

## Notes of the 60th meeting of the Health Quality & Safety Commission Board held on 25 May 2017 in Wellington

- Members: Prof Alan Merry (Chair), Dr Dale Bramley, Shelley Frost, Dame Alison Paterson, Heather Shotter, Gwen Tepania-Palmer
- Staff: Dr Janice Wilson, Karen Orsborn, Bevan Sloan, Richard Hamblin, Chris Walsh, Kiri Rikihana, Gillian Bohm, Iwona Stolarek, Charlie Charters (agenda item 11), Diane de Rochester (EA), Anna-Marie Frost (item 4\*)
- Guests: Anthony Hill (Health & Disability Commissioner), Dr Leona Wilson (POMRC Chair, item 6), Dr Jacqueline Short (Jackie) (FVDRC Chair, item 7), Dr Sue Belgrave (PMMRC Chair, item 8), Dr Lynn Sadler (PMMRC epidemiologist, item 8\*), Dr Felicity Dumble (CYMRC Chair, item 9\*), Darren Douglass (Deputy Chief Technology & Digital Services Officer, Ministry of Health, item 11).
- Apologies: Bob Henderson, Dr Bev O'Keefe
- Note: \* Via teleconference
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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 **noted**
- The CE Report was **noted**
  
- A **patient story** was provided by way of a video

### Key decisions – the Board:

- **agreed** to publish the Perioperative Mortality Review Committee's 6th Report on the Commission's website on 16 June 2017.
- **agreed** to publish the Family Violence Death Review Committee's Supplementary Data Report on the Commission's website on 20 June 2017.
- **agreed** to publish the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee's 11<sup>th</sup> Report on the Commission's website on 13 June 2017.
- **agreed** to publish the Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee's SUDI Report on the Commission's website on 21 June 2017.
- **agreed** to appoint Lisa Paraku and Robin Cronin to PMMRC for three years from 1 June 2017 to 1 June 2020, subject to the usual background checks.

## **Perioperative Mortality Review Committee's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

The Board welcomed Dr Leona Wilson to discuss the Perioperative Mortality Review Committee's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, which is planned to be published on 16 June in time for the committee's annual workshop in Wellington on 21 June. The report analyses perioperative mortality for 2010 to 2014 for two new special topic areas: a) perioperative mortality and socioeconomic deprivation, and b) 30-day mortality following abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) repair. The Board discussed the report's findings and recommendations, including the contribution of the mortality review committee Māori Caucus.

The Board:

- **agreed** to publish the Perioperative Mortality Review Committee's 6th Report on the Commission's website on 16 June 2017
- **noted** that a communications plan will be developed and the Minister's office will be included in this plan, and be briefed about this report prior to its publication

## **Family Violence Death Review Committee's Supplementary Data Report**

The Board welcomed Dr Short to discuss the Family Violence Death Review Committee's Supplementary Data Report, which is planned to be published on 20 June. The report presents quantitative data on family violence deaths in New Zealand from 2009 to 2015 and refers to the relevant information in FVDRC's 5<sup>th</sup> Report, which was published in February 2016. The Data Report is not a Statement of Performance Expectations deliverable requirement, because FVDRC already met its 2016/17 requirement by holding its first national conference in Wellington on 20 February.

The Board:

- **agreed** to publish the Family Violence Death Review Committee's Supplementary Data Report on the Commission's website on 20 June 2017, after the Minister's office has been informed.
- **noted** that the report is likely to be of public interest so a communications plan will be developed, and the Minister's office will be included in this plan, and be briefed about this report prior to its publication

## **Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

The Board welcomed Dr Sue Belgrave and Dr Lynn Sadler to discuss the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Report, which is planned to be published on 13 June, the day of the committee's annual workshop in Wellington. The report investigates the epidemiology of perinatal mortality from 2007 to 2015, maternal mortality from 2006 to 2015, babies with neonatal encephalopathy from 2010 to 2015, and perinatal and maternal mortality and morbidity for the 2015 calendar year. Dr Belgrave advised that there are three reports contained within the main report, which can stand alone in their own right.

The Board:

- **agreed** to publish the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee's 11<sup>th</sup> Report on the Commission's website on 13 June 2017
- **noted** that a communications plan will be developed and the Minister's office will be included in this plan, and be briefed about this report prior to its publication

### **Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee's special topic report on sudden unexplained death in infancy (SUDI)**

The Board welcomed Dr Dumble to discuss the Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee's special topic report on sudden unexplained death in infancy (SUDI), which is planned to be published on 21 June. The report finds that a high proportion of infant deaths from SUDI are preventable and that the burden of SUDI mortality is inequitable. The data shows that Māori, Pacific people, young mothers and people living in deprivation, are all at higher risk of experiencing SUDI.

The Board:

- **agreed** to publish the Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee's SUDI Report on the Commission's website on 21 June 2017
- **encouraged** the CYMRC to strengthen recommendations and draw attention to the issues of socio-economic deprivation and inequities
- **noted** that a communications plan will be developed and the Minister's office will be included in this plan, and be briefed about this report prior to its publication

### **Appointments of two new Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee members**

The Board discussed and approved proposed appointments of two new Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee (PMMRC) members, for terms of three years. The appointees are Robin Cronin (midwife) and Lisa Paraku (consumer). The paper also notes that recent PMMRC appointee Dr Michelle Wise has had to decline the offer of appointment. As her appointment was to be an additional ninth member, no replacement is required.

The Board:

- **agreed** to appoint Lisa Paraku and Robin Cronin to PMMRC for three years from 1 June 2017 to 1 June 2020, subject to the usual background checks
- **noted** that recently appointed PMMRC member Dr Michelle Wise has had to decline the offer of appointment, and will not be replaced

### **Future of eMedicines**

*Charlie Charters and Darren Douglass joined the meeting for this item*

Ms Orsborn introduced Charlie Charters and Darren Douglass to discuss recent developments in the Medicines Management Digital Services (MMDS) review, which involves the Commission due to its historic role supporting the introduction of electronic medicines management. The review has identified 36 recommendations, most of which

should be considered by a new MMDS governance group. It is expected that the Commission will continue to play a key role in MMDS, both in a governance and advisory capacity.

The MMDS programme will likely continue to seek the Commission's advice and leadership on the safe use of medicines management digital services. However, the Ministry of Health funding for the Commission's two eMeds staff finishes on 30 June 2017 and no future funding has yet been identified.

The Board:

- **noted** the findings and recommendations of the Medicines Management Digital Services strategic review
- **noted** that the Ministry of Health's funding for the Commission's two eMeds staff finishes on 30 June 2017 and no future funding has been identified.