

SAFETY & QUALITY OF MEDICINES GROUP

Meeting

Thursday 22nd June 2006 Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Attendees

Dwayne Crombie (Chair)
 Frances McClure (GP)
 Marilyn Crawley (Waitemata)
 Adam McRae (PHARMAC)
 Avril Lee (WDHB)
 Peter Black (ADHB)

Gillian Bohm (MOH)
 Beth Loe (Project Manager)
 Mary Seddon (CMDHB)
 Elizabeth Plant (Taranaki)
 Elaine Riley (ACC)

Invited

David Woods (BPAC)

Minutes

Item	Topic/agenda	Notes/comments	Action Required
1.	Apologies	Teresa Sullivan, Grant Howard, Emil Schmitt, Tim Maling, Jane Vella Brincat, Sharron Cole	
2.	Minutes of meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed with one change; Sharron Cole was an apology 	
3.	Electronic Medication Record / HISAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficulty establishing contact with people, still trying to organise a teleconference with HISAC Electronic medication record, need a discussion paper looking at the way forward Project in Auckland region looking at putting all community pharmacy dispensing onto Web Éclair so that it is available within hospital Need to link electronic medication record with medicines reconciliation (see item 7) E pharmacy scoping paper being written by Mike Rillstone, MOH (involves Pharmacy Guild, Pharmacy Council, Dwayne and Elizabeth) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite HISAC to next meeting (Beth) Write discussion paper (Elizabeth) Check timing of medication repository project with Sarah (Mary)
4.	ACC and EpiQuol research proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsuccessful in ACC research funding bids, reasons unknown ACC patient safety division might be able to sponsor one/some of them ACC research funding will be annual EpiQual have funding for implementing national systems to improve patient safety, need to decide what to put to them by December each year EpiQual keen to help with implementation of projects EpiQual conference postponed but will be run later in the year (Oct/Nov) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out if specific reasons for failure of ACC funding proposals, what proposals were accepted, closing date for next years proposals (Elaine) Invite EpiQual to next meeting (Beth)
	National Framework for Community Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation is about to happen Base dispensing contract will include separate variations as additions e.g. graseby pumps, clozapine etc There will be medicines review services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

		(MRS), 5 levels of service	
7.	Hi 5 Safety Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO in NZ to talk about this soon • Medicines reconciliation one of things we would like to be one of 5 projects • What would measure be for reconciliation i.e could it be done everywhere by everyone and what resource is needed • MOH would drive the project and would have to resource it • Auckland region CEO's meeting re 100 000 lives/medication reconciliation on July 21st 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gillian to attend meeting on July 21st (Gillian/Beth)
6.	National Medicines Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At start of process and currently only gathering information, Sheila Swan unable to attend this meeting, has been invited to August meeting • Will be government mandated policy • Implementation arm not yet decided • Need 3 or 4 key strategies that can be taken into national medicines policy • Look at top ten list of priority actions (see attached) & strategy • 1. Medicines Reconciliation including numbers 3,4,7 & 8 • 2. Appropriate quality use of medicines for the safe delivery of care and improved patient outcomes including numbers 2,5 & 8 • 3. High Risk Medicines and Situations • 4. Regulatory teeth post marketing eg review lookalike sound alike names each year, bar coding to dose level (number 1), provision of consumer information (number 8), review of medicines legislation, relevant H&D Sector standards • compliments for current system for access to medicines • How to implement it numbers 9 & 10 • National approach should be based on local research and evaluation before it goes national • Need a quick response squad to counteract misinformation in the media, Medsafe response time has improved but a quick response team as in Australia would help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up summary of 4 key strategies to discuss at next meeting (Beth) • Write up 4 as a submission to the joint Trans Tasman Agency (Beth)
5.	NZ version of e BNF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently have access to electronic BNF with permission to convert it to a NZ friendly resource i.e link to schedule so funded drugs highlighted, change some doses to fit with NZ recommendations • Project currently has no outside funding and there has been no financial outlay but there have been discussions with Medsafe, Pharmac and Pharmaceutical Society • Planned to be an information system not a prescribing system i.e. would be complementary to current GP prescribing system • Consider looking at what is needed rather than just adopting BNF when that might not solve the problems identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project still in infancy 	
	Format of BPAC publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New magazine style format from October BPAC would like half page to include from SQM in each addition Can be linked to the subject they are covering that issue or something that needs publicising nationally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide half page for Oct issue (Beth)
8.	Injection labelling/ Medsafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters to Tran Tasman labelling group and C&C DHB sent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
9.	Health and Disability Sector certification standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not out for consultation yet HACHO have issued standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When draft standards available for comment, prepare submission (Marilyn, Mary)
	Potassium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract for potassium pre-mixes should be announced shortly Baxters have sent some of their proposed pre-mixes (both potassium and heparin) in to Medsafe for registration already Have others that can be available but are unregistered and which have not been submitted for registration to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ring Medsafe (Rob Allman) (Dwayne) Write to Medsafe to ask if they can expedite registration (Beth/Dwayne)
10.i	Warfarin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video ready and viewed Draft patient information leaflet to be circulated to group for comment When leaflet ready video will be sent to hospitals in the first instance and then will look at going into primary care Need to put on website Glaxo may be stopping production of red warfarin information books There is a need for a replacement if the red book is unavailable Group to work on toolkit production to include Avril and Anne Blumgart from CMDHB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production costs for toolkit (Beth) Comment on draft information leaflet (all) Write to Glaxo about red warfarin information booklet (Beth)
10ii	Heparin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re- worded LMWH alert circulated to group and a few pharmacists for comment Comments included, more like a guideline than an alert, does not agree with data sheet Felt that it should be in alert format based on deaths from haemorrhage Needs to be a one page alert Need to write to Medsafe about difference to data sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-write as an alert (Peter) Write to Medsafe once alert drafted (Beth)
10.iii	Diltiazem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should alert be followed up/audited Audit alert implementation after Oct 1st 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design audit (Beth)
10.iv	Morphine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writers not at meeting, postpone to next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples of incidents (Nirasha, Mary) Add comment about automated distribution systems (Marilyn, Elizabeth)
10.v	Intravenous infusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alert to be drafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft alert (Marilyn)
10.vi	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent out for consultation, closing date for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collate comments (Beth)

	Prescribing Practice	comments 10 th July	
10.vii	IT cytotoxic injection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses looked at • Clarify when it should say shall or should • Discuss with NZHPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with NZHPA (Beth)
10.viii	Colchicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMDHB have sent an alert to all GP's about dangers of colchicine • Need to have a forcing function to prevent deaths from accidental overdose e.g. packaging, limit the number of tablets prescribed • Can Pharmac change the schedule to limit the number of tablets that can be prescribed unless for prophylaxis • Feedback on CMDHB alert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on CMDHB alert (All) • Letter to PTAC about prescribing (Beth)
10.iv	Amiodarone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem identified where patients discharged on loading dose without instructions to GP to reduce dose on the next prescription • What is the size of the problem • Probably shouldn't be an alert • Need to prevent it happening at discharge • Could be a message in BPAC publication so that GP's are aware that it can happen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify number of patients discharged on a loading dose. (Marilyn)
11.	Renal drug dosing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alert to be drafted, make it a simple message e.g. if GFR less than 40ml/min need to adjust dose if prescribing from this list of drugs, do as alert • Arranging meeting with Mims about their alert system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alert with simple message about prescribing in renal impairment (Tim) • Talk to BPAC re electronic version of their calculator (Beth) • Meet with Mims people (Beth, Marilyn)
12.	Information technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on bar coding – MOH currently drafting a briefing paper for the Minister • Trans Tasman labelling group have issued an updated draft document. Bar coding not included at this stage and should be considered as a separate policy • Prescribing and Dispensing systems H&DC referred a complaint about the MedCen Prescribing System to the group • Discussed main areas of concern, all GP prescribing systems suffer from some of the problems especially if GP's prescribe from an outdated favourites list, GP's need to change their prescribing system if the current one is causing problems • Toniq dispensing system want to write into their system checklists for pharmacists to use when dispensing high risk drugs e.g. methotrexate and would like our input 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At what stage is bar coding paper (Gillian) • Reply to concerns about MedCen and cc H&DC (Beth) • Liaise with Toniq (Beth)
13.	HDC report on case 05HDC03953	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bar coding would have prevented the error • 5 step checklist for dispensing has just won the Pharmacy Awards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite pharmacist who won award to come and present the information (Beth)
14.	Committed to safety-Commonwealth Fund report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the cases is the trigger tool that is being trialled at CMDHB 	

	National Drug Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest draft presented • Needs to be sent out for wide consultation including HDC • How to implement it nationally once consultation complete • Dwayne to take to CEO's group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out for consultation (Beth) • Take to CEO's group (Dwayne)
	Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 24th in Auckland 	