

John and Mary in a joint effort between FIAAI and the MPC will compile the information into a booklet for community information.

It was suggested that funding for the booklet could come from the Hospital Auxiliary.

The Chair offered his assistance with this project.

Community Conversations Consultations

John Loudon reported that a meeting was held in September with the consultant, project officers from the Tasmanian Primary Health Network with representation from FIAAI, MPC and Council.

This was a productive session that is looking to achieve a practical outcome around person centred care and client management. A funding proposal is being drafted to support case conferencing for complex clients with the GP Practice, MPC and FIAAI working in collaboration. It is anticipated that approximately 10 people (patients) would be a part of the pilot program to identify process and pathway problems. This project has two distinct benefits: it is good for the person and also good for the providers.

Disability Access Facility Plan for Launceston Airport

Work in progress: Carol Cox to write to CEO of Sharp Airlines to get signage made more visible and placed in a prominent position.

Item 1 Suicide prevention

The Chair provided the Committee information regarding a health promotion initiative aimed at raising awareness about male suicide in rural and regional communities.

The booklet “Preventing Male Suicide” was circulated amongst members. It was acknowledged amongst the Committee that Flinders has a large cohort of males in the target group.

John Loudon suggested that the Community Nurse could be engaged to look at health promotion on this topic within her role and practical ways for good intervention.

It was noted that in the last drought, Beyond Blue had a presence on the Island. It was mentioned that RAW: Rural Alive and Well may be a good resource to tap into.

ACTION: The Chair to circulate to Members via email the .PDF “Preventing Male Suicide”.

OTHER BUSINESS

Item 1 Supporting UTAS Students

The UTAS Centre for Rural Health is looking for people to provide a friendly point of contact in the local community for students undertaking clinical placements in rural areas.

Community members are invited to participate in a research study that matches allied health students who will be on rural clinical placement in Tasmania with a local 'Community Friend'.

More information on this research project was circulated to members and can be found on the Council website: <http://www.flinders.tas.gov.au/invitation-to-support-utas-students-on-flinders-island>

Item 2 Additional Health Funding for David Heap

Maureen Riddle noted that she had spoken with David Heap regarding the potential of physiotherapy work on Flinders Island rather than continuing with fly-in-fly-out. Maureen mentioned that an additional paid one-day per week of physiotherapy would be all that would be required to sustain David continuing to work on Flinders Island.

Members discussion ensued including fragmented funding arrangements and opportunities to support additional local physiotherapy employment rather than visiting physiotherapists. It was also discussed that there is a perceived need for physiotherapy to support Chronic Disease Management Plans on Flinders and that this may create additional work.

The Chair agreed to talk with FIAAI on any funding opportunities that FIAAI maybe aware of that could assist additional paid hours for local physiotherapy.

Item 3 Austswim Swimming Lessons on Flinders Island

Jane Bushby spoke to the Committee on the need for swimming lessons on Flinders Island and asked whether members had any knowledge of whether Austswim will be visiting to provide lessons for the community this summer.

It was noted that Council officers have commenced discussions with the School Principal regarding community access to the pool for swimming lessons and this will be discussed at the next School Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 9th December 2015 in the Rose Garden Room at 3:00pm

CLOSURE

Meeting Closed at 4:00pm.