



## Canterbury Comprehensive Cancer Centre (C4)

Meeting Friday 22 March 2019 at 4.00-5.00pm, Oncology Tutorial Room, Oncology Service, Ground Floor, Parkside West

Present: Logan Walker, Gabi Dachs, Lucia Sinclair, Bridget Robinson, Jeff Upton, Fran Cox

Apologies: Kate Reid, Ann Richardson, John Evans, Margreet Vissers, Helen Morrin, Margaret Currie

1. Bridget acknowledges the events that have unfolded over the past week.
2. Minutes from last meeting accepted, matters arising to be addressed through the meeting.
3. Strategic Objectives:
  - a. The C4 needs a new strategy. Bridget informed the group that the strategy for the last 5-10 years evolved post-quake. It is time to develop a new one, and we didn't have a large enough group today. More interaction with community.
  - b. Action Point: strategic plan focus for next C4 meeting, at best time set using doodle poll
  - c. Issue of space raised: Aspirations for the C4 told to David Gibbs
  - d. Scott Babington is going to meet about planning regarding space for oncology and cancer research on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has invited C4 members to attend. Action Point: Email to be sent out for people to come to the meeting.
4. Plan for C4 moving ahead:
  - a. Website could do with an update to make it look similar to other Otago webpages (wide screen view). Web services in Dunedin having issues at the moment. This issue will be addressed at a later date
  - b. New newsletter to be compiled. Could include some articles, and some extracurricular activities. Action Point: Logan to put together a newsletter
  - c. Redevelopment of UOC building, deferred
  - d. Nursing involvement, deferred
5. Community involvement:
  - a. Jeff proposed a new plan to assess the suitability of initiating a hepatitis C treatment programme in prisons. Action Point: Bridget to contact Cathrine Steadman to discuss the possibility of programme.
  - b. Gabi pointed out that Alex Timu is the president of the Pasifika community in the South Island and could have some ideas on what is needed from the community. Action Point: Gabi to discuss issues that relate to the Pasifika community with Alex.
  - c. During the 'Cancer Care at the Cross Road' conference in Wellington (January 2019) the inequalities in cancer care were highlighted. At every step of treatment more Maori are lost from active treatment. Perhaps the C4 can refocus on community to target this issue.
  - d. Exercise initiatives
    - i. Deferred
  - e. Next C4 workshop

- i. Gabi reported that Elizabeth Chesterman is keen for a workshop in Rolleston after the Relay for Life (6<sup>th</sup> April 2019). She is also keen for one in Rangiora - need to wait until after a hub center has been opened there.
- 6. Cancer research:
  - a. UOC Seminar Series.
    - i. Have had one C4 related talk, but it was not obviously branded as C4.
    - ii. Talk to chairs of the UOC Seminar Series, explain what C4 is all about so it can be highlighted during talks.
    - iii. Bridget suggested putting together a slide with information on C4 to be displayed at the seminars.
    - iv. Action Point: Logan/Margaret/Gabi to draft slide
  - b. Cancer research workshop:
    - i. Local workshop, to be more scientific rather than for a lay audience. Should be called C4 workshop. Action Point: Gabi to look into venues.
    - ii. More can be done to promote cancer research and increase ties with the hospital. Could potentially set up small fellowships.
    - iii. Logan suggested using the new University of Otago fundraising person. C4 could develop an idea and have it fundraised on our behalf.
- 7. Reports from Members:
  - a. Cancer Society Tissue Bank
    - i. Lucia reported that things were going well. The tissue bank has been giving out a lot of specimens, not just taking them in.
    - ii. They have started to build a relationship with the Brain Institute.
    - iii. Helen has been invited to the ISBER Biobanking conference in Beijing.
    - iv. The annual karakia went well this year, in partnership with the chaplain.
    - v. Logan asked what C4 can do to remind the wider community how important the Tissue Bank is. Action Point: Bridget to discuss strategies with Helen.
  - b. Southern Cancer Network: Deferred
  - c. Cancer Society: Deferred
- 8. Other Business:
  - a. Fran brought up interest in joining the meeting via video conference (ie ZOOM). The CDHB does not use zoom. Action Point: Fran to discuss the possibility of ZOOM being used in the CDHB with Anna Evans.

Meeting closed: 5.01pm