

**MINUTES OF THE
DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2014 AT 10:00 AM
AT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL, 53 HEREFORD STREET, GROUND FLOOR,**

Present: Leanne Keenan (Strengthening Communities Citywide Advisor, Disability Portfolio, CCC), Tracey Dorreen (Deaf/Blind Community), Simon Atkinson (People First), Robert Watts (Older Persons), Lorraine Wiersma (Maori & Whanau), Adele Wilkinson (Mental Health Education and Resource Centre), Brian Laurie (Physical Disability), Allison Nichols-Dunsmuir (Health in All Policies, CDHB) and Doreen McCoard (Post Polio).

Guest: Kathy O'Neill from Planning and Funding Canterbury District Health Board

Minute taker: Emma Pachnatz (Citywide Administrator, CCC)

NOTE: Today's meeting was not a full formal meeting due to the continuation of the DAG Planning Workshop

- 1. Welcome:** Leanne welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 2. Apologies:** Anna Mitchell (Disabled Persons Association)
- 3. Confirmation of last meeting minutes:** Tuesday 16 September 2014
Correction required to Tracey's surname – alter spelling to Dorreen.
- 4. Matters arising from the previous minutes:** Deferred to the next meeting - Tuesday 18 November 2014
- 5. Disability Action Plan for Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) – Kathy O'Neill**

Background

- Kathy works in Planning and Funding, which has two areas
 - 1) developing strategies and planning across Canterbury health system and
 - 2) contracting and funding to put services in place to support those directions.
- Kathy is the newly created Disability Lead with her first task to develop a Disability Action Plan for CDHB.

Disability Action Plan for CDHB

- The Disability Action Plan draft aligns with the New Zealand Disability Action Plan (5 year plan) that was released in April. Makes specific reference to five areas of that plan: self-determination, wellbeing, community, connecting with disabled persons organisations and disabled people having a voice.
- Currently the plan is being further developed with the CDHB Consumer Council.
- Consultation with the wider community is desired. Kathy invited the Disability Advisory Group (DAG) to have input before the plan is submitted to the Canterbury District Health Board for approval in March 2015. This could be in the form of a combined meeting with the core members of the CDHB Consumer Council.
ACTION: CDHB and CCC staff to liaise on DAG input into CDHB Disability Action Plan in early 2015.
- Suggestions from the DAG members for the CDHB to consult with include: New Zealand Spinal Trust, Burwood Academy for Independent Living and People First.

6. Making a Difference Fund

- Karen Smith who recently presented on dementia-friendly Christchurch politely refused any funding for the seminar.
- A query was made regarding payment for the facilitator for the Evaluation Day in September 2013.
ACTION: Adele to follow up on payment for the facilitator by the next meeting.
- A recommendation was made for the remaining Making a Difference Fund to be put towards the Earthquake Disability Leadership Group (EDLG) for a Co-ordinator. DAG members were in agreement for remaining funding to go to EDLG for the Coordinator position.
ACTION: Allison to provide details to Adele regarding the EDLG funding for the Coordinator position.
ACTION: Adele to provide relevant information to Ministry of Social Development (fund manager) to seek approval for the remaining money to be used for the EDLG Coordinator position.
- Leanne thanked Adele and Allison for resolving the remaining funding on behalf of DAG.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 10:00 am at Christchurch City Council, 53 Hereford Street, ground floor, meeting room 1.

8. Meeting Closed: 10:45 am.