

Friday 8 February 2019, 10 am

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Ms T Fletcher, Community member
Ms M Lennan, Community member
Ms A Mathieson, Community member
Ms H Nascimento-Blair, Community member
Mr P O'Donoghue, Community member
Ms S Rawlinson, Community member (Co-Chair)
Ms E Warren, Community member
Dr J Wilson, Community member (Co-Chair)

RHW In Attendance :

Ms V Madunic, General Manager
Ms H McCarthy, Director of Nursing & Midwifery Services
Ms C Price, Manager, Clinical Practice Improvement
Dr J Svensson, Health Education Co-ordinator & Diversity Health Officer
Ms J East Secretariat

2. APOLOGIES:

Ms M Berry, Manager, Social Work Dept
Ms A Jezewski, Community member
Ms G Parsonage, Community member

The Chair welcomed Vanessa Madunic back from long service leave and Elizabeth Warren a new community member.

The Chair congratulated Helen McCarthy and the midwifery staff on the article in The Herald on homebirth.

H McCarthy briefly outlined the homebirth service :

- proud of the service which gives women choice and they feel comfortable whether they give birth here or at home
- importance is placed on the safe delivery of mother and baby
- there have been 10 home deliveries since the service began in July – currently just within our catchment area
- the service is currently meeting demand which is 4 a month
- midwives are all from Midwifery Group Practice
- the Nursing & Midwifery Office at the Ministry of Health provided the funding for a temporary homebirth mentor to work with staff and as they get more experience they will become mentors
- support from obstetricians has been good
- input from consumer representatives when setting up

It was agreed to organise a presentation at a future meeting.

A Matheson gave a brief outline of her daughter's recent birth experience at Canberra Hospital. During discussion the following points were noted :

- Communication with the patient is important – C Price noted RHW organises a debrief if the patient has issues and sometimes the extended family is invited
- When feedback is received relating to communication the opportunity is taken to remind staff and if necessary meet with relevant staff
- H McCarthy explained the staff tool Birthrate Plus which is used in public maternity hospitals/units for staff ratios. It is reviewed every three years by collecting activity statistics over a three month period. There is no funding attached if numbers increase. RHW operates a flexible workforce. Private hospitals do not use this tool. Private midwives do not have access to deliver at RHW.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

I would like to acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting today and pay my respects to their elders both past and present.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the previous meeting held 7 December 2018 were approved.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1 **Action Items – updated**

It was agreed to hold the planning workshop in place of the April meeting and extend the time to 3 hours. T Wills will be asked to give a redevelopment update at the June meeting.

6. **STANDING ITEMS**

6.1 **Youth Health & Diversity update**

J Svensson advised the SESLHD Youth Health Implementation Working party meetings are on hold. The District has engaged consultants to develop a Youth Health Strategy.

A Carer's Strategy is in the final draft stage – this was a consumer led working party to develop the strategy.

6.2 **Quality & Safety Data**

C Price outlined the information circulated on Hospital Acquired Complication (HAC).

6.3 **Patient Feedback**

C Price noted the Ministry of Health Women's Experience Summary circulated for information and welcomed feedback.

6.4 **Feedback from Hospital Committee representatives**

Clinical Council did not meet December 2018 or January 2019.

H Nascimento-Blair noted she did not attend the latest SESLHD Clinical Ethics Committee.

6.5 RHW Clinical Services Plan Executive Steering Committee
A draft has been circulated and an informal meeting of community representatives will be held to discuss the document.

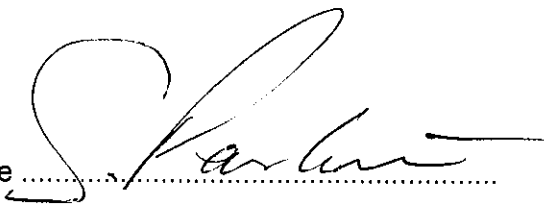
6.6 Annual Plan 2018/19
Nil

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Reflective Space (previously called Prayer Room)
The Committee expressed concern that the room is very uninviting and the unsuitability of the furniture. Further consultation will occur so that the room is accessible for everyone and that it is appropriately furnished.

7.2 Hospital tour for members
C Price and M Fenn are available after the meeting.

7.3 Royal Hospital for Women Foundation
Deferred to next meeting.

Signature 

Date 7/6/19