

Minutes

Area Health Advisory Council Meeting of 26 April 2006 Held in Executive Boardroom Hornsby Hospital

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| Attendees: | Professor Carol Pollock (Chair) Dr Magda Campbell Professor Margaret McMillan Ms Georgia Sidiropoulos Ms Di Spragg |
| In Attendance: | Dr Paul Douglas Ms Karen Filocamo |
| By Invitation: | Janet Anderson (presenting Item 2) |
| Apologies: | Dr Scott Whyte Dr Greg Fulcher Ms Nancy Ma Mr Tom Limburg Dr Antonio Carrozzi Dr Paolo Totaro AM Mr Paul Tonkin Mr Darren Bowd |

Agenda topics

1 Minutes

Discussion:

The minutes of the meeting of 30th March were endorsed as true and accurate record.

The status of Action Items was reviewed:

Community Forums Report – this has once again been held over and will be taken at the May meeting.

Meetings with MSC – a meeting with the Chairs of the Medical Staff Councils has been arranged. How AHAC interface with this and other groups both clinical and non-clinical will need further thought and clear lines/methods of communication defined. It was agreed that this should be taken up as a part of the Workplan.

Analyses of KPIs – work on the report proceeds and will be circulated quarterly to AHAC after 1st July 2006.

Minutes on the Website – AHAC Minutes are now forwarded retrospectively (once endorsed) to both the Department and Area authorities of posting on the Web.

Clinician Representation on the Finance & Performance C'ttee. – members were informed that the Executive recognise the standing of clinicians as a major stakeholder in the Finance & Performance process. As an interim measure awaiting finalisation of the Clinical Networks the Chair of the Clinical Council has been invited to join this Committee.

Correspondence to AHAC – NSW Health is now taking up this issue.

HCAC Response re: Research & Education KPIs – there remains work to do on this in particular illustrating that the outcomes from research have been beneficial.

NSCCH Business Plan – The latest version will be circulated to members in the next week with the intent that the AHAC sub-groups meet to review and discuss this more thoroughly with particular reference to their key focus areas of responsibility. The May AHAC meeting will be devoted largely to a final review of the Business Plan.

Service Planning in NSCCH – the latest version of the Area Healthcare Services Plan will be circulated to members.

EOI for the Ethics and/or Research Committees – M McMillan and G Sidiropoulos confirmed their membership on the Central Coast Ethics Committee. M McMillan expressed interest in participating on the Research Committee.

1.1 Business Arising

NSW Health AHAC Performance Indicators Workshop – It was noted that these KPIs were given to participants at the commencement of the Workshop as a background paper. General consensus was that they fell outside of what AHAC is able to achieve within their Charter, and the performance measures did not adequately define what the Councils have to do. It was agreed the Chair would review this document with the Executive and feedback at the next meeting.

| Action items: | Person responsible: | Deadline: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate latest version of Business Plan • Circulate Area Healthcare Services Plan • Review of the AHAC KPIs | B. Lee B. Lee C Pollock & P Douglas | 25/5/06 25/5/06 |

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| 2 | NSW Health Futures Planning Presentation | J. Anderson |
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In commencing Janet Anderson reviewed and updated the Council on the work being done by the Department’s Futures Planning Division including detailing the consultation strategy and the role of all State AHACs in supporting the broadcasting this information to the broader local communities.

Vision: - to ensure Healthy people – now and in the future

- Goals: -
- To keep people health
 - To provide the health care that people need
 - To deliver high quality services
 - To manage health services well

The factors driving change were reviewed and statistics illustrating the current and/or projected age, demographic and socioeconomic profile of NSCCH’s population were presented. The component of State Government funding which is allocated to Health has continued to rise and now represents 26.6% of the total NSW budget, this is unsustainable and indicates that change is required both in the Health System and in the population.

The following seven “*Emerging Future Directions*” key principles have been developed to address the proposed change strategy, they have been assessed, challenged and modified through the planning process over the past few months.

1. Make prevention everybody’s business
2. Create better experiences for people using the health system
3. Strengthen primary health and continuing care in the community
4. Build regional partnerships for health
5. Make smart choices about the costs and benefits of health services
6. Redesign and reinvigorate the workforce
7. Be ready for new risks and opportunities

The State-wide planning process is to be reinforced at the Area level was noted with reference made that these seven key principles would be mapped back into Area plans.

It is important for AHACs to be aware of, and familiar with these concepts, as they are the fundamental key principles, which will be broadcast, in the final stage of the consultation process with the local Area communities.

The consultation process will run from 1st May to 7th July involving the State-wide distribution of consultation documents (one a summary and the other full version) to key stakeholder groups, staff and the community, this will also be available from the NSW Health website. Feedback on the forms provided will be encouraged from all, the results of which will be collated and a

summary report placed on the NSW Health website in July 2006.

A quantity of documents is being forwarded to the Area for distribution to key groups, stakeholders and to be made available to the community at large. It is envisaged the NSCCH Community Participation Committees (Nth Bchs, Central Coast, RNS/Ryde & Hornsby) will play a key role in this.

Running concurrently with the distribution of the consultation documents will be a series of Area based community forums to introduce, raise awareness and seek feedback on the “*Emerging Future Directions*” for Health by providing an interface opportunity with clinicians and the broader community. NSCCH will be hosting two of these forums (approx 2 hrs long), both facilitated by Janet Anderson, one on Friday 26th May at Gosford Hospital (pending confirmation) and the other on Monday 19th June at the Northern Sydney Education Centre (Macquarie Campus). Attendance by AHAC members as representative of the key Area body facilitating the involvement of providers and consumers of health services in the development of planning is important.

The suggestion was made to consider an additional forum in the Northern Beaches area, which at the same time could be used to launch the consultation process around the clinical services planning for that region including the new Northern Beaches Hospital facility.

Advice will be circulated as details of the forums are confirmed.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulated details of the NSCCH | Karen Filocamo | 14/4/06 |
| 3 Other Business | | |
| Members were reminded of the full-day Workplan Forum on the 15 th June. Confirmation details will be circulated shortly regarding this. | | |
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| Next Meeting | Thursday 25 th May 2006, commencing at 8.00am through to 12.00. Hornsby Hospital Executive Boardroom – Lumby Building | |