

Notes of the 93rd meeting of the Health Quality & Safety Commission Board on 8th July 2022 held at Front & Centre, 69 Tory Street, Wellington.

8th July 2022

Members: Dr Dale Bramley (Chair), Prof Peter Crampton, Dr Wil Harrison, Dr Tristram Ingham, Dr Jenny Parr, Rae Lamb.

Staff: *In attendance:* Dr Janice Wilson, Gillian Bohm, Victoria Evans, Fritz Evile, Richard Hamblin, Kere Pomare, Bevan Sloan, Martin Thomas, Stephanie Turner, Chris Walsh, Deon York, Paula Farrand (EA to the Board), Shelley Hanifan (minutes).

Guests: Ria Earp – Chair, Te Rōpū, Frank Bristol – Acting Chair, Consumer Advisory Group, Morag McDowell – Health and Disability Commissioner.

Apologies: Mena Antonio, Mr Andrew Connolly, Shenagh Gleisner, Dr Collin Tukuitonga.

- 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**.
- A patient story was provided by way of a video.
- The Health and Disability Commissioner update was **noted**.
- The chief executive report was **noted**.
- The financial report, delegation policy and risk register were **discussed**.

Key decisions/actions

The board:

- a) discussed the Commission's new function under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act, to make recommendations
- b) provided advice and directions to support the development of the Commission's Directions Update 2022 paper
- c) were provided with a verbal update on the developing COVID Window 2
- d) provided direction on the Commission's briefing to the Minister on the future of mortality review.

Commission's recommendation function in the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022

The Commission now has a function to make recommendations, added to its functions in the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act. This new function may enable the Commission to have more influence, but it will need to be thoughtfully applied. While we have the function, we have no powers to require it to be implemented.

The support placed around a recommendation is especially important. Any recommendations made will need to be well worked through with those with the ability to

implement them and have good evidence. Recommendations need to be clearly directed, and those they are directed to, will need to be heard and consulted.

Update on board strategy

The chief executive introduced the paper and asked for board comments and input.

- We will need to incorporate our new function to make recommendations into our Directions Update 2022.
- We will need to be clear about what we mean when we talk about quality governance. The chief executive noted that we use the term quality governance to refer to the idea of clinical governance, with appropriate consumer, whānau, te Tiriti and population group partnerships and participation. The importance of applying and layering quality governance across the system and working to facilitate maturity was discussed. Work is being undertaken within the Commission to consider international models of quality governance, as well as how we can draw from te ao Māori models.
- Our partnerships and relationships are important to advancing our work.
 - Relationships with Te Aka Whai Ora were discussed, and it was reported that the Commission is working closely with Te Aka Whai Ora on a project on whānau voices. Our working relationship with Te Aka Whai Ora is positive and they have been responsive and keen to work with us.
 - Relationships with Whaikaha are also important and we will need to establish these.
- We need to think about equity – quality, access, and the wider determinants that occur upstream.
- Monitoring staff experience was also noted as a critical area of focus.

Update on COVID Window Part 2

Work is progressing at pace, and it is anticipated that the report will be delivered to the board prior to the next board meeting. The approach to the COVID Window is to consider and compare internationally and locally, and over time. Contextualising in this way provides vital information to aid understanding.

From discussion about the current understanding of the data related to cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment, the board recommended that the Window relate our current understanding based on information, and highlight that further analysis is underway within Te Aho o Te Kahu.

There was discussion around data gaps, particularly in-home and community, and aged residential care. The possibility of making a recommendation around data gaps was discussed.

National mortality review function

Discussion focussed on communications planning and the need to ensure clear messaging.

Noting papers

There were no comments or feedback on the noting papers.