


# National Renal Advisory Board Meeting

| MEETING DETAILS       |   |
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| <b>Date and time:</b> | 9.30am to 2.30pm Friday 8 May 2015  |
| <b>Venue:</b>         | Learning Centre Room 1105, Level 11, Ward Support Block, Wellington Hospital, Riddiford St, Newtown, Wellington |

| Committee Members  |  |
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| Murray Leikis (Chairperson), Michael Papesch, Rachael Walker, Tonya Kara, Kay McLaughlin, Fredric Doss, Jo-Anne Deane, Janine Cochrane, John Schollum, Ian Dittmer, Chris Hood, Nick Cross, Max Reid |  |
| <b>Apologies</b>   | Jo-Anne Deane, Michael Papesch, John Schollum, Jo-Anne Deane |
| <b>By Invitation</b>   |  |
| <b>Minutes Taken By</b>  | Prue Fieldes   |

| No.            | Item  | Discussion/Action   | Responsibility  |
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| <b>Minutes</b> |   |   |   |
| 1              | Review of the Board minutes recorded at the previous meeting held on <b>13 March 2015</b> , and subsequent correspondence | The previous NRAB minutes (attached) were taken as true by Rachael Walker and seconded by Tonya Kara.   | <b>Rachael Walker/<br/>Tonya Kara</b>                                   |
| 2              | Review of the action points recorded on <b>13 March 2015 – Open Discussion</b>  | <p>Item 4: At the last meeting it was noted that Murray was preparing a letter regarding renal services at Palmerston North to management of Mid-Central DHB. This has been done through the Central Region Clinical and Service Leaders and an appropriate reply has been received. Murray will be credentialing the Palmerston North service in July 2015 and NRAB will follow up in 6 months to a year.</p> <p>Item 5: Murray has written a letter of thanks to Nick Polaschek for his significant contribution to the NRAB and renal services in New Zealand. Murray attended a farewell at the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>Item 9: Murray has written to Medsafe and Jansen-Cilag regarding administration of Eprex via subcutaneous route. A reply has been received from Medsafe re Eprex. Medsafe note Eprex can be used via the subcutaneous route.</p> | <p><b>Murray Leikis</b></p> <p><b>Murray Leikis/<br/>Tonya Kara</b></p> |
| 3              | Review of the public version of NRAB minutes from the meeting held on <b>13 March 2015</b>                                | These were agreed to. Michael was asked to continue to prepare these.   | <b>Michael Papesch</b>  |

| <b>Regional Roundup</b> |   |  |   |
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| 4                       | Northern                                  | In Auckland DHB there has been a change in the leadership structure with a managerial Clinical Director role with budget responsibility. William Wong is no longer Clinical Director of Starship Renal Services. Ian agreed to send Murray names of appropriate people once structure sorted. Transplant services will be under a separate management structure.<br>The cost of the New Dialysis Build at Greenlane Hospital is such that it will require Ministerial approval. A consultant is writing the appropriate business case.   | <b>Ian Dittmer</b>  |
|                         | Waikato                                   | Nothing to report.   |   |
|                         | Central                                   | There has been a recent Renal Service and Clinical Leaders meeting. One objective is to have contracts centralised in line for 2017 health alliance negotiations. There have been issues with the Baxter supply chain of PD fluids, although this is now resolved.<br><br>Palmerston North Service has appointed Curtis Walker 0.4FTE to Renal. There is pressure on the number of Senior Nursing positions in Palmerston North Hospital with potential reviews of those roles.  |   |
|                         | Southern                                  | Low numbers applying for advanced training across the region. There are few people showing interest in Dunedin for Advanced Training.  |   |
| <b>New Business</b>     |   |  |   |
| 5.                      | NRAB Structure, Composition, and Function | <br>Terms of reference<br>April 2015.doc<br><br>Janine Cochrane is resigning from Board due to a role change and time commitments. Murray has thanked her for her time and will send out an expression of interest to heads of units to disseminate. We need to keep in mind that Michael's term comes to an end at end of this year. KHNZ will assist in finding a new person. Max to put on his agenda. Fredric's term also finishes at end of 2015. John Schollum finishes at end of 2015 and will look at a replacement at the end of year NZ Renal Group meeting in October. | <b>Murray Leikis</b><br><br><br><b>Max Reid</b><br><br><b>John Schollum</b> |
| <b>General</b>          |   |  |   |
| 6                       | NZ Chapter of the ANZSN                   | No further update beyond noting that the Baxter Conference is next week.<br><br>The New Zealand Renal Group meeting is Thursday 15 (evening) and Friday 16 October (all day). Registrars should be strongly encouraged to attend. It is at Bolton Hotel, Wellington and there will be minimal sponsorship.   | <b>Murray Leikis</b>  |
| 7                       | Nephrology Advanced Training              | There has been slow progress. Jo Dunlop and Janak de Zoysa asking for a consensus of around about 5 trainees per year so that there is a minimum of 15 per year in training. As there are typically fewer jobs than this coming up a year at the moment, there is a lot of work to do to iron out process for trainees. The RSA is looking at doing a workforce survey which is an opportunity to add medical staffing in alongside other staff to help predict and plan services.   | <b>Murray Leikis</b>  |

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| 8          | Tier 2 document update                                      | Murray to send Tier 2 document around Heads of Unit once NRAB draft is complete. It will also need to be consulted with and eventually approved by MOH.  | <b>Murray Leikis</b>  |
| 9          | PTAC Nephrology subcommittee And Medicines                  | <p>There is a PTAC meeting in December. The issues surrounding multivitamin pills is still with Pharmac but David Voss will address this also at the New Zealand Renal Group meeting in October.</p> <p>Chris Hood is exploring the use of Metformin in late stage CKD patients. The discussion concluded that this was best done with ethics approval as it goes outside current accepted use of Metformin, and it could be run a clinical trial. Chris will explore further.</p> <p>The NRAB noted that Ferrinject being marketed for use as a quick IV iron injection. This has the potential to be very good for patients as a quick injection rather than a longer infusion however not currently seen as cost effective as is significantly more expensive and still needs IV access. Its use may have an impact on service budgets as won't attract a PUC code for a day case as less it would result in a less than 3 hour admission. Services will need to assess local impact if introduced.</p>   | <b>Tonya Kara</b><br><br><b>Chris Hood</b>  |
| 10         | Vaccination Schedule  | <p>Vaccinations group looking at recommended vaccines and how best to have access for patients. Some units have trained vaccination staff which could be used; the meeting noted a concern that patients will not go to their GPs for extra visits as they may charge patients (therefore providing a barrier).</p> <p>Tonya is meeting with a small working group for this. They will look at the possibility of recommending that Units have a trained vaccinator and NRAB could facilitate this. The work will also need to discuss the need for an immunisation register.</p> <p>Murray will email Peter Sizeland to thank him for assisting.</p>  | <b>Tonya Kara</b><br><br><b>Murray Leikis</b>   |
| <b>CKD</b> |   |  |   |
| 11         | CKD pilots / Symposium / National Strategy – <b>Rachael</b> | <p>The Ministry of Health has been having meetings with the CKD working group regarding implementation of the recommendations and drafted a letter to PHOs. There will need to be engagement with the local renal services for clarity around local referral guidelines and how to assist the PHOs with the rollout of the BPAC tools and understanding of CKD risk. It is proposed that this be out to all Centres by end of year.</p> <p>The NRAB is supportive of using the BPAC data to look at what the number of patients with various stages of CKD is currently. There are no resources within NRAB and the MOH may need to support this as part of the project. KHNZ would be supportive as well and would like to assist. This discussion could be had at the next CKD teleconference.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the development of a CKD epidemiology group. There has been an email from John Collins suggesting this initiative with a view to getting groups of people together. There are few skilled people in this area within renal and would need collaboration from others. This ties in well with the presentation from Dr Hood last meeting about using the Medsafe data sets to investigate CKD epidemiology. Wing (Public Health Physician CMDHB) and Rod Jackson work in this research area and have expressed interest in helping renal to provide input. Chris Hood is interested in leading this group and would need to look at financial implications and resource needs such as a bio-statistician. Chris asked to join in on the CKD teleconferences and Rachael to feedback at teleconference next week.</p> <p>Murray to write to John re NRAB support and suggest Chris lead the project. Suggestions that Suetonia Palmer could also be involved.</p> | <b>Rachael Walker</b><br><br><b>Max Reid/ Murray Leikis</b><br><br><b>Chris Hood Rachael Walker</b><br><br><b>Murray Leikis</b> |

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| 12                             | RRT Access in NZ                                    | <p>Murray has made further changes to the document. Nick Cross has highlighted some areas that need tidying up for clarification regarding patient choice, along with the decision not to offer dialysis when there is no benefit to the patient.</p> <p>Murray to circulate with the changes then to HODs for further consultation including MOH. Consumers will also need to be consulted, possibly through MOH. Other options for consideration of consultation are Health and Disability Commission, Ron Paterson for comment, or Bruce Northey.</p>   | <b>Murray Leikis</b>                          |
| <b>Dialysis</b>                |   |  |   |
| 13                             | Management of ineligible patients within NZ –       | Nothing new reported. No longer considered necessary as agenda item due to small numbers of ineligible patients.   | <b>Jo-Anne Deane/<br/>Janine<br/>Cochrane</b> |
| 14                             | PD Registry Update / PDOPPS update                  | <p>John Collins is chair of registry. Christchurch are interested in submitting data if it can be extracted out of their current database. PD Registry is sharing data with ANZDATA. A document has to be sent to all Units to get PD Registry/ ANZDATA and consent. The meeting discussed Auckland DHB's consent document, and other units should consider utilising similar information (Wellington have local information sheet).</p> <p>Thu Nguyen has replaced Maha Yehia on the PD Registry as a research fellow. Funding is marginal for running registry but currently using a top slice funding stream.</p> | <b>John Collins</b>                           |
| 15                             | Disaster Planning, patient and service preparedness | <p>The Northern Regional Disaster Plan remains in development. Kay to contact Suzanne Joynt in Auckland and Cheryl Kiwi in Northland re their Disaster Plans, John Irvine also published a paper from Christchurch's experience. Wellington has their own local plan with very good detail.</p> <p>Kay to get all regional disaster plans collated into a summary document for publication. Debbie Eastwood a good contact person for this. Ministry have a website which could be a place to put these documents on. Kay to email Ian re address.</p>   | <b>Kay<br/>McLaughlan</b>                     |
| 16                             | Health Alliance Contracts                           | No further update. Aiming to get National agreements as there are variations in pricing throughout the country and the best outcome would be one National pricing contract. This to be worked through next year.   | <b>Murray Leikis</b>                          |
| <b>Transplant</b>              |   |  |   |
| 17.                            | National Tx activity                                | Nick presented on progress to date and he will present to the next meeting. Nick to look into link with KHNZ   | <b>Nick Cross</b>                             |
| 18.                            | Kidney Exchange                                     | A three way Kidney Exchange is being arranged for June between Christchurch and Auckland. Ian is presenting on Tuesday week at a Conference on this and will have more to report after that.   | <b>Ian Dittmer</b>                            |
| 19                             | National Renal Transplant Service.                  | See item 17 above.   |   |
| <b>Standard Report Updates</b> |   |  |   |
| 20                             | Report on Kidney Health New Zealand                 | Max discussed issues around income replacement for live kidney donors and suggested increasing rates of reimbursement for live donors to match ACC rates rather than the current sickness benefit rate. Another model would be that if Donors lose their wages then their total wages should be replaced. Max was looking to support this when it went to Select Committee.  | <b>Max Reid</b>                               |

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|                       |   | <p>Kidney Health are in new offices</p> <p>KHNZ will also be running an educational programme in Palmerston North for health care professionals and patients next week.</p> <p>KHNZ's research funding has been random and the process is being looked at.</p>  |  |
| 21                    | <p>Subcommittee reports</p> <p>1. Standards &amp; Audits</p> <p>2. RSA / Nursing Interest Group</p> <p>3. NZ Board of Dialysis Practice</p> | <p>A report nearly together and should be presented in the next month. Ideally by October data will be ready.</p> <p>NAG group are meeting next week. Two main tasks are Nephrology Nursing and Knowledge Framework Survey and Workforce Survey which is currently under discussion. RSA is also undergoing a Governance Review, with the Constitution also under review. This will be voted on in June at AGM.</p> <p>The last Board meeting was in April 2015, and a further teleconference scheduled for next week.</p> <p>The NZQA monitors completed their examination of the MIT dialysis qualification in April 2015. Very positive feedback. One of the recommendations was for NZBDP to consider not having an external exam for the course monitored and approved by NZBDP. Board will be taking this into consideration. There will be registration exam in place still for overseas registrants.</p> <p>Dr John Collins resigned from NZBDP as nephrologist representative. Fredric will write to Murray to seek nomination for nephrologist to replace his position.</p> <p>Clinical Physiologist Registration Board will commence its online payment, receipt, issue of APC from July 2015.</p> <p>The RSA NZ- NZBDP will hold a combined conference in Auckland in 2016.</p> | <p><b>Tonya Kara</b></p> <p><b>Kay McLaughlin/<br/>Rachael Walker</b></p> <p><b>Fredric Doss</b></p> |
| 22                    | Ministry of Health  | No replacement for Nick Polaschek as Ministry representative has been confirmed. Murray to follow through.  | <b>Murray Leikis</b>   |
| 23                    | Update for National Strategy for Pacific Renal Service Development  | The ANZSN is actively looking to developing relationships with Pacific Renal Services.  |  |
| <b>Other Business</b> |   |   |  |
| 24                    | New Work Streams for 2015   | <p>New Work Streams for 2015 are moving along:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing home dialysis numbers have been talked about in the past, previous experience is that establishing a target is not helpful. Rachael is doing valuable work around Home Dialysis and barriers to getting patients home.</li> <li>Power and water prices are variable across the country. Auckland funder is keen to look at home water use.</li> <li>Tier 2 documents and access to dialysis need completing in 2015.</li> </ul>  | <b>ALL</b>   |

**Next Meeting:- Manukau Super Clinic, 901 Great South Road, Manurewa**

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| <b>Date:</b> Friday 14 August 2015 (Apologies: Ian) | <b>Time:</b> 9.30am | <b>Venue:</b> Conference Room 3, Manukau Super Clinic, 901 Great South Road, Manurewa |
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