

DISABILITY WORKING GROUP

Key Messages May 2021

Members: John Marrable (Chair), Jasmin Taylor, Simon Fogarty, George

Standing members: Sharron Adler (part), Mel Walhurst, Andy Crossman, Kim Caffell, William Robertson, Divya Sivadas

In attendance: Doug Funnell, Claire Ryan, Charlotte Adank

- The Disability Working Group members met for their first meeting on Friday 21 May 2021. This was an opportunity for staff members and consumer advisors appointed to the group to come together, meet each other and work on a plan together to operationalise the Disability Strategy.
- At the beginning of the meeting John Marrable (Chair), took the opportunity to remind all members of meeting etiquette about respecting the needs and requirements of all people present at the meeting. It was agreed as a rule, that all acronyms will be written in full in documents.
- Members of the Disability Working Group revised the draft Terms of Reference and the following recommendations were made:
 - The purpose of the group to be changed from will be responsible for 'implementing actions in the DHB setting' to the group being responsible for 'promoting and overseeing the implementation of actions in the DHB setting.'
 - Inclusion of a statement that the DWG will make decisions based on consensus.
 - Inclusion that consumer representatives will be reimbursed for their time and attendance at Disability Working Group meetings.
- Membership of the group was discussed, and it was acknowledged two people who had been invited to attend, were unable to attend at the last minute. One member had subsequently withdrawn due to other commitments and this was someone representing the Pacific community. The Chair and Facilitator will both need to investigate further options to ensure this voice is part of the group.
- Dates for future meetings were agreed to and the Disability Working Group will meet the second Friday of each month which will allow sufficient time to feed into the Disability Support Advisory Committee.
- Members were informed that information such as the Terms of Reference and Key Messages would be accessible on the Southern Health website. A Communications Plan has been drafted of how staff and the wider community will be kept informed of progress.
- Members were updated on a disability awareness training pilot that was being managed by the Human Resources Team being rolled out to administrative staff in the first instance. The Disability Working Group will hear more about this and how it will be evaluated at the June meeting.

- Due to time constraints at this meeting members were unable to discuss a paper around prioritising actions and measuring success of implementation. Members have been asked to send their information to the Chair and Facilitator ahead of the next meeting.

Next meeting: 11 June 2021

Further information about the Disability Strategy can be found on the Southern Health website <https://www.southernhealth.nz/disability-strategy>

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