



Minutes of the Canterbury Comprehensive Cancer Centre Meeting held on Friday 23 March 2018 at 4.00pm in the Oncology Tutorial Room, Ground Floor, Parkside West, Christchurch Hospital

Present

Bridget Robinson, Tony Buckland, Liz Buckland, Jeff Upton, Viv Williams, Logan Walker, Helen Morrin, Lucia Sinclair, Margaret Currie, David Gibbs, Amanda Landers and Alice Milnes

1. Apologies

Ann Richardson, Kate Reid, Ruth Gerring, John Evans and Gabi Dachs

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of meeting 25 November 2017 were approved.

3. Plan for C4 moving ahead:

- i. Administrative matters: Website, branding, etc
 - The C4 logo is available to members to brand their talks, profiles, etc.
- ii. Re-development of CDHB, UOC, health precinct.
 - David requested C4 involvement with facilities planning for Oncology Services.
 - David outlined the urgent need for a new facility or building to house oncology and related services.
 - David noted that meetings with various groups and stakeholders have been held with the need for facilities acknowledged but no plans have been made.
 - There was a short discussion about the C4's original vision for a comprehensive centre using our translational research as a strength.
 - Bridget agreed to set up a sub-group that will meet monthly to brainstorm ideas.
- iii. C4 newsletter:
 - Alice to follow up with Viv Homewood about a newsletter suggestion made at the last meeting.
- iv. Nursing involvement:
 - Deferred.

4. Opportunities to involve community

- i. Hui
 - Bridget noted that she is still to write the letters to raise the awareness of what the C4 can offer to the Maori and Pasifika communities.
 - Margaret suggested that Bridget should also write to Amber Clarke.
 - Amanda noted that a Summer Student made 31 recommendations to Nurse Maude towards their Maori Action Plan.
 - Logan met with Teoti Jardine before Christmas who acknowledged the challenges of engagement.
 - Suzanne Pitama's engagement efforts were acknowledged.

ii. Exercise initiatives

- Margaret has a PhD student enrolling breast cancer patients for an obesity study.
- Ara Institute and Lynette Jones are trying to establish a community programme.
- Nurse Maude are engaging people with slow cancers or survivors with long term effects in association with the team at Burwood Pain Clinic.
- The Cancer Society are now running a salsa course which was originally created for Parkinson's patients.
- It was suggested that the C4 hold a workshop where those involved with exercise research or initiatives could discuss what they do/offer.

5. Cancer Research

i. C4 seminars

- Aim is to brand 3-4 UOC Research Seminar Series talks per year.
- Simran Maggo and Rachel Purcell will be organising the seminars in 2018. Alice looks after the administration side of things.

ii. Cancer Research Workshop, last held December 2016

- Gabi Dachs is organising the next Cancer Research Workshop on 23 May 2018.

6. Reports from members

i. Cancer Society Tissue Bank

- 760 specimen donations were received in 2017.
- The Tissue Bank facilitated three prospective study collections that will continue into 2018.
- A Leica Tissue Processor has recently been installed. This was funded by the University of Otago, Christchurch.

ii. Cancer Society

- The Healthy Steps programme for lymphedema patients has been moved to Thursdays. It runs for six weeks.
- A cycling group has been established in addition to two walking groups.

iii. Prostate Cancer Foundation

- Support groups now run in Christchurch and Rangiora

iv. Nurse Maude

- The 2017 statistics showed the Canterbury region received twice as many referrals than any other area. Amanda noted that there is now 30 people on the team which also covers Ashburton and the West Coast

7. Next meeting

Next meeting will be in 3 months

Meeting closed: 5.06pm