



Minutes of the Canterbury Comprehensive Cancer Centre Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 October 2017 at 11.30am in the Oncology Tutorial Room, Ground Floor, Parkside West, Christchurch Hospital

Present

Bridget Robinson, Margaret Currie, Viv Williams, Gabi Dachs, Ann Richardson, Kate Reid, Viv Homewood and Alice Milnes

1. Apologies

Siobhan Cross, Tony Buckland, Liz Buckland, Scott Babington, Michelle Mathijssen, Mark Hampton, Margreet Visser, John Evans, Logan Walker, Amanda Landers, Helen Morrin, Jeff Upton.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of meeting 8 March 2017 were approved.

Bridget noted that she has no response to the letter she wrote about the parking concerns raised.

Other matters were addressed as they arose in the agenda.

Bridget noted that Ants Parder from the Prostate Cancer Foundation recently passed away.

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.
 - Bridget has been added to the Health Precinct email list.
 - Bridget noted that the Outpatients building includes Health Precinct space.
 - The C4 will continue to advocate for public areas to be included in the precinct along with affordable space for NGOs.
 - Margaret has been invited to give a talk at ARA in November about the Health Research Education Facility (HREF). Margaret recently became the chair of the Health Research Society Canterbury.
- iii. C4 newsletter:
 - Items were suggested for the next newsletter:
 - Identifying the gaps in adolescent treatment (Viv Homewood)
 - UOC Showcase
 - Aim to circulate in November
- iv. Nursing involvement:
 - deferred

4. Opportunities to involve community

i. Hui

- The C4 is open to engagement with Maori and Pasifika but not wanting to offer something that is not needed. Bridget will write to the following people to raise awareness of what the C4 can offer:
 - The Research Office
 - Alex Tino (a postgraduate student who is Southern Vice-President of Pacifica Inc.)
 - Mark Solomon
 - Annette Finlay

ii. Exercise initiatives

- Margaret reported that she recently attended a meeting with interested parties including Lynnette Jones (physiotherapist and senior lecturer at the University of Otago) and staff from St George.
- Lynnette has also met with Nick Draper with the intention of setting up an exercise programme.
- Margaret noted a publication in the NZMJ with the best current advice for GPs and patients.
- St George's are running an exercise programme for up to eight people.
- The Cancer Society are running a six week Healthy Steps programme.
- The Cancer Society also have a group of 12-15 lymphedema patients attending a class on Saturday morning. It is getting good feedback and includes activities such as belly dancing.
- Canteen's Re-set programme is receiving good feedback.

iii. C4 outreach seminars

- The Mackenzie Cancer Research Group have presented at two public information evenings hosted by the C4 and the Cancer Society this year. One was in Ashburton and the other was at St Andrew's College. Both were well attended and received positive feedback.
- Other locations are being considered to hold these including Kaikoura and the West Coast.

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 will look at holding another workshop in early 2018.

iii. Cancer Research Canterbury

- Jeff Upton mentioned when he sent his apologies that he has two talks that he could present.

6. Reports from members

i. Cancer Society Tissue Bank

- Since the last C4 meeting in March, 369 donors have donated samples.

- Samples have been provided to seven very large projects including one that received 300 colon tumours, and the Bank is currently facilitating two prospective collections.
- The Tissue Bank is getting busy from surgeries in the pre-Christmas holiday run up.
- ii. Canteen
 - Awaiting the analysis of the Re-set programme.
- iii. Cancer Society
 - The Cancer Society are assessing the local accommodation facilities after seven months of low occupancy.
 - The Bone Marrow Cancer Trust are building a new 80 bed accommodation facility.
- iv. Wayne Francis Cancer Epidemiology Research Group
 - Ann reported that she is working on a project with Margaret and Helen Morrin which involves testing samples using different approaches.
 - The Department is undertaking its third postgraduate review in three years.
- v. Palliative Care Programme (Canterbury University)
 - The South Island Alliance are funding a Voices Survey. It replicates a UK study which recorded next of kin's views on end of life care. Canterbury have picked this up after Auckland University ran out of funding and are hoping for a good sample size. The study has been modified for New Zealand culture.
- vi. Southern Cancer Network
 - Bridget reported that the new manager presented at the Oncology CME session three weeks ago.

7. Next meeting

Next meeting will be early next year.

Meeting closed: 12.25pm