

National Renal Advisory Board

Held on Wednesday, 8 March 2023

9:30am – 2:00pm

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Advisory Board

Chairperson	Catherine Tracy
Board Members	Adam Mullan, Andrew Henderson, Balaji Jagannathan, Blair Donkin, Bruce Henderson, Caroline Chembo, David Semple, Helen Eddington, Mary Mallon, Robin Erickson, Tina Sun, Traci Stanbury, Helen Hoffman (MoH), Sara Chester (MoH)
Guests	Dr Chris Hood, Clinical Director, Medicine Counties District Dr Andy Salmon, Medical Advisor Kidney Health New Zealand Mary Cleary-Lyons, Lead - Engagement & Operations Hospital & Specialist Operating Model Laura Laileone
Apologies	Sara Chester, Tina Sun

ACTION ITEMS

2b.	Speak to Tina Sun to discuss alignment/regional solution (RenalReality)	Catherine
2e.	Touch base with NTA to start a discussion around transport to and from dialysis and for patients who are having to stay away from home (cost of motels); could then have a small discussion with CNM's who may have better understanding; Will also touch base with with Mary Clearly-Lyons around NTA	Catherine

MINUTES

Ref	Topic	Time
1.0	Information Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Meeting Minutes (2 Nov 2022) • SGLT2i Letter has been sent off to PHARMAC, another letter coming (Drew) • RenalReality Update from Allister Williams • Aotearoa New Zealand Haemodialysis Infrastructure Survey • Strategic Context for Clinical Networks Paper (Draft) • ToR: National Specialty Service Network (Draft) • Clinical Networks Establishment Timeline (Draft) • District Updates 	
2.0	General Business	
2a.	Previous Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted. 	Catherine
2b.	NRAB Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Cross has resigned from NRAB as ex-officio member as he has resigned from his position with the NZ Transplant Board; Te Whatu Ora sorting process around advertising the role; group agreed to wait until that process is complete 	Catherine



2c.	RenalReality Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around NRAB taking feedback from founder of RealityApps due to being in a conflicting role• Discussion around some of the issues; not a prescribing platform• Haemodialysis and PD prescriptions another area that is a real problem; doesn't solve the satellite unit issue, impossible to get signed hardcopy through in a timely fashion• Catherine to speak to Tina Sun to discuss alignment/regional solution	Adam
2d.	Australian & NZ Dialysis Board <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AUT Renal physiology students have 10-12 weeks clinical placement, started on 7 March; have been receiving enquiries about prospective student considering to take this course 2nd semester• Physiologist training pathway Hui meetings are on-going with Martin Chadwick CAHPO along with all physiology profession leaders, training providers and educators; discussed on-going challenges of each professional groups such as equity, funding challenges and HR issues such as recruitment, retention and aging workforces; also discussed education pathways and the lack of NZ based solutions for some specialities• Shaiju Thaikandy who is the current deputy chair will be the chair when Balaji steps down end of 2023• Society website updated with public membership registry, online journal club, digital membership, etc• Written a letter formally proposing the inclusion of Australian Renal clinical physiologist into the Australian Council for Clinical Physiologists• Society education day and AGM held on 25 Nov	Balaji
2e.	NZ Chapter of the ANZSN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates about several conferences taking place from Drew• DNT is happening in a few weeks; significant input coming from the NZ Heart Society; good level of key engagement• Care Quality meeting looking at improvement projects around the country around May/June	Drew
2f.	Home Dialysis Power and Water costs in NZ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around some of the costs involved for home dialysis patients• Some variations within and outside regions; more expensive further north• Discussion around the inequity as incentre is paid for but those out there are not• Need a consistent national approach as to how we get patients to and from dialysis• Group decided to take issue back to regional groups to look at and report back to NRAB• Catherine to touch base with NTA to start a discussion around transport to and from dialysis and for patients who are having to stay away from home (cost of motels); could then have a small discussion with CNM's who may have better understanding	Adam
2g.	Hep B Vaccination <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around why the national guidance from New Zealand is in variance to every other international guidance in the world;• NRAB supports letter to be written to the immunisation committee and Pharmac to try and work out why there is a variance.	Helen
2h.	Incentre Dialysis Demand & Future Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Chris Hood, Clinical Director, Counties Manukau District presented a plan to ELT at Counties; would like to get thoughts from NRAB around dialysis capacity	Chris H



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around the difficulty of keeping up with dialysis capacity as in-centre dialysis population grows; struggling to keep up; building new capacity seems to be a slow process• Working on business case for large unit for 4-5 years but has been pushed back; told that the envelope for major capital investments will be closed until 2024; at that time Te Whatu Ora will be requesting what they want from the services• Chris spoke to Kidney society; already have a service agreement with them to have 3 dialysis houses which counties uses for independent haemo patients who do not have the ability or house to dialysis in; Kidney Society maintain it; plan is to leverage that model and extend it to satellite dialysis; they would provide dialysis capacity (house) Counties would send the patients and nurses;• Some discussion around how Kidney Society does it (ie mortgage, service agreement, etc)• Benefits are time and cost• Challenge: need to do it in cost free way;• Do not want new facility to be electronic; keen to keep away from any kind of international standard• Concern raised about how this is why there are so many sub-standard dialysis units across Aotearoa;	
2i.	Dialysis Capacity Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around the draft version of Haemodialysis Infrastructure survey• Board members acknowledged that the report was well written and highlights the state of what renal services are nationally; should go to Te Whatu Ora• Key decisions to be made around publication and publicising on NRAB website; would like to call for feedback from various teams and then get it back to NRAB in May	Andy S
2j.	National Clinical Networks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around establishment of networks and how national and regional networks can support driving the changes that are needed• Currently waiting for consultation to come out on the structure for hospital and specialist services – hoping for 16 March but could be pushed back 1-2 weeks; intention is to get on with consulting and have that done before the next financial year• An important bit will be around how or where the resource will come from• Proposal that is now with the executive leadership is that each network that is set-up should have at least a dedicated 0.4 FTE of clinical lead time which would be funded and that there is an equivalent amount for Maori professional clinical leadership; still has to be approved – in addition will be supported by up to 0.7 FTE of someone like a programme manager; other bits built in are commitment to support from improvement team and finance support, data analytics support and some comms support• National networks will sit with in national hospital and specialists services team headed by Fiona Dugan, National Hospital & Service Director; one of her appointments recently has been Joanne Gibbs, National Director for System Delivery; Joanne will have the national responsibility and accountability for planned care, acute flow and for clinical networks; the intention is that networks get established, we have national leadership that's employed in in that network reporting into Joanne• Paper going to ELT next week; hoping to get confirmation about what the position is around funding; hoping to then start putting together a programme on how we will progress with the different networks; will be thinking about recruitment for various roles and getting a plan in place• Intention is to get a programme plan together which is signed off and agreed by Te	Mary CL



	<p>Aka Whai Ora and HSS Leadership Team and then share that with NRAB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With regards to the Tier 2 Doc - no feedback at the moment; will come back via Catherine on that to the board• Catherine may also touch base with Mary around NTA side of things	
2k.	<p>Regional Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports circulated to board members	

Next Meeting: 10 May 2023