

ABORIGINAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Meeting
Held on Wednesday, 8th November 2006
Commencing at 11.00 am at Naracoorte Health Service**

"We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country. We also pay respect to Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia present here."

1. PRESENT

Des Hartman, Doug Nicholls, Fiona Wilson, Sharon Kelly, Les Bonney, Lance Riley, Helen Chalmers, Tom Neilson, Gwen Owen

2. APOLOGIES

Cliff Owen, Kerry Bonney and Val Brennan

3. AHAC MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES

Gwen advised verbal responses from Fiona Wilson, Julie and Joanne (all from Bordertown area).

Helen Chalmers advised we advertised formally for members which led to three enquiries but no formal appointments.

In Naracoorte, there were a number of people on census data for this area identified as aboriginal.

We need to develop a proforma for applications but ask they include outline of what they may contribute.

- Flyer to advertise through Pangula Mannamurna network.
- Nomination from Barrundies (Des on their Board as is Val).

Actions

- ⇒ **Les to enquire re family members in Naracoorte.**
- ⇒ **Flyer to be developed – Helen/Sharon – Les.**
- ⇒ **Youth contacts via Pangula CEO.**
- ⇒ **Letter to Tina Summers (Barrundies) re nomination from their Board – Helen.**

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- The Terms of Reference were tabled. An addition should be CEO of Pangula Mannamurna and Barrundies (under service provider) plus youth representation.
- We need to consider nomination of a Deputy Chair at next meeting.
- A minimum of four consumer members for quorum.
- Quarterly reports from both Pangula Mannamurna and SERCHS.

5. HUMAN RESOURCES

An update was given regarding the HACCC Co-ordinator position appointment and other workforce initiatives in SERCHS.

6. ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CEREMONY – KINGSTON HEALTH SERVICES

- Proposed week starting 11th December.
- Les spoke with Moogie today – confirmed for 15th December, 2006 with accommodation, etc., to be arranged.
- Gwen to follow up with Irene.
- Doug raised why the need to “rush” to do it in December. Doug is concerned re community consultation, process and timeline.
- Agreement was reached for 15th December, 2006.

Actions

- ⇒ **Gwen to contact Irene to attend**
- ⇒ **Doug and Eric to meet next week – Friday, 10th November to arrange**
- ⇒ **Flyers out quickly to HMS – Helen**
- ⇒ **Information to be circulated by all**
- ⇒ **Aboriginal Cultural Ceremony – 11.00 am start followed by lunch**

7. ANUNGU BIBI STATEWIDE REPORT

- Tom Neilson advised the programme had been approved by CHSA Board.
- Programme needs to be developed to link in with current programmes and increase capacity rather than duplicate.
- Unique centres of learning focussed around workforce issues are also proposed.
- Aboriginal Health Forum established – Chairs of AHACs and other Health representatives.
- Board's view is current 7 AHACs will remain at this point in time to avoid further confusion.
- Aboriginal Health Forum receives advice from AHACs.
- Comments also made by Lance re role of capital funds to support Aboriginal developments.

- Positions of both Executive Director and Director of Aboriginal Health advertised recently.
- Some Country Health Aboriginal positions may co-locate with Aboriginal Health Division into future.
- Country Health will be focussed on developing mainstream services to improve and develop way they provide culturally respectful and appropriate services to Aboriginal people.
- Lance provided information re some opportunities to work with both State and Commonwealth Governments.

8. PARTNERSHIP MOVING FORWARD PLAN

- One meeting has occurred.
- Further consultation to occur.

9. SOUTH EAST WELLBEING GROUP

Plan and proposals to be forwarded and presented at next meeting for consideration.

10. BUSINESS CASE FOR STATE FUNDING

- Paper produced by Pangula Mannamurna to be consulted at next meeting.
- Remains in draft for further consultation.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Currently one day per week Registered Nurse support from SERCHS and developing a secondment option.
- Equipment has arrived for the clinic.
- Palliative Care resource kits tabled for information will ensure provision of kit to Pangula Mannamurna.
- CHSA Board visits Pangula Mannamurna on Wednesday, 15th November at 11.00 am

NEXT MEETING: - early February, 2007