

Friday 9 October 2015, 10 am

INFORMAL NOTES

PRESENT:

Ms N Cowlshaw, Community member (telephone)
Ms T Fletcher, Community member (telephone)
Ms H Mantziaris, Community member (Co-chair)
Dr J Wilson, Community member (Co-chair)

RHW/SESLHD representation :

Ms H Jarman, Acting Director of Nursing & Midwifery Services, RHW
Ms V Madunic, Acting General Manager, RHW
Ms L Woodhart, Clinical Practice Improvement Manager, RHW
Ms J East, Secretariat RHW

2. APOLOGIES:

Ms L Craig, Community member
Ms E Hutchings, Community member
Mr P O'Donoghue, Community member
Ms S Rawlinson, Community member
Dr J Svensson, Health Education Co-ordinator and Diversity Health Officer, RHW

As there wasn't a quorum present an informal meeting was held with discussion only.

PRESENTATION – Ms Helen Jarman (HJ), Midwifery Clinical Co-Director, Maternity Services Division – how the Hospital engages with the Aboriginal community and the various groups involved

- It is not the preference of Aboriginal elders to attend meetings at the Hospital
- HJ attends a monthly meeting at La Perouse which has the input of a number of elders
- There is a Malabar Midwifery link service – a presentation was given to the Committee in August 2014
- Tertiary care is taken out into the community
- Randwick Council have donated funds which are used to provide taxi vouchers and the Malabar Midwifery Group have two cars
- Originally held a Steering Committee at La Perouse but due to low attendance we are reviewing other options
- External funding has provided programmes for young mothers
- Recently held a two day community workshop at La Perouse with the Australian Breastfeeding Association which was well attended
- Hosted a lunch with the elders last December – hoping to repeat this year
- Received three year's funding from the RHW Foundation to employ an Aboriginal mentored midwife
- University of Sydney has a programme to train Aboriginal midwives and nurses – there is a mentorship programme through the Aboriginal training cadetship
- RHW has had two midwives under this programme – both are now on secondment to the Ministry of Health as advisers