



West Coast Health
Community Wellbeing Services

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

West Coast Health Community Voice Meeting
Wednesday 22nd October 1pm – 3pm

Community Voice

Health and Wellbeing Advocates Te Tai Poutini West Coast

Members	Gaye Coates (GC), Jan Flinn(JF), Lynnette Beirne (LB) (Deputy Chair), Neil Stevenson (NS), Pam Sutherland (PS), Teri-anne Bell (T-AB), Andrew Welsford (AW), Carolina Salazar (CS), Lee Harris (LH) (online), Janella Munns (JM), Antonia Mcdonnell (AM), Melanie Wilson (MW)
Guests	Cathy Blincoe (CB), Christine Rigby (CR), Georgia Shinn(GS), Jo Tiller (JT), Phillip Wheble (PW), Ayla Tranter (AT)
Apologies	Eleanor Harrington (EH), Mary-Rose O'Loughlin (M-RO), Steph Newburry (SN) (Chair)

Opening Karakia:

*Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora!*

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a
sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

Item	Discussion
1:00pm In-Committee / Members only time <i>(10 minutes)</i>	(Not minuted)
1:10pm Administration <i>(5 minutes)</i>	Full meeting opened with Karakia Whakawhanaungatanga – connecting, introducing and welcoming new members to the group. Apologies noted. Previous minutes confirmed as accurate and moved by JF, seconded by MW.
1:15pm Group feedback <i>(30 minutes)</i>	Round table discussion - Staffing Concerns – South Westland - Update: Transport South of Greymouth - Patient and Community Advocacy
1:45pm Guest Speaker – Christine Rigby – MH Model of Care Transformation <i>(20 minutes)</i>	West Coast Health has been commissioned to lead the transformation of the mental health and addiction system across Te Tai o Poutini, building on the collaborative co-design process with stakeholders and communities in 2022.
2:05pm Guest Speaker - Georgia Shin, Regional Injury Prevention Partner ACC Injury prevention initiative for older adults in the West Coast <i>(30 minutes)</i>	Regional Injury Prevention Partner ACC from the Canterbury region and upper South Island. She is keen to get into West Coast Community events or spaces to promote injury prevention messaging. Funding is available to community partners to promote safety messaging. West Coast has been selected for funding of 600 homes owned by 65+ to receive falls prevention fixtures such as in-home rails and non-slip mats.

2:35pm Discharge Planning (Agenda item added – action from September meeting) (10 Minutes)	Discharge planning remains a work in progress. Travel home remained an issue particularly for long distances in South Westland. Making ground locally but need another meeting for Christchurch unplanned discharges back to the Coast. There are now two buses running between the Coast and Christchurch daily.
2:45pm Action Register & Programme of Work update (5 minutes)	Updated action register and reviewed outstanding actions
2.55pm Update from Gaye – Te Waipounamu Consumer Council (5 minutes)	Regional Council were invited to make a submission on the draft Te Whatu Ora National Assisted Dying Policy for Hospitals. A submission was made. Key points were: Expressing concern that the draft policy was not put out for wider public consultation; Ensuring that consumers and their wider whānau needs were included at all points from initial request for information to post procedure; and expressing concern that the focus on Conscientious Objection for hospital staff at all levels was not exactly as the legislation specifies and there needed to be assurance that consumers could request information about Assisted Dying without being confronted with a first response that was negative. Being referred to the appropriate people who were able to discuss Assisted Dying was seen to be a more positive response Pete Watson has recently been appointed to the role of Executive Regional Director of Health New Zealand, Te Waipounamu, replacing Martin Keogh. Pete has expressed a commitment to engage with the Regional Consumer Council in an ongoing way. GC said that this is a positive and strong connection to have with the executive decision-making level of Health NZ, particularly following restructuring at Health NZ which has diminished the Consumer and Whānau Voice Team with its designated consumer engagement role.
3pm Meeting reflections (5 minutes)	Group members reported that they valued the open dialogue and the progress being made on issues and challenges. They highlighted positive feedback from HNZ, which was fostering trusting relationships between HNZ, the group, and the wider community. Support from WCH was also acknowledged and appreciated.

Meeting closed with a karakia