

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 Monday 20 March 2006

Present: Geoff Fougere (Chair)
Andrew Moore
Neil Pearce
Riripeti Haretuku (from 4.30pm)
Linda Holloway
Lynette Stewart

In attendance: Barbara Langford, Senior Advisor, Public Health
Charmaine Ross, Senior Analyst, Māori Health
Sara Georgeson, Analyst (from)
Victoria Jackson, Analyst

Apologies Phil Shoemack
Riripeti Haretuku (for lateness)

Tabled Papers

Draft service schedule for Children and Young People contract

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes – confirmed with revision (depersonalise the minutes).

Matters arising

Nil

Correspondence

Request from PHA for conference sponsorship

Letter from Chair to Minister thanking him for agreeing to open the HIA conference.

Agenda Item 6.1: Public Health Overview

A further version of the draft report was discussed, with particular reference to Chapter 6 and recommendations. Revisions to the recommendations were agreed. With those revisions and consequent revisions of the text, members agreed to pass to the NHC for final sign-off.

Action points

- secretariat to revise the recommendations for the NHC meeting
- any subsequent revisions to be negotiated with the project sponsors.

Agenda item 6.2 Health Impact Assessment

Members received an updated project profile and were asked to answer some questions about the process for reporting to the Minister and the scope of the committee's involvement after 30 June 2006.

Agreed:

- the report to the Minister should begin with a strong strategic sense of where HIA is up to in New Zealand
- need to publish in hard copy as well as on the website
- the report should quantify the modest support required for an HIA support unit based on the PHAC experience of managing the work
- that the PHAC would retain a monitoring role for HIA progress in New Zealand
- that the PHAC would provide some continuity for HIA strategies, such as: involvement in training, funding an e-newsletter, presenting papers at conferences, maintenance of an HIA web page, further exploration of HIA in relevant university courses and further strengthening of HIA networks.

Action points:

- the secretariat to draft the framework for the final report for the May meeting.

Agenda item 6.3 The Health of Children and Young People

Members received an updated project profile in response to a request from the last PHAC meeting. Suggestions were made to tighten the focus of the profile.

The PHAC was asked to consider three potential areas of research to be contracted out during the information collection phase of the project. These are:

- evidence review of factors influencing the health of children and young people
- literature review and analysis of factors influencing the health of ngā tamariki me ngā rangatahi Māori
- literature review of factors influencing the health of disabled children and young people.

Project specifications are to be sent to PHAC members for comment. Requests for proposals are being prepared.

The process for PHAC involvement in research contract selection is a matter for future consideration.

Agenda item 7 Other Matters

Agenda item 7.1. Massey University Symposium on Environmental Health.

A possible role for the PHAC in this symposium in Nelson (1 Dec) was discussed.

Agenda item. Sponsorship of PHA conference.

Agreed that a sum of \$5000 be offered to the conference with the proviso that the PHAC be given some display space.

Agenda item. Work programme for 2006 – 07

Alternatives in the work programme paper were discussed. There was some interest in the effect of the urban environment on health as it linked strongly with some past projects including HIA, and had some currency in other sectors. To be picked up again in the May meeting.

Next meeting: Monday 15 May 2006, 2-6pm in Wellington

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

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