

**NORTHERN SYDNEY CENTRAL COAST HEALTH
AREA HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2007 AT 8.00AM-11AM
VENUE: EXECUTIVE BOARDROOM, HORNSBY HOSPITAL**

1 Present:

Ms Georgia Sidiropoulos
Dr Magda Campbell
Professor Margaret McMillan
Mr Paul Tonkin (A / Chair)
Mr Darren Bowd
Mr Paolo Totaro
Ms Di Spragg

In Attendance:

Mr Chris Fleming
Ms Cindy Dargaville
Ms Carolyn Treharne

Apologies:

Professor Carol Pollock (Chair)
Dr Stephen Christley
Dr Scott Whyte
Dr Tony Carrozzi
Dr Greg Fulcher

2 Confirmation of Minutes

The Committee resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on as a true and accurate record. Resolved Darren Bowd.

3 Review of action items from the previous meeting

a. C Fleming reported that further descriptions of objectives are included in the AHAC papers, and further objectives will be provided at the next meeting.

b. C Fleming advised that a decision to defer the presentation on the Community and Clinician engagement in New Zealand and the UK was due to a full agenda this month.

c. D Spragg presented NSW Health data collection process to AHAC. As the original was a powerpoint presentation she provided it in hard copy.

d. AHAC members discussed Community Participation Committees as a separate item under workplan discussion.

e. C Fleming to forward Combined Councils meeting summary to AHAC members. Dr S Christley and C Fleming to agree on action in response to recommendations in the summary.

f. Feedback from the AHAC committee re : Operational Plan was taken to the Management board. Some amendments were accepted and a revised version was passed around AHAC. C Fleming said the Operational plan for 2007/08 links to the NSW State Health Plan. AHAC agreed that it is a significant improvement on previous plans. These are public documents and would be available in July on the intranet and internet. P Totaro reinforced the importance of reflecting all previous achievements in planning documents. C Fleming said that the document is currently set in the context of strategic priorities and what will be achieved and delivered, reassuring all that comments from the discussion would be considered in the next planning cycle.

g. The Rehabilitation Review to be discussed at this AHAC meeting and the Palliative Care review has not yet been finalised as they have not yet finalised the review.

h. D Tutt has been asked to present to AHAC on tobacco, obesity and fall objectives at the August meeting.

i. Prof C Pollock has been working on the AHAC workplan which will be discussed at the next meeting.

k. Due to Prof C Pollock's absence it was decided to hold item over for feedback re: HCAC report and the need for investing in community based information services.

l. Feedback from C Fleming regarding the Northern Beaches Communications Plan document noted that some changes had been made following those suggestions.

n. Prof C Pollock and Dr S Christley discussed re appointment process and contacted the relevant members whose terms expire in September. Four vacancies currently exist on the AHAC, and an update was provided by C Treharne as to the level of response in advertisements to fill these positions. Discussion ensued regarding the importance of reflecting a community and clinical balance on the AHAC committee.

Further discussion took place about the continuity of care for patients presenting at Emergency Department and the committee recognised the importance of detailing the patients' journey to improve care. The committee have requested feedback on Clinical Services Redesign and Emergency Access Performance.

o. C Fleming reported that Prof C Pollock has had the opportunity to review the Royal North Shore Private Public Partnership documentation.

Action Items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
A presentation on community and clinician engagement in New Zealand and the UK to be presented next month	C Fleming	2 August 07
Combined Councils meeting summary to be forwarded to AHAC members.	C Fleming	2 August 07
Dr S Christley and C Fleming to agree on appropriate action in response to recommendations from Combined Councils Meeting.	Dr S Christley & C Fleming	2 August 07
The Operational Plan for 2008 to be available early July on intranet and internet.	C Fleming	2 August 07
The Palliative Care review to be presented next AHAC meeting.	C Fleming	2 August 07
D Tutt will present on tobacco, obesity and falls objectives at the AHAC August meeting.	C Fleming	30 August 2007
The AHAC workplan to be discussed at the next AHAC meeting.	Prof C Pollock	2 August 07
Feedback from HCAC report for investing in community based information services, to be provided at the next AHAC meeting	Prof C Pollock	2 August 07
Clinical Services Redesign - Craig Walsh and Emergency Access Performance – Julie Hartley Jones to be asked to present information to the AHAC meeting re: patient journey / continuity of care.	C Treharne	30 August 07
Prof C Pollock and Dr S Christley to liaise regarding reappointments and vacancies to AHAC committee.	Prof C Pollock & Dr S Christley	2 August 07

4 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

4.1 2007 / 08 Operational Plan

4.1.1 Description of Objectives

C Fleming presented the Description of Objectives for Implementing ICU Plan, Paediatric Services, Revised Model for Woy Woy & Long Jetty, Revised Service Model for Ryde and Maternity Service Model for Northern Beaches. C Fleming reported that for all the Descriptions of Objectives, in the expected outcome section a statement must be made that all outcomes be patient focused whilst balancing clinical and financial sustainability.

4.1.1.1 Implement ICU Plan

The Committee discussed how the community may view the changes outlined and recommended looking at the patient journey to highlight the need for change. The committee questioned what consumer input had been demonstrated, C Dargaville reported three community representatives are currently on the Critical Care Network.

4.1.1.2 Implement Paediatric Services Model

There was a discussion of the demographics of childbirth with a consensus about developing a robust model for the community. Professor M McMillan stated the plan needed to ensure that different services relate to different areas needs, as opposed to one blanket model.

It was also noted that a review of planning should be undertaken in the light of the new census data as it is released.

4.1.1.3 Implement Revised Model for Woy Woy and Long Jetty

The discussion highlighted that this plan will have high public interest with possible concerns about access to services. It was noted that AHAC needs to have a role in advising the Area Health Service on process utilised and then support the service during the time of change.

4.1.1.4 Implement Revised Service Model for Ryde

A discussion paper has been drafted and sent to the Ryde Planning committee. C Fleming to request if the AHAC committee can receive a copy of the discussion paper when available.

4.1.1.5 Implement Maternity Services Model for Northern Beaches

This model needs to be cognizant of the future plans around the new Northern Beaches hospital at Frenchs Forrest. It may present challenges and the committee responded that localised needs were critically important in the planning.

P Tonkin raised the possibility that AHAC may want to see the Models of Care for many of the Descriptions of Objectives. C Fleming suggested that members can decide at the next meeting which of these they require more detail.

4.2 Rehabilitation Review

The Committee were provided with the Rehabilitation Review and noted the extensiveness of the process and the involvement of many organisations. There was much discussion about the current care provided by rehabilitation services and the definition of rehabilitation. C Fleming highlighted that the financial implications of the

recommendations had not been considered. It was also highlighted that consideration of how other reviews will influence this review's recommendations, particularly related to affiliated health organisations. C.Fleming is still awaiting formal feedback from Hope Health Care and Royal Rehabilitation, stating there may need to be a level of compromise between the review recommendations and practicalities affecting implementation. AHAC recommended the Review to include time frames for changes to occur.

D Bowd questioned the availability of community health data for this review given AHACs previous reports on community health data.

AHAC briefly reviewed the recommendations and highlighted issues regarding the following services.

Woy Woy

It was noted that the costing of recommendations had not been provided.

Wyong Hospital

The committee observed the need to be mindful with regard to the availability of health professionals. The recommendations were thought to be inpatient focused lacking community options and therefore catering to a narrow diagnostic group.

Hornsby Hospital

The committee noted that this model seems to be working well.

Northern Beaches

Manly

The committee suggested that there is a need to ensure there is appropriate cognisance of providing the services today but supporting the configuration for the new hospital.

They highlighted the additional costs as a concern, and questioned whether the recommendations had been viewed from any sort of cost / benefit perspective. The committee discussed that the focus on acute Mental health has not been factored in yet agreed it is a critical aspect of care for rehabilitation.

North Shore Ryde

Ryde

Dr M Campbell identified that Ryde is a community based hospital and the role / identity of Ryde has not been well defined. There is the potential for some GP's in the community to be confused about who to refer to regarding the changes at Ryde. There needs to be more clarity around Ryde's role recognising staff differences between Ryde & RNSH with GP's included in discussions.

Greenwich, Royal Rehab

The committee discussed the possible tension around Royal Rehab and the need for the Health Service to engage the affiliate organisations.

4.3 Work Plan Discussion

AHAC

Prof C Pollock has been focussing on the workplan for AHAC, recognising the need to align with the operational plan and to drive accountability between AHAC and the Management Board.

CPC

P Totaro stated that AHAC's role, as the Act states, is to listen to the community of consumers and clinicians and report to the Executive and to Government via the Annual Report following up on its recommendations.

Discussion followed about the four CPC workplans provided. There were concerns raised that some of the plans lacked coherence. P Totaro suggested that the Central Coast had some useful factors in their workplan with a greater emphasis on participation. The discussion highlighted the complexity of services across the Area. P Totaro recommended that the work of the committees adopt a similar framework to the Central Coast. He suggested that AHAC members formulate recommendations for the CPC's and email this through to the Community Participation Unit.

C Fleming suggested that this should take place after the AHAC workplan has been developed and that the Operational Plan should also be presented to the CPC's.

4.4 Northern Beaches Health Service Redevelopment planning Update

C Fleming gave an update on the Northern Beaches Health Service Planning; he also gave an overview of planning procurement and the implementation phases of the process and timeframes. He outlined the objectives which include;

Increase local provision of services

Improved quality and safety

More appropriate setting

Improved facilities

Increased value for money

His presentation also covered the services initiatives, changes and costs as well as how the community will be engaged in the changes.

Action Items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
4.1.1 C Fleming to consider AHAC input when revising the Descriptions of Objectives.	C Fleming	2 August 07
4.1.1.4 Discussion paper for Revised Service Model for Ryde to be requested for AHAC consideration.	C Fleming	2 August 07
4.1.1.5 AHAC to determine which priorities from the Descriptions of Objectives that they wish to focus and provide advice on.	Prof C Pollock	2 August 07
4.2 AHAC recommendations from the Rehabilitation Review to be taken to review planners.	C Fleming	2 August 07

Action Items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:
4.3 AHAC members to formulate CPC framework recommendations emailing to Community Participation Unit after workplan development	All Members	30 August 07
Operational Plan to be presented to the CPCs	Community Participation Unit	2 August 07

5 New Business

No new business tabled.

6 Chief Executive Report

Dr S Christley has provided his report to the AHAC committee covering; The ABC Radio broadcast from Royal North Shore, the Royal North Shore Redevelopment, the Central Coast storms and flooding, staffing at Wyong Emergency Department, Sydney Morning Herald Central Coast feature, weekend flooding at Manly Hospital ICU, theft from a patient in the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Area and the future of the Brooklyn Community Health Service.

Venue and Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 8 am on 2 August 2007 in Executive Boardroom Hornsby Hospital.