

## Notes of the 68<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Health Quality & Safety Commission Board held on 20 September 2018 in Auckland

- Members: Professor Alan Merry (Chair), Dr Dale Bramley, Shelley Frost, Bob Henderson, Dr Gloria Johnson, Dr Bev O'Keefe, Dame Alison Paterson, Gwen Tepania-Palmer.
- Staff: *In attendance:* Dr Janice Wilson, Karen Orsborn, Richard Hamblin, Shelley Hanifan (minutes), Diane de Rochester (EA).
- Via zoom:* Kiri Rikihana, Carl Shuker, Glen Mitchell, Mark Nicholls, Dr Chris Walsh.
- Apologies: Dr Iwona Stolarek; Anthony Hill (Health & Disability Commissioner).
- Guests: David Hughes.
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Key points and decisions are summarised below.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were **approved**.
- The actions of the previous meeting were **updated** and **noted**.
- The interests register, and special register of interests were **updated**.
- Members Board related activities were **noted**.
- The financial report and risk register were **noted**.
- The CE Report was **noted**.
- A **patient story** was provided by way of a video.

### Key decisions – the Board:

- a. **agreed** that they were comfortable with the direction of Performance Improvement Framework (PIF) planning and indicated their desire to be involved in the establishment of the vision for the four-year excellence horizon
- b. **agreed**, in principle, to support the direction of the Commission's transparency work
- c. **agreed** to appoint Kiriana Tan as a member of FVDRC for a term from 21 September 2018 to 3 May 2020
- d. **agreed** to reappoint Associate Prof Nicola Atwool as a member of FVDRC for a three-year term from 18 December 2018 to 18 December 2021
- e. **agreed** to extend the term of appointment of Prof Denise Wilson, Chair of the MRC Māori Caucus, until 31 July 2019.

### Learning from Adverse Events Report

*Dr David Hughes, the Clinical Director of the Adverse Event Learning Programme, joined the Board for this item. Glen Mitchell joined the item on zoom, shortly after the introductions.*

Dr Hughes introduced the report, directing the Board's attention to the inclusion of the mental health and addiction services adverse events this year, for the first time. He also highlighted the chapter focusing on implementation of the new policy, impacts and the new master class. Always review and report events were also highlighted, as they are also reported for the first time in this year's Adverse Event Report.

The Board positively received the report.

## **Draft Annual Report**

*Mark Nicholls joined the meeting via zoom, for this item.*

Dr Janice Wilson introduced the draft Annual Report, in which the Commission aims to tell a story of our value across the four priority areas. It was noted that the annual report must follow the annual plan structure and content. The Board was asked to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Report.

The Board noted that the report was of a high standard and is improving each year.

### **Performance Improvement Framework (PIF) review**

Dr Wilson introduced the PIF paper. It is proposed that there will be a dual focus on examining the Commission's ability to deliver to the strategic priorities set by this government, and to contribute more effectively to reducing health inequities for Māori.

The Board highlighted their need to consider the strategic direction of the Commission and the four-year excellence horizon. Generally, the Board indicated that they were comfortable with the direction of planning and indicated a desire to be involved in the establishment of the vision for the four-year excellence horizon.

### **Increasing transparency of health information and performance data**

*Carl Shuker joined the meeting via zoom for this item.*

Richard Hamblin provided the initial introduction to the paper and then asked Carl Shuker to pick up the introduction when he joined the meeting. It was highlighted that this work has stemmed from an Ombudsman's ruling in response to an OIA from the media, that DHBs were not required to publicly release data at the requested level of detail. However, the Ombudsman ruled that the Commission and the Ministry of Health were required to provide an update annually, on progress toward releasing performance and other data, through to June 2021. The transparency work programme takes this forward.

### **The Board**

- **noted** the contents of this report
- **agree in principle** to support the direction of this work.

### **Mortality Review Committee appointments**

Kiri Rikihana introduced this paper. There were specific questions and discussion regarding the Family Violence Death Review Committee and succession planning for the Chair. Dr Wilson responded that this is underway and there are several options being considered.

### **The Board:**

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**PMMRC service provision**

*Shelley Frost chaired this item, in her role as Deputy Chair.*

The item was introduced by Kiri Rikihana (on zoom), who provided an overview of the paper, highlighting that the University of Auckland has had a key staff member, the PMMRC's perinatal epidemiologist, resign from the work programme. As a result, the secretariat and the University of Auckland need to renegotiate the PMMRC services agreement. The secretariat is negotiating a variation to the contract to maintain the existing coordination services to 2019 only. It was noted that PMMRC data was still being collected by the University of Otago.

Dr Wilson talked about the opportunity to improve and strengthen the equity focus within the mortality review committees. She noted that it is important to support and facilitate a strong focus in equity across this work programme, and that this change could be viewed as an opportunity to move our equity work forward.

**Report on Māori capacity & capability**

Dr Wilson introduced the report on Māori capacity and capability. The Board responded positively and asked how they can also be involved in capability building. They would like to continue to be invited to attend Marae days, with advanced notice. They are also interested in exploring options for cultural training.