

**Notes of the 73rd meeting of the Health Quality & Safety Commission Board on
26 September 2019 at the Waitemata Room, level 1, Whenua Pupuke Building, North
Shore Hospital, Auckland**

Members: Professor Alan Merry (Chair), Dr Dale Bramley (Deputy Chair); Dame Alison Paterson, Gwen Tepania-Palmer, Dr Gloria Johnson and Bob Henderson.

Staff: *In attendance:* Dr Janice Wilson, Karen Orsborn, Tina Simcock (minutes), Paula Farrand (EA)

By Zoom: Dr Chris Walsh, Gillian Bohm, Dr Iwona Stolarek, Kere Pomare, Catherine Gerard for Richard Hamblin, Stephanie Turner and Bevan Sloan for item 7 budget bid

Guests: Anthony Hill – Health & Disability Commissioner; Rowena Lewis – Chair, Consumer Advisory Group; Ria Earp – Chair, Te Rōpū Māori; Professor Rob Kydd (item 8 & item 9); Dr David Hughes (item 11)

Apologies: Mr Andrew Connolly, Dr Bev O’Keefe

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. **Approved** the publication of the report ‘*Performance Improvement Framework based self-review of the Health Quality & Safety Commission, October 2019: Summary Report on the Commission’s website, following consultation with the State Services Commission and a final external edit.*
- b. **Action** the summary report ‘*Performance Improvement Framework self-review of the Health Quality & Safety Commission 2019*’ to be provided to the Minister and the Ministry of Health prior to publication.
- c. **Action** the PIF self-review Report will be part of the induction of new Board members.
- d. **Action** the summary PIF self-review Report will be sent to all external stakeholders that participated in the interview phase
- e. **Action** a refined strategy to be presented to the Board at the next meeting.
- f. **Action** a draft SOI will be brought to the Board at the next meeting
- g. **Accept** the approach to the budget bid.

- h. **Agreed** SuMRC Te Mauri: Rangitahi Suicide Report is **not** ready for publishing. Review and present next iteration to the Board in November.
- i. **Agreed to** publishing of the Asian Suicide Report following refinement.
- j. **Approved** the Adverse Event Report for publication, following a final review by the Board.
- k. **Agreed** the Minister and the Ministry will be briefed two weeks before publishing the Adverse Events Report on 21 November 2019.
- l. **Accepted** the financial report.
- m. **Approved** the appointment of the SuMRC Chair (Dr Sarah Fortune) and the reappointment of the PMMRC Deputy Chair (Stephanie Thomson).
- n. **Approved** the minutes of the Board meeting held in July as a true and accurate account.
- o. **Action** follow up with MRC team on the status of the Folic Acid – Advertising the benefits for women report. Email response to Chair of the consumer group.

Patient Story

The patient story featured a health care professional whose wife was diagnosed with stage four peritoneal cancer. In this video, he tells the story of his wife's diagnosis and their experience of the health system.

Performance improvement Framework Sign-off

The Board considered the '*Performance Improvement Framework based self-review of the Health Quality & Safety Commission, October 2019: Summary Report*', in near final form.

The summary report includes the full detail of the four-year excellence horizon, the internal review and the Commission's response. The report has a simplified introduction and results sections following Board feedback on the draft full report.

The summary report will be published online, following consultation with the State Services Commission, the Ministry of Health with a briefing to the Minister of Health and Associate Ministers of Health. A final external edit will also be undertaken.

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Four-Year Strategy Framework

The Strategy Framework is designed to incorporate the views of the PIF stakeholders involved in the shaping of the Four-Year Horizon, alongside the priorities of Government, the requirements of the Minister of Health in his letter of expectations and the various reviews that have taken place over the last year. The strategy will inform the Statement of Intent (SOI) 2020-2024 and the Statement of Performance Expectations for 2020/21. A draft Statement of Intent will be presented at the November Board meeting.

Dr Iwona Stolarek presented the emerging ideas for the Board's feedback. Strategic priorities were proposed for discussion:

1. Māori health advancement – a health system that is based on Te Tiriti o Waitangi
2. A consumer/whānau centred health system
3. Equity for all populations
4. A culturally safe system
5. A resilient system

Findings from major reviews such as WAI2575, the Health and Disability System Review, He Ara Oranga – Report of the Government Inquiry into Mental and Addiction and the review of the State Sector Act Review require us to think and deliver our work programme differently. The Board want to see the new directions reflected in the strategy and the Statement of Intent whilst also having continuity with existing priorities, rather than making sudden changes.

Overall, the Commission and the strategic direction we take depends on the funding constraints we have to work within and the outcome of the budget bid that is being proposed. We need to live within our means and do what we can to service the priorities of the day, fulfil our letter of expectations from the Minister and the Commission's legislatively mandated role.

Action a refined strategy to be presented to the Board at the next meeting in November.

Action that the draft SOI will be brought to the November meeting, then the draft SPE to the February meeting. Confirming the new strategy may impact on the timing of the draft SOI presented to the Board and the draft SPE scheduled to be presented to the Board in February 2020. It will also depend on indications from government on our 2020/21 funding.

Budget 2020 Budget Bid

During the 2019/20 planning process, the Commission signalled fiscal pressures to the Ministry of Health and the Minister of Health. While no additional funding was available for 2019/20, the Commission was invited to put forward budget bids for Budget 2020.

The Commission is proposing to submit four bids to the Ministry of Health on 28 September, with the cost pressures and structural deficit bid being the most pressing:

- a. cost pressures and structural deficit
- b. new activity in primary care
- c. new activity in building capability
- d. new activity to support *Choosing Wisely*.

Accept the approach to the budget bid. An update will be presented to the Board in February 2020.

SuMRC – Te Mauri: Rangitahi Suicide Report

Te Mauri Rangitahi Suicide Report is supported by the CYMRC, SuMRC and Ngā Pou Arawhenua, and is intended for publication in late November 2019.

The report uses an equity approach to highlight how social determinants of New Zealand's colonial history have created an environment for an over representation in Māori suicide rates.

The report analyses the administrative data in the CYMRC database, using qualitative methods, to identify themes where risk and protective factors from Rangatahi Māori (rangatahi); and presents quantitative data on the deaths of rangatahi (non-Māori and non-Pacific people) for children and young people aged up to 24 years.

Key qualitative findings include:

- Rangatahi aged 10-24 years living in the most deprived areas were 3-4 times more likely to die by suicide than non-Māori, non-Pacific children and young people living in areas of similar deprivation;
- In the period 2002-2016, suicide rates were consistently higher in rangatahi aged 10-24 years than in non-Māori and young people of the same age. Overall, rangatahi were 2.8 times more likely to die by suicide than non-Māori, non-Pacific children and young people;
- The suicide rate for tamawāhine (female) and rangatahi aged 10-24 years, was statistically significantly higher than for non-Māori, non-Pacific males. An examination of varying age-bands showed, suicide rates for tamawāhine rangatahi¹ were significantly higher than in non-Māori, non-Pacific males of the same ages. The results challenge the assumption that youth suicide rates are higher in males than females.

Agreed – the report was not ready for publishing. The next iteration will be presented to the Board in November.

SuMRC – Asian Suicide Report

This paper looks at understanding deaths by suicide in the Asian population of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Suicide is increasing in Aotearoa New Zealand, with people who deliberately harm themselves growing, and even more who contemplate suicide. For Asian people living in Aotearoa New Zealand, the rate is lower than Māori/non-Māori, however the suicides and mental distress that are reported, are compounded by issues related to their ethnicity and length of residence in this country. Both have profound effects on feeling a sense of belonging and connectedness which in turn affect mental health.

Mental distress and suicide affecting Asian people in this country have been a relatively hidden issue. The government has appropriately focused its concern with inequity mainly on its Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner, tangata whenua Māori and on our Pacific neighbours. Health and social policy should not ignore Asian mental health.

¹ Aged 10-24 years and aged 15-19 years

Agreed to publish the report with some refinement.

Draft 2018/19 Learning from Adverse Events Report

A near-final draft of the 2018/19 learning from adverse events report was presented to the Board and approval to publish the report on 21 November 2019 was sought.

The theme of this report is 'culture', and the need for a safety culture and transparency, reporting and learning from events.

Approved the Adverse Event Report for publication following a final review at the November Board meeting.

Agreed the Minister and the Ministry will be briefed two weeks before publishing on 21 November 2019.

Chief Executive Report

The CE gave an overview of the published interim report of the Health and Disability System Review. Heather Simpson confirmed her interest in attending the November Board meeting to hear the Commission's feedback on the initial findings. Alongside others, there have been several Hui/Fono around the country seeking feedback on two health strategies in development: the draft Māori and Pacific action plans. These strategies will have an impact on the work of the Commission.

The Chief Executive informed the Board about the patient experience surveys for DHBs and primary care contracts were up for renewal.

Finance Report

The main focus has been on preparing the budget bids for the Ministry of Health and completing the audit process (final visit week starting 30 September).

Accepted the financial results for the two months ending 31 August 2019.

SuMRC Chair appointment, POMRC Deputy Chair reappointment

The paper was introduced by the Chief Executive and requests approval for the appointment of the SuMRC Chair and the reappointment of the POMMRC Deputy Chair Reappointment. The Board agreed to the paper's proposals.

Agreed to appoint current Suicide Mortality Review Committee Deputy Chair Dr Sarah Fortune as Chair from 11 December 2019, replacing Prof Robert Kydd.

Agreed to reappoint Perioperative Mortality Review Committee Deputy Chair Stephanie Thomson for a second and final term of three years to 1 October 2022.

Papers for noting

- Proactive release
- Annual Report 2018-19
- Healthcare associated infection update

- Correspondence