happen in the future. It continues to develop options for people who can't live at home and who are supported to live somewhere else (i.e. a motel) when they are COVID positive. It continues to have support from social work and nursing staff.</p>	<p>Allison to double-check the information on the CDHB website and inform the group</p>

		<p>Information on how to get additional vaccinations is published on the HealthNZ and CDHB websites as well as in the public arena. The main vaccination sites are in pharmacies and general practices; there is no reduction in sites.</p> <p>For information, people can contact their local pharmacy, their GP, or call Healthline. The easiest way might be to call the Disability Health Line / Whakarongorau which covers vaccination and Care in the Community questions. The number is 0800 11 12 13. They have also information on specific areas available.</p> <p>There seems to be some uncertainty on what the provisions will be from the 30th of June. Care in the Community with the COVID Hub and the GP will be extended to the 31st of December. The testing in its current form by using free RATS and PCR tests all stays the same till the end of September and is open for review.</p> <p>Another round of disability events will take place in September and October. More information will be provided later.</p> <p>There seems to be an overlap of services in the Pacific community. Is there a general contact for service providers to get information on the services that are provided to a person or a family? Allison will talk with one of her colleagues about this. The general Health records do not always seem to work out the right way.</p> <p>There could be made a connection with Amnesty which is involved with food packages.</p> <p>Susan will do another analysis survey which might be helpful regarding family involvement. Susan and Kathy will catch up on this. Susan will report back on this at the next meeting.</p> <p>The vaccination of people with high behaviour needs seems to be challenging sometimes. A solution to this has not been found yet. A sedation pathway is not supported in the organisation. There are no high numbers involved. Helen, Janet, and Allison will discuss this subject.</p>	<p>Allison will contact one of her colleagues regarding the overlap in services in the Pacific Community</p> <p>Susan will do an analysis survey regarding family involvement. She will catch up with Kathy and report back to the group at the next meeting</p> <p>Helen, Janet, Allison to discuss the vaccination of people with high behaviour needs</p>
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5	Health NZ update	<p>The letter has been sent to HealthNZ.</p> <p>The launch of Health NZ was on the 1st of July. Until further notice, there will be no changes in the role of the advisory groups. The CDHB DSG is an action-oriented group with clear governance and will continue to meet although the future is unclear.</p> <p>If there is not enough clarity on the governance part, the group might have to contact Peter Bramley in his role as Regional Commissioner. At this moment, the contact person for the executive group is Jacqui Lunday-Johnstone.</p>	
6	General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessible parking on hospital grounds is a concern. Grant to facilitate a discussion. Waiting for a response from George Schwass on this item. - The Primary Care and Disability team is recruiting for Service Development position key roles. If people with a disability are appointed, they can share their experiences. - Harpreet informs that she will be moving to the North Island at the end of July. 	Grant to facilitate a discussion on hospital grounds parking.
7	Anything different in a disabled person's life since we last met	<p>Grant shares that it is very convenient having access to a range of vaccinations at the local pharmacy.</p> <p>Grant wishes everybody well over the coming winter months.</p>	
8	Next meeting	The next meeting will take place in mid or late August.	

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS			
Date	Subject	Action	By
01 July 2022	COVID-19 Omicron Response Update	Double-check the information on the CDHB website and inform the group.	Allison
01 July 2022	COVID-19 Omicron Response Update	Contact one of her colleagues regarding the overlap in services in the Pacific Community.	Allison
01 July 2022	COVID-19 Omicron Response Update	Do an analysis survey regarding family involvement. Catch up with Kathy and report back to the group at the next meeting.	Susan
01 July 2022	COVID-19 Omicron Response Update	Discuss the vaccination of people with high behaviour needs.	Helen, Janet, Allison
01 July 2022	Review of Disability Action Plan	<i>Work Plan</i> Determine what/if should be added to a Work Plan concerning experience and lessons learned as we have identified in the discussion about COVID. Facilitate a discussion.	Grant
01 July 2022	Review of Disability Action Plan	<i>Disability Equity Training</i> Have an offline discussion on possible obstacles regarding the Disability Equity Training.	Allison, Emelia
01 July 2022	Review of Disability Action Plan	<i>Disability Equity Training</i> Identify the number of clinical staff that have been going through the programme.	Emelia
01 July 2022	Review of Disability Action Plan	<i>Disability Equity Training</i> Arrange access for the CDHB DSG members to the training.	Emelia
01 July 2022	Review of Disability Action Plan	<i>Disability Equity Training</i>	Grant, Kathy, Emelia

		Put together a proposal for the Learnings Governance Group.	
01 July 2022	General Business	To facilitate a discussion on hospital grounds parking.	Grant