



Clinical Council

Summary of August 31, 2015 Meeting

Update on Contract Negotiations for Rural Trust Hospitals

Sandra Boardman, Executive Director Planning and Funding, presented this item.

Sandra noted that there has been a further meeting with Waitaki District Health Services regarding their contract but this matter has yet to be resolved. There was also a meeting about the suggested Waitaki boundary change by Waitaki District Health. If they decide to proceed, Waitaki District Health Services will need to develop and consult on a formal boundary change proposal before presenting the results of consultation to the Minister of Health for a decision.

Partnership forum for replacement of clinical services building. How do we ensure clinical involvement in planning new clinical service? How do we start service design in anticipation of new facilities?

Peter Beirne, Executive Director Infrastructure & Strategic Projects, presented these items to the Council.

Partnership Forum: The Ministry group "partnership forum" is to be formed and will include Carole Heatly and Kathy Grant as members from Southern DHB. The Terms of Reference for this group are yet to be released but it was noted that it will follow the better business case processes and the National Capital Committee guidelines.

There will be reference groups set up for the process: Clinical Services Building replacement vs. start at beginning with services need for population for next 20 years.

Clinical Involvement: The workshop on partnership (set up) principles will have to await the formation of the Ministry Partnership Group as they will need to have a say in what the principles should be. It was noted that the partnership group will not oversee the interim works

Appointment to New Chief Medical Officer Role

The following update on this appointment from Carole Heatly was tabled.

"The recruitment to the post of CMO is progressing. This is a key post for the DHB and it's essential that we get the right person. To make sure this happens I have undertaken a comprehensive engagement process with the SMOs.

I e-mailed every SMO and asked their thoughts on putting together the post of CMO and Medical Director of Patient Services. There was overwhelming support for this. I then sent the Change Proposal and a draft Job description to every SMO and asked for feedback, which I received. I included the SMO union in all of this. I also emailed every SMO to let them know when the post would be advertised. Unfortunately some missed the deadline who might have an interest so I re opened the application process for another two weeks.

After the closing date we will move to formal interview of those who have expressed an interest in this second trawl. This will be the week commencing 21st September. I have asked the Chair of the Otago joint staff committee and the Chair of the Southland's medical staff committee to nominate two SMOs each to join me, the Commissioner and the national chief medical officer, in shortlisting candidates.

These nominated SMOs will then join a nominated SMO from the medical directors, and the Better Medical Engagement group to interview the candidates, score and rank them and make a recommendation to me. I will ask a nominated GM, nurse director and allied health director to do the same. The candidates will then have a final interview with me, the Commissioner and the National CMO and we will take the recommendations of the other two panels into consideration. This is an extensive process and I hope we can attract the right candidate. However, if we don't, then I will open the applications to external candidates”.

Radiology Southland

There was discussion regarding radiology services at Southland Hospital and this will be a formal item on the agenda of a future meeting.

Mr Richard Bunton, Acting Chair