



Minutes of the Canterbury Comprehensive Cancer Centre Meeting held on Friday 4 April 2014, 4.00pm in the Oncology Tutorial Room, Ground Floor, Parkside West, Christchurch Hospital

Present:

Bridget Robinson, Wendy Davey, Ants Parder, Liz Chesterman, Robin Fraser, Logan Walker, Ruth Gerring, Kenny Chitcholtan, Mark Hampton, Darren O'Keefe, Michelle Driffill, Matthew Strother and Alice Milnes.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Bridget welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies received from: Jinny Willis, Amanda Landers, Ann Richardson, John Evans, Glynis Cumming, Gabi Dachs, Sue O'Malley and Helen Morrin.

2. Plan for C4 moving ahead

a. Involvement in planning for re-development of CDHB and UOC campuses

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the needs and dreams of the C4 with respect to the Health Precinct planning.

- Bridget met with Ian Town last week and with Liz will be meeting with him next week. A Comprehensive Cancer Centre of Excellence (Ian's words) is being considered in the Health Precinct plans. Ian has offered Bridget the chance for the C4 to present our ideas, visions and dreams.
- Liz noted that the ex-Oxford Clinic and Deloitte sites on Oxford Terrace are potentially the space on offer for a project. Next door will be the new UOC building, and the CPIT and Canterbury University will share a building on the Terrace House site. Cancer is being offered the opportunity as it is organised and appealing to the public.
- Bridget asked for those present to share their thoughts and ideas. The following points were discussed:
 - At a recent seminar at the CMRF Ian Town was suggesting an independent research institute for the Health Precinct with an association with a University with a focus on technologies such as imaging and genomics. It was felt it should be more around the disease itself to make it more relatable to the public.
 - It was observed that the C4 is already happening. Precinct planners should be promoting services which are already in place, not fancy equipment or a commercial entity.
 - It was noted that imaging can't be a commercial venture. In Australia PET scanning is widely available in public hospitals and in very few private ones. Patient care is the most important thing.
 - Wendy commented on how hesitant members of the public can be to cross the threshold to obtain cancer information. This could be encouraged by placing NGOs around a café area.

- Michelle noted that Canteen would like to move closer to the hospital again if the opportunity arises.
- Darren pondered how personalised patient care could be created. Personalised care should be the future of medicine.
- Ideas from C4 members submitted by email
 - “it would be great to think that general practice's increasing epigenetic knowledge and the fundamental status of nutrition both in disease prevention and in management during the treatment process could be part of such a dream.”
 - ” the main emphasis should be on our broad base of cancer research and how we include clinical and nursing inputs, as well as NGOs. The Health Precinct should move away from a narrow vision of genetics and imaging.”
 - “one of the recommendations from the recent Departmental Review was that the University considered buying a PET scanner”.
- After some discussion it was concluded that the C4 does not need a physical building. We need the branding for our members and for our presence to be visible throughout the precinct. Members may however occupy parts of the Health precinct.
- We should forward our philosophy of making cancer health care more accessible to the public. Hence we would advocate for areas where public can learn and access information, including access to a lecture theatre, (not so formal as to put people off), and meeting areas and places to liaise with support organisations such as the Cancer Society (although their main function would occur at other locations which were more affordable).
 - Bridget noted that in the last meeting held about the precinct planning in November 2012 we came to the same conclusion ie, that the C4 is about the people who are part of it.
- Bridget closed the meeting by encouraging any further suggestions to be emailed to Alice at c4.uoc@otag.ac.nz.

Meeting closed at 4.57pm