

# National Renal Advisory Board Meeting

MEETING DETAILS	
<b>Date and time:</b>	9.30am to 2.30pm Friday 18 November 2016
<b>Venue:</b>	Ministry of Health, Room GN.7, 133 Molesworth St, Wellington

Committee Members	
Murray Leikis (Chairperson), Rachael Walker, Tonya Kara, Kay McLaughlin, Fredric Doss, Chris Hood, Nick Cross, Jenny Walker, Max Reid, Annette Pack,	
<b>Apologies</b>	Ian Dittmer, John Schollum, Mardi Thompson, Kimberley Reimers
<b>Minutes Taken By</b>	Annette Pack

No.	Item	Discussion/Action	Responsibility
<b>Minutes</b>			
<b>General Business</b>			
1.	Introduction	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Jenny Walker of Northland DHB to NRAB as representative from a large Renal Centre DHB.	
2	Review of the Board minutes recorded at the previous meeting held on <b>12 August 2016</b>	<p>Two corrections for the previous minutes were noted in the draft minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 3, Correct update for Waikato DHB provided by Chris Hood, and add Max Reid's name against the Central Region update for MidCentral DHB &amp; Whanganui DHB</li> <li>Item 23: Change first dot point to read "There are discussions between NZBDP and its Australian counterpart about the feasibility of a joint structure".</li> </ul> <p>Other open actions are included in agenda items (below) and identified as carried forward or closed.</p>	
2	NRAB Structure, Composition, and Function	<p>A list of current members and their membership terms was tabled.</p> <p>Recent changes in membership are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ian Dittmer is the new NRAB Chair</li> <li>Murray Leikis will remain a member of NRAB as a representative of a large Renal Centre DHB and ex-officio member representing ANZSN NZ Chapter</li> <li>Rachel Walker has resigned from NRAB</li> <li>Mark Hodge of Waikato DHB has agreed to join NRAB as the representative of RSA/NAG.</li> </ul> <p><b>Open action closed.</b></p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>

Regional Roundup		
3	<p>Regional Updates</p> <p><b>Northern</b></p>	<p>Northland DHB (Jenny Walker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business-as-usual</li> </ul> <p>Auckland DHB (Chris Hood, Tonya Kara):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record number of 100 transplants (live &amp; deceased) forecast in 2016</li> <li>• Approval is being sought for an additional transplant physician to manage increased volumes</li> <li>• John Collins is scheduled to finish his locum position in July 2017</li> <li>• A vacancy for a paediatric nephrologist in Starship Hospital has been filled.</li> </ul> <p>Counties Manukau DHB (Chris Hood, Catherine Tracy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An additional SMO has been appointed to the Renal Team</li> <li>• An issue relating to hot water disinfection was identified and resolved</li> <li>• There has been an increase in dialysis patient numbers in recent weeks</li> <li>• Planning has commenced to establish a Cohort Clinic for young transplant and dialysis patients up to 25 years. The clinic, which follows international trends, provides a one-stop shop for young people to access clinical and social supports to help them manage their conditions</li> <li>• Nocturnal dialysis is planned to be available from mid-2017.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Central</b></p>	<p>Capital &amp; Coast DHB (Murray Leikis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business-as-usual</li> <li>• Replacement SMO starts at the end of January 2017.</li> <li>• On track to equal 2016 number of transplants (live &amp; deceased)</li> </ul> <p>Hawke's Bay (Rachel Walker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction of the new accommodation of the Renal Service is progressing and will take a year to complete. The service is currently in temporary accommodation.</li> <li>• Dialysis service is busy, with increasing patient numbers.</li> </ul> <p>MidCentral DHB &amp; Whanganui DHB (Max Reid &amp; Group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A response to Max's letter from MidCentral DHB about the implementation of the Renal Services Plan advises that decisions about replacing the existing in-centre Dialysis Unit on the Palmerston North Hospital campus will likely be considered as part of longer term capital planning for the hospital campus.</li> <li>• In the shorter term, MidCentral DHB plans to take the pressure off demand at the Palmerston North in-centre dialysis unit by increasing home dialysis and establishing a satellite dialysis unit in Horowhenua/Levin.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no action to report on MidCentral DHB providing a dialysis service in Whanganui.</li> </ul> <p>Health and safety issues at the Palmerston North Hospital in-centre dialysis unit were discussed. Fredric has been part of an external review of recent events at the unit relating to water quality.</p> <p>NRAB will continue to monitor health and safety issues at the Palmerston North in-centre dialysis unit. <b>Open action closed.</b></p> <p>Nelson Marlborough (Murray Leikis &amp; Nick Cross)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a small in-centre dialysis unit at Nelson Marlborough DHB, currently located in ICU, and a proactive home service</li> <li>The Wellington Renal Service provides nursing and training support to the dialysis unit.</li> <li>There was discussion and agreement that renal patients in Nelson Marlborough needing treatment not available locally, including renal vascular surgery, should be referred to Wellington. rather than Christchurch.</li> </ul> <p>Canterbury DHB: (Nick Cross)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David McGregor has been appointed as the CD of the Christchurch Renal Service</li> <li>Dialysis services are very busy.</li> <li>The Transplant Service has also been busy with 30 live and deceased donor transplants YTD.</li> <li>Telehealth is being used to better support regional work.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>			
4	Correspondence	<p>Correspondence has been received from David Voss asking NRAB to set critical thresholds for laboratories phoning through test results to Renal Physicians. This includes results of community tests ordered in primary care.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Draft protocol on critical thresholds for laboratories phoning through test results to renal physicians and circulate for comment.</p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>
5.	National Viral Screening and Protection in Haemodialysis	<p>No work to report</p> <p><b>Action carried forward:</b> Murray to begin scoping work with Fredric.</p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>
6.	ANZDATA	<p>Three units - Palmerston North, Hawke's Bay and Waikato - haven't yet provided ANZDATA with corrections. There has been follow-up with the respective Clinical Director and Nurse Unit Manager.</p> <p>ANZDATA is implementing electronic data entry which will be rolled out in 2017. In the longer term, ANZDATA plans to develop systems that will give units access to their own data for</p>	<b>Tonya Kara &amp; Murray Leikis</b>

		<p>analysis and reporting purposes.</p> <p>For 2016, there will be a New Zealand chapter of the ANZDATA Annual Report, which will contain a breakdown of data, including ethnicity and age, and viral screening.</p> <p>There are no current plans to include CKD patient data in ANZDATA.</p>	
<b>General</b>			
7.	NZ Chapter of ANZSN	<p>There was a successful ANZSN conference held in Whangarei on 13-14 October, with 51 people attending.</p> <p>A governance review of ANZSN has resulted in four new sub committees established.</p> <p>ANZSN's 2017 meeting is planned for the second weekend in term 4 at Queenstown and will be organised by Dunedin-based members.</p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>
8.	Nephrology Advanced Training	<p>In New Zealand, the number of new trainees each year aligns with the jobs available. In Australia, there are some indications that people are being trained without jobs being available.</p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>
9.	Tier 2 document update	<p>No update to report</p> <p><b>Open action carried forward.</b></p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>
10.	RRT access in NZ	<p>A revised draft of "Access to Renal Replacement Programmes" was tabled and discussed.</p> <p>Jenny suggested that the document sets out tighter access to dialysis services to better support Renal Services make resource allocation decisions.</p> <p>Other members of the group are comfortable with the principles- based approach in the document, which includes palliative/supportive care as an option for people with end stage renal disease. The document will evolve as it is reviewed on a regular basis.</p> <p><b>Open action closed.</b></p> <p><b>Decision:</b> Finalise revised draft of "Access to Renal Replacement Programmes" and publish on NRAB's webpage. The document will be reviewed on a regular basis.</p>	<b>Murray Leikis &amp; Group</b>
11.	PTAC Nephrology subcommittee	<p>No update to report</p>	
<b>CKD</b>			

15	CKD National Strategy	<p>BPAC assessment tools for GPs is gradually being rolled out.</p> <p>KHNZ has developed an educational resource, “Managing Chronic Kidney Disease in Primary Care”, based on Kidney Health Australia’s KCAT resources tailored to New Zealand conditions. The resource contains four workshop modules for use in primary care education.</p> <p>BPAC data indicates there has been a small increase in referrals to secondary services following the implementation of the CKD assessment tool in primary care.</p>	<b>Max Reid</b>
<b>Dialysis</b>			
16	Holiday Dialysis	<p>KHNZ is working with DHBs on a stock take of holiday dialysis facilities.</p> <p>Kidney Health Australia is lobbying the federal Australian Government about the need for access to free holiday dialysis across states/territories for people holidaying from countries where reciprocal health agreements are in place with Australia. A patient of Wellington’s Renal Service was recently told she would have to pay to access holiday dialysis in Brisbane.</p>	<b>Max Reid Murray Leikis</b>
17	PD Registry Update / PDOPPS update	<p>There was a presentation on the PD Registry at the NZ Chapter’s ANZSN conference at Whangarei.</p> <p>Data entry into the PD Registry is not complete, which is delaying reporting.</p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>
18	Disaster Planning, patient and service preparedness	<p>Capital &amp; Coast DHB’s Emergency Management Plan was utilised following the Kaikoura earthquake of 12 November.</p> <p>The aim is to have all Renal Unit’s Emergency Plans loaded on to healthEMIS website.</p>	<b>Kay McLaughlin</b>
19	Health Alliance Contracts	<p>The Chair’s letter of 29 September, responding to Pharmac’s Medical Devices Consultation was tabled.</p> <p>healthAlliance has been given the go ahead to continue with its procurement process for peritoneal dialysis (PD) equipment and supplies. There has been a commitment made that the process, which will result in one national price, will give all Renal Services access to competitively priced PD units.</p> <p>A procurement process for haemodialysis (HD) units will be more complex as price will not be the sole criterion. The procurement process will need to cover all products. The outcome of this process needs to be a fair and equitable pricing regime for large and small renal services.</p>	<b>Murray Leikis</b>
<b>Transplant</b>			
20	National Tx activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As at 2 November 2016, there was a total of 149 transplants (live and deceased), which is one more than for the full 2015 calendar year. A further 8 to 10 transplants could occur in November and</li> </ul>	<b>Nick Cross</b>

		<p>December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live donor transplant numbers are increasing, although continue to be below expectations in some centres.</li> <li>• Link nurses funded by ODNZ have contributed to the record number of deceased donor transplants.</li> <li>• Work by the National Renal Transplant Service to implement 5 Quality Improvement Metrics (QIMs) continues. Reporting against two QIMs is well established. The further three QIMs are being piloted with Counties Manukau DHB and MidCentral DHB.</li> <li>• The focus of QIM 3 is the proportion of people given a decision on suitability for transplant pre- and post- dialysis and increasing the proportion over time.</li> <li>• The Compensation for Live Organ Donors Bill will likely be passed on its third reading and receive Royal Assent in December. The Act will come into force the earlier of 12 months following Royal Assent or an earlier date as agreed by the Governor General by Order in Council. Payment of earnings related compensation to patients will require the Ministry to develop new payments and processes.</li> <li>• Nick met with GMs Planning and Funding about recent issues where potential live donors have not been reimbursed costs for travel and accommodation incurred during the assessment process. The GMs agreed that potential live donors should be reimbursed all reasonable costs.</li> <li>• A training day for transplant and donor liaison coordinator will be hosted by Counties Manukau DHB on 24 November 2016.</li> <li>• Work on trans-Tasman collaboration on Kidney Exchange continues.</li> <li>• Nick plans to visit to Hawke's Bay DHB Renal Unit as part of a schedule to visit all units.</li> </ul>	
21	Ministry Policy review to increase organ donation and transplant rates	The Chair of the Working Group involved in the development of a strategy to increase deceased organ donation and transplant is meeting with the Minister to discuss the Working Group's concerns about the process.	<b>Max Reid</b>
<b>Standard Report Updates</b>			
22	Report on Kidney Health New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Minister of Health has responded to KHNZ's letters about chronic kidney disease not being on the Ministry of Health's current work programme. The Ministry's current work programme includes work to improve outcomes for people with diabetes and increase kidney transplant rates. It was suggested that Max contact the Ministry's newly appointed GM Integrated Service Design, whose reporting teams include National Services (renal transplant) and Long Term Conditions.</li> <li>• KHNZ received 300 survey responses from consumers and received voluntary help from Baxter's sales team to analyse the responses.</li> </ul>	<b>Max Reid</b>
23	<b>Subcommittee reports</b>		

	<p>1. Standards &amp; Audits</p> <p>2. RSA / Nursing Advisory Group</p> <p>3. NZ Board of Dialysis Practice</p>	<p>Fredric tabled a revised draft “New Zealand Dialysis Standards and Audit”. He will amend the section on water quality and circulate again.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Amend the section on water quality and circulate a further revision of the “New Zealand Dialysis Standards and Audit”.</p> <p>Renal could be a potential area for nurse prescribing. Nursing Council Guidelines require a nurse prescriber to have a post graduate qualification, be supported by their DHB, department and have an assigned mentor to oversee their work.</p> <p>Rachel tabled a summary of the workforce survey by Unit which provided a snapshot of workforce at December 2015. The data could be analysed alongside patient numbers, infection rates, etc, but analysis would need to consider variation in models of care in place in Renal Units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a Board meeting on 27 October. Some Australian delegates attended, with a view to furthering discussions on a joint structure.</li> <li>• 10 students will graduate in December (9 local, 1 international). More than half of the local graduates have jobs lined up already</li> <li>• The symposium held 28-29 October 2016 was a great success</li> <li>• Australian delegates met with MIT while in Auckland to plan extending the course to Melbourne.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fredric Dross</b></p> <p><b>Kay McLaughlin &amp; Rachel Walker</b></p> <p><b>Fredric Dross</b></p>
<b>Other Business</b>			
<b>On behalf of the Group, Tonya presented Murray with a card and gift voucher to acknowledge his valuable contribution in his term as Chair of NRAB.</b>			
<b>Next Meeting</b>			
<b>Date:</b> 8 March 2017	<b>Time:</b> 9.30am	<b>Venue:</b> Ministry of Health, Wellington	