

Chairman's Review

It has been a great year for Counties Manukau DHB.....

The past year to 30 June 2007 has been an outstanding one for the population of Counties Manukau. People in our district are getting more access to their local primary care services, there is a growth of community mental health services including services for young people, and elective surgical operations have reached record numbers. This is at a time when we have had a fair degree of industrial unrest, yet our staff both clinical and non clinical have been superb performers. An example is elective surgery where we have exceeded targets by providing surgery to over 35% more Counties Manukau residents than in the prior year.

This year also marks the year where the lower paid members of the health sector workforce have received just recognition for their contribution to the delivery of care. We cannot deliver health services without them; particularly we cannot keep the theatres clean, feed patients, get patients to where they need to go on time, nor can we support people in residential care or in their own homes. None of this happens by accident. Everyone that works in the health sector contributes to helping foster a healthier community.

There has been a huge commitment from health professionals throughout our district. Our local GPs have lowered their fees and have committed to practice improvement that focuses on our residents getting better care. In return we can measure their activity in key areas and feed back information about their success. This contributes to an increasing uptake of effective programmes like Chronic Care Management, which means our residents are being better looked after. And programmes like the Healthy

Housing venture with Housing New Zealand are making our homes warmer, drier and less crowded, and families are better connected with primary care and social services.

We can actually measure the difference in the health of young children as well. Although our population is growing rapidly (births up 4.7% in the past year), the number of young children being admitted to hospital is not growing at the same rate. The same is true for adults, which is a real indicator that more focused primary care is making a positive difference to our residents. And to further prove the point, Maaori and Pacific people in Counties Manukau are experiencing increasing life expectancy. This is hugely important and partly due to improved health services, and partly to do with better employment and housing.

There will always be difficulties in any health system because we have to manage how we meet the health needs of our residents within the money we are provided by the government. This creates tension, but it is a necessary tension because top line health services are competing for money with every other state requirement, like improvement in educational outcomes.

We should not use this tension however as a reason not to honour and respect the people in our communities and organisations whose skill, action and dedication make us secure in knowing the health services will be there when we need it and available to all. Thank you for making this happen. We salute you.

Pat Snedden
Chair



Board Members' Interests

Board members had involvements with the organisations shown in the table opposite for all or part of the financial year ended 30 June 2007. The organisations marked with an asterisk, or subsidiaries of those organisations, received funding or sought funding from Counties Manukau DHB. The DHB's transactions with those organisations are conducted on an arm's length basis. Board members do not take part in decisions to award contracts to organisations in which they are involved or to subsidiaries of those organisations.

Board Members



Back row from left:
Anae Arthur Anae, Mr Robert Wichman, Mr Ross Keenan, Mr Donald Barker, Mr Pat Snedden, Mr Paul Cressey

Front row from left:
Ms Jillian Dooley, Ms Miria Andrews, Mr William Mudgway, Ms Airini Tukerangi, Mr David Collings

Board Member	Involvements with other organisations during all or part of 2006/07
Pat Snedden Chair	Business Advisor, Healthcare Aotearoa Inc Chairman Housing NZ Chair Hobsonville Land Co Treaty negotiator, Ngati Whatua Orakei Maori Trust Board Deputy Chair ASB Trusts Director Watercare Services Ltd Chair Quality Improvement Committee Director Mai 86.6 FM Chairs Committee DHBNZ
Ross Keenan Deputy Chair	Chairman Cabletalk Group Ltd Chairman Southern Travel Ltd Chairman Allied Work Force Ltd Deputy Chairman Auckland Regional District Health Boards Director Ngai Tahu Holdings Group Ltd Chairman Metrowater Ltd
Airini Tukerangi	Trustee Te Whanau o Waipareira Trust Trustee Coromandel Independent Living Trust Director Waioira Health Care
Paul Cressey	Chairman South East Auckland Life Education Trust Chairman Health Information Strategy Action Ministerial Committee Chairman Injury Surveillance Ministry Advisory Panel (ISMAP)
Robert Wichman	Managing Director Bob Wichman Ltd Appliance Servicing Manukau City Councillor
Don Barker	West Franklin Community Trust
Bill Mudgway	The NZ Phobic Trust - Board member Young New Zealanders' Foundation - National Ambassador Oxygen Therapies Ltd, Public Relations Advisor
Jillian Dooley	Employed by CMDHB as an Appointment Coordinator (0.5 FTE)
David Collings	Manukau City Councillor Members Shareholders' Representative Group Watercare Services Chair Auckland Manukau Eastern Transport initiative
Arthur Anae	Phobic Trust Counties Manukau Sports Board member Manukau City Councillor
Miria Andrews	CEO Tainui MAPO* Trustee Taikura Trust

Executive Management Team

as at 30 June 2007

