



West Coast DHB Disability Steering Group

MINUTES –23 August 2022

By Zoom, 1pm – 2 pm

Present: Jane George, Kathy O'Neill, Margaret Woollett, Mike Nolan, Miles Roper, Rosie McGrath, Caro Findlay, Rosalie Waghorn, Sarah Birchfield

Apologies: Lara Williams (minutes online), Jacqui Lunday Johnstone, Jo Newton, Karen Robb, Kylie Parkin, Mai-lin Van Mulligen, Maria Mann, Trudi McGrath, Imogen Squires, Raisa Joensuu

	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action point
1.	Welcome Karakia Apologies received Any conflicts of Interest	By Michael Nolan By Michael Nolan Apologies as above None	None
2.	Any conflicts of Interest Review and approval of previous minutes Action Points from Previous Minutes – including outstanding actions	None Action points outstanding from July Action point: Kathy O'Neill, to request P&C presentation to WCDHB DSG Completed Lanyards and disability training, supported by Jane George, Clinical Leaders Group. Te Whatu Ora to be an equal opportunity employer Accessible facilities – letter has been sent from Jacqui and Mike to Phil Wheble. Jacqui/Mike to visit Nikau in Greymouth, be involved in the planning stages of accessibilities for Buller.	None



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		<p>Community member updates</p> <p>Support needed in community? Covid update, numbers are down, heading in the right direction.</p> <p>Site visits, codesign with Mana Ake, moving to phase 2 with service delivery model.</p> <p>Schools are staying open, some staff are redeployed to help with teaching.</p> <p>Blind and low vision member based in Nelson rang every registered member to check they were ok in the region during flood event.</p> <p>Indices project moving on phase 2. Helping out with Waitaha Christchurch. My indices app rolling out. Enrolments from practices welcomed. Patients can enrol at their practice. They are given login to access their own patient records. 14 enrolments, monthly in Grey, lower in Buller and Westland. App allows great interaction with the health system without leaving home. Repeat scripts and GP appointments can be made. In time further enhancements will be added.</p> <p>Request made for link to Myindice. https://www.wcdhb.health.nz/your-health/myindici/</p> <p>Providing public information for floods. Winter planning remains busy. 90-100% occupancy in wards. Staffing shortages. System pressure beginning to reduce but still there.</p>	<p>Action point: members encouraged to spread the word that the public can enrol.</p> <p>Action point: Miles to send MyIndice website link.</p> <p>Actioned.</p>
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		<p>Community Support groups are available through Claire Brown, regional Civil Defence.</p> <p>Te Whatu Ora alignment continues. Local expertise on the Coast needed for DAP rollout.</p>	
3.	<p>Covid 19/Omicron Response Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and discuss the experience and issue for disabled people during the current Omicron pandemic at a local and national level General Update from Jacqui, Kathy and Allison regarding the response. 	<p>Membership</p> <p>Ruth Teasdale introduced. Ruth will be working on implementation of the DAP. Has West Coast experience and 7 years with SIAPO (South Island Alliance) partnership. Background with CCS disability action and Workbridge.</p> <p>Jane has seconded to other work for a couple of months. No other membership changes.</p>	
4.	<p>Review of Disability Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine what/if should be added to a WorkPlan in relation to experience and lessons learnt as we have identified in the discussion about COVID P & C Update Discussion about progress with the Disability Equity Training Accessible Information Charter: How to progress development of Work Plan? Physical access issues: Progress with Facilities 	<p>Mike actively sourcing other experienced members in the community. Including disabled Maori and disabled pasifika. Margaret has recommended Emma, with partial sight disability. Maori and Pasifika, and youth are areas that we will benefit from. 2 or 3 other members would be great. Mike will contact Emma. There might be future actions her experience would be , such as accessible language. Skills could be used in the future.</p> <p>Sarah will email te pangi waiora to source applicants.</p> <p>Budget with expended membership needs to be considered to balance number of meetings. Need to be mindful of this.</p>	<p>Action point:</p> <p>Mike will contact asking for experience in the future for certain projects</p> <p>Action point:</p> <p>Mike to send membership information to Sarah.</p>



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	and Infrastructure Office?	<p>Clarification sought on budget constraints and membership. Issue raised about budget constraint affecting the voice in the community. If budget increases, approval needs to be given, this is the background. The point of the WCDSG is to improve the voice in the community, so we should be seeking that community voice with community input.</p> <p>In future we will be seeking community feedback, eg accessibility bill for submission.</p> <p>This raises the importance of networking in the community.</p> <p>Accessibility planning - Clinical Leaders Group keen to support the hidden disability training. To be discussed at later meeting.</p> <p>Akira from Diversity Team in P&C, has presented to Canterbury DSG, relevant to have for agenda for next meeting.</p>	<p>Action point: For September agenda, hidden disability training</p> <p>Action point: For future agenda, invite Akira to present</p>
5.	Health NZ Update	<p>Rosie/Margaret visited students attending 5 week programme. Fortunate to be able to visit this group as they are a pool of voices, willing to participate and help in any way they can. Margaret spoke of her lived experience with accessibility issues. Te Nikau entrance discussed. Rosie's experience with falls prevention committee, complements this.</p> <p>Since Covid a lot of programmes for older people have stopped. Rosie gave a scope of what is available in Greymouth. In their summary of accessibility, lack of public transport, costs of a taxi.</p>	



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		<p>Missing - there wasn't total mobility voucher book from the Council. Rosie will followup on this.</p> <p>Rosie will also followup up with PHO, if they can transport people to physical exercise classes. Level of commitment is high with multiple medical skills. This will lead to best outcomes when scope of practice is wider than just clinician and client.</p> <p>Update given on Sports Canterbury who work with PHO on green prescription. SC will be funded directly for green prescription activity. Will be in place mid-October. PHO will be the main provider, rather than subcontracting with SC. Project Brief from Sue Donaldson. Mike will look for this.</p> <p>Looking forward, updates will be sent to Rosie. Sue will provide scoping, to build resources wide than Greymouth.</p>	<p>Action point: Rosie will follow up about total mobility voucher</p> <p>Action point: Mike to find project brief from Sue Donaldson</p>
6.	Any concluding comments/reflections	<p>Looking forward to face to face meetings.</p> <p>Ruth will contact all the Te Whatu Ora members to ascertain their commitment to the group. If not, alternatives to keep momentum going on our key items for next 12 months.</p> <p>Agreement from group that support from Te Whatu Ora members is vital. If members have moved to other projects, replacements need to be sourced.</p> <p>Mike has been in touch Nish Mihan, national advocacy service with the MOH. Standalone from MOH. Invited as a guest to next meeting</p>	<p>Action point: Ruth to contact Te Whatu Ora members</p> <p>Action point: Mike to confirm with Lara email address for Nish Mihan.</p>
7.	General Business		



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8.	Closing Karakia	Given by Rosie	
9.	Next meeting: 27 September 2022	In person at the Greymouth St John meeting room.	