

SAFETY & QUALITY OF MEDICINES GROUP

Meeting

Thursday 7th December 2006 Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Attendees

Gillian Bohm (Acting Chair)
 Beth Loe (Project Manager)
 Mary Seddon (CMDHB)
 Peter Black (ADHB)
 Teresa Sullivan (ACC)
 Frances McClure (GP)

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 Marilyn Crawley (Waitemata)
 Avril Lee (WDHB)
 Nigel Miller (Canterbury)
 Elizabeth Plant (Taranaki)

Minutes

Item	Topic/agenda	Notes/comments	Action Required
1.	Apologies	Sharron Cole, Adam McRae, Debi Lawry, Peter Moodie	
	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was felt that letters should be sent to Grant Howard and Dwayne Crombie asking if they were continuing on the group and if not to tender their resignations Welcome to Nigel Miller replacing Jane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to Grant and Dwayne (Beth)
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Matters arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 4, feedback provided to Pharmac on colchicine and diltiazem Item 5, feedback provided to MOH, document has moved on but not released for comment yet Item 6, ANZTPA the groups concerns were raised at the Auckland meeting and written feedback has also been sent in Item 7, could write to DHBNZ pharmacy advisory group to inform them about it, what needs to be changed to allow the same charges to apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 7 Raise issue with DHBNZ pharmacy advisory group (Elizabeth) Write to PHONZ now contact details available (Beth) Raise with David Galler (Mary)
3.	International system to classify significance of drug interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter will write to ASCEPT and that will then go to international society of clinical and experimental pharmacologists Have NPSA(UK) looked at this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write to ASCEPT (Peter Black) Find out about NPSA (Beth)
4.	PreMec funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions about how the money can be used, becoming an incorporated society might not be the best option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussions (Kevin)
5.	Stock take of medicines reconciliation and e pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at what is happening at individual DHB's with timelines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marilyn, Elizabeth and Avril
6.	May conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group believe that this is SQM conference and Pharmac helping organise and funding it Discussion about the title "We can make a difference – Medicines and the Patient Experience", would like to change it to "We can make a difference: Medicines safety – Practical Solutions" Goals: sharing innovations, participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take group's thoughts to teleconference of organising committee (Beth, Teresa, Gillian)

		<p>understanding magnitude of problems and leave with practical improvement tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target audience health professionals from both primary and secondary care , definitely clinical directors in PHOs, ACC, HDC, patient support groups to represent consumers • Content to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop sessions 2. Keynote speakers to motivate people 3. Some short 10 min presentations of success stories in changing and improving systems and some horror stories eg shared care of people on long term medication 4. Some of the work that group has done 5. New pharmacy reviews framework, 6. ACC 7. Presenting problems from different perspectives i.e. consumer, GP and hospital for transfer of care 8. NPSA IT methotrexate video 9. Canterbury TVOne video about a patient • Possible speakers David U, Carmel Hughes, David Bates, Don Berwick, James Bagain (VA & ex astronaut), Debra Humphris S'hampton UK, speakers from change management conference in Sydney • Workshop suggestions: rapid cycle solutions, IHI PDSA work, need to present them with a problem and ask them to work out what they could do (practical solutions) 	
7.	BPAC journal article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about amiodarone contribution and the testing required for patients on long term treatment • Agreed an amiodarone alert was required • Next edition based on mental health issues but not necessary for our contribution to be the same • Clozapine adverse events suggested as topic e.g. toxic megacolon, neutropenia case, mental health pharmacist from WDHB may be able to write this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find mental health pharmacist (Marilyn) • Liaise over contribution (Beth, Frances) • Add amiodarone to list of high risk drugs (Beth)
8.	High Risk Medicines		
8.i	Potassium & heparin pre mixes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of the pre-mixes still not registered • Need to send out an updated potassium alert when they are registered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to Dwayne about contact with Medsafe re registration (Beth, Kevin) • Write to Stephen McKernan (Nigel)
8. ii	Warfarin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This should be produced by middle of 2007 • Teresa has a student who might be able to give some time to it at the moment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotes for toolkit (Beth, Avril) • Liaise with Teresa (Beth)
8.iii	Heparin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UFH audit results nearly ready to send for publication • LMWH- discussion about changing table back to words, look at both before making decision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change table to words (Peter) • Circulate to group (Beth)
8.iv	Morphine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we change this to a methadone alert because increasing no. of incidents with methadone at WDHB and FDA have issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check if UK alert (Beth) • Re-draft alert (Marilyn) • Feedback on methadone use in

		<p>an alert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morphine alert needed • Other DHBs didn't see methadone as an issue because it was only used in addict clinics • Possible morphine alert produced recently by NPSA 	DHBs (All)
8.v	Intravenous infusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC at CMDHB; change position names in "for action by" and "for information to" • Send out for wider consultation • Asked to present at IV nurses forum and suggested Beth could present the alert and background document for feedback from that group • Some changes to draft audit tool suggested and will be incorporated • Try to send out to quality managers by end of January 2007 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out for wider consultation (Beth) • Finish audit sheet and distribute (Beth, Gillian)
8.vi	Good Prescribing Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alert with PHARMAC to be put into final format 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate completed alert for final comments (Beth)
8. vii	IT cytotoxic injection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting latest version from NZHPA Executive • When sent out should include NPSA video/DVD • Suggested we create a central resource for DVDs/videos/books around incidents/safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate latest version to group when available (Beth) • Central resource
8. viii	Colchicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed an alert was needed highlighting problems including the use of favourite lists, suggesting alternative drug treatment, and recommending systems approach to problem 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft alert (Mary)
8.ix	Oral Methotrexate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-start alert process • John O'Donnell in Canterbury has developed a system for managing these patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft alert needed (Beth)
9.	Renal drug dosing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss at next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft alert for next meeting (Tim)
10.	Adverse reaction reporting alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to talk to CARM about the level of reporting they want i.e. any suspected ADR or just ADRs not previously reported. Important in terms of linking to NHI • Write to Kerryn Moses to bring to raise at MARC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact CARM (Beth) • Write to Kerryn Moses (Beth)
11.	Grasby pump alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add to future work list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create future work list (Beth)
12.	Information technology		
12.i.	Toniq dispensing software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern re-writing to LOTS asking them if they could include the same alerts without informing Toniq • List of alerts for drugs progressing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to draft warnings (Beth) • Contact Lots (Beth)
12.ii	Bar coding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation paper for the sector should go out in the near future • A major funding bid has gone in • Project will have a 5 year time frame 	

13.	National Drug Chart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge amount of feedback, small group to be formed to review feedback, agree changes and bring proposed chart back to group • Revolutionary chart design from Hutt Valley with some good ideas but will need change management to introduce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring chart incorporating feedback to next meeting
14.	Update on MOH quality priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities linked to new EpiQual structure and terms of reference • There may be resource for the group but linked through MOH and DHBNZ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
15.	ACC research funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New process not going to be in place until until Mar/Apr 2007 • Any projects around patient safety should initially be directed to Teresa, broader projects need to go through ACC website • Update at Feb meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider what research proposals the group should make (All)
	Meeting dates 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 8th in Wellington • April 19th • June 21st • August 9th • October 11th • December 6th • Venues to be agreed at February meeting 	