

**Public Health Advisory Committee**  
**Te Rōpū Tohutohu i te Hauora Tūmatanui**

(Sub-Committee of the National Advisory Committee on Health and Disability)

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2006 1pm – 3pm**

**Present:** Geoff Fougere (Chair)  
Riripeti Haretuku  
Linda Holloway  
Andrew Moore

**In attendance:** Margaret Earle, Manager, NHC  
Barbara Langford, Senior Advisor, Public Health

**Apologies** Phil Shoemack  
Neil Pearce  
Lynette Stewart

**Tabled Papers**

Nil

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes – confirmed

**Matters arising**

**Correspondence**

Nil

**Agenda Item 6.1: Health Impact Assessment**

Discussion centred around the three current imperatives: shadow advice on HIA in the Public Health Bill, PHAC advice to the Minister of Health for the sustainability of HIA into the future, and the Minister's speech at the HIA conference.

**Agreed:**

- PHAC shadow advice on HIA in the Public Health Bill should go to the Minister this week in a separate Committee Report. This advice would include:
  - Statutory recognition of HIA should be included in the Public Health Bill as enabling provision rather than a statutory requirement
  - This recognition needs to be supported by a small HIA support unit that forms active partnerships with appropriately skilled and experienced agencies, and an intersectoral reference group to advise its work
  - That Cabinet Office guidance is worthy of further consideration.
- The PHAC advice on the sustainability of HIA should include:
  - Why HIA works for local authorities
  - Some linkages to obesity

- The order of recommendations a) and b) should be reversed.
- The Minister's speech should include the statutory recognition and a request to the Ministry to investigate the feasibility of setting up a small HIA support team.

**Further points of discussion:**

- The Chair of NHC to speak at the end of the HIA conference.
- Members approved the direction of the Review document
- The last meeting of the External Reference Group had taken place. There was discussion about the possible continuation of this group. It was agreed that recommendations to the Minister should include the need for an equivalent group to advise the work of the HIA support team.

**Public Health Sector**

The report to the Minister had undergone some sharpening with no major change to the content. Members approved these changes.

Following the meeting with the Wairarapa CPHAC, there was some discussion about their strategic role. Agreed to put this on the NHC agenda for July.

**Agenda item 6.3 The Health of Children and Young People**

The Manager reported that the RFP had not produced proposals that adequately reflect its intent. Some suggestions for further possible contractors were made. Agreed that the development of indicators could be separated out from the literature review.

**Agenda item 7 Other Matters**

**Agenda item 7.1 The Urbanisation, Environment and Health Conference.**

Deferred until July.

**Agenda item 7.2 Work programme for 2006 – 07**

Deferred until July.

**Agenda item 7.3 PHA Conference**

Planning for this was underway and will be reported on at the next meeting.

**Next meeting: Monday 17 July in Wellington**

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

..... (Chair) Date.....