

Summary Notes –Thursday 28 April 2022

Key notes from the meeting:

- We had a presentation from Sam Murray and John McArthur about not for CPR documentation. The basic point was whether the SMO needed to sign in person or whether it would be sufficient to clearly document they had been informed and had taken part in the decision making process. The council felt the latter was reasonable and the forms will be reworded accordingly.
- We were joined by Dr Xaviour Walker, Dr Letava Tafuna’I and Erolia Rooney who presented to us on behalf of Southern Pacific Health Professionals and Pacific Trust Otago. They highlighted the inequity in our local health systems with regards to our Pacific community. By describing 2 patient journeys they helped us see where the weaknesses were particularly in Dunedin that have led to suboptimal care provision. We were presented with a blueprint to improve the care of our Pacific patients and the council undertook to urgently highlight this inequity to the Chief Executive of SDHB.
- This month we gave the second half of our meeting over to reviewing the current extreme and high clinical risks in the organisation. We were helped by Wayne Alcock, Risk Manager Advisor at SDHB. The risk register has been successfully migrated to safety first which allows digestible reports to be created. We reviewed the risks and identified where council members could help to mitigate or seek information where necessary. Many of the risks relate to inadequate staffing at all levels of the organisation and the council acknowledged the difficulty with recruiting due to the pandemic and we believe the organisation are doing as much as they can in this space. We noted the clinical risk that exists with respect to the external hosting of our clinical information systems. We undertook as a council to raise our concern directly with the Chief Digital Officer regarding this. We wish to receive assurance that this risk is being mitigated whilst understanding that it is inevitable that regional IT systems need to be run from a central source.
- We were pleased to hear that Dr Jennifer Keys is going to become our new rural hospital representative. She brings with her a wealth of experience and a crucial rural perspective to help us understand the issues faced across our widespread health region.

We will be meeting again on the 26th of May.