

## Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 14 March 2012.

<b>Time &amp; Venue</b>	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield St.
<b>Present</b>	<b>PAG</b> Tina McNicholas (Chair), Anthony Leaupepe, Siofilisi Taufo'ou, Mailigi Hetutu, Violet Ekenasio, Malakai Jiko, Martha Samasoni, Fetu Ole Moana Tamapeau, Maria Solouta, Sainimili Pouvalu <b>Council Officers</b> - Janette Wallace Gedge, Rekha Jatav <b>Councillors</b> – Cllr Leonie Gill <b>Visitors</b> – Ms Tagaloa Taima Fagaloa, Director Pacific Health, Ida Faiumu Isaasko, Bella Bartley
<b>Apologies</b>	Ian McKinnon

<b>Welcome</b>	Anthony Leaupepe
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Siofilisi Taufo'ou
<b>Councillor update</b>	Cllr Leonie Gill gave an update – she explained that the Councillors had been locked in Committee Room 1 for a number of days now deliberating on the Long Term Plan covering the next 10 years. She reported that Council has been attempting to find places to cut funding. Cllr Gill asked PAG members to make sure they look at the Draft Plan when it is available and to look carefully at what is being proposed to see what is the most crucial that might affect them. This is the most difficult Long Term Plan since Cllr Gill has been on Council. Anthony asked if there had been any update on possible earthquake strengthening assistance for churches. Cllr Gill to report back on that issue.
<b>Presentation from Pacific Health Unit, C&amp;C DHB</b>	PAG were given a presentation by Tagaloa Taima Fagaloa, Director of Pacific Health, Ida Faiumu Isaasko - Team Leader, Pacific Health Unit and Bella Bartley: Pacific Programme Coordinator. The presentation covered the role of the Pacific Health Unit, the issues identified in Pacific Health, the challenges being faced in improving health outcomes for Pacific Islanders and the projects underway aimed at improving health outcomes. Taima asked the PAG members to take some key messages to their communities: Make sure people attend their appointments Sometimes people fear what they will find out – early intervention is critical in achieving better health outcomes Disability forum for Maori and Pacific People coming up in April Heating subsidy is something to consider
<b>Vacancies for members</b>	Tina has received suggested contacts for the Cook Island representative and the Tokelauan representative. Tina will send

<b>and by-election</b>	these to Janette to follow up. We will progress to election as quickly as possible. Janette has received suggested names for the Tuvaluan representatives and will follow up.
<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	Proposed as an accurate record by Mailigi Hetutu and seconded by Anthony Leaupepe
<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b>	<p>Anthony Leaupepe: noted that the Samoan group who performed at the Pacific Forum have no copy of the invoice. Janette to send new blank invoices for payments to be made.</p> <p>Maria also noted that the Niue group has not been paid. Blank invoices to be sent to both Anthony and Maria</p> <p>Pacific Forum feedback: Summary of feedback received at Pacific Forum had been circulated to all PAG members no suggestion or changes have been received. Copies of newsletter to be sent to all PAG Members for circulation in their community.</p> <p>Annual Report – it was agreed that a subcommittee of Tina, Maria, Malakai and Anthony would look at a draft copy an Annual Report to be produced by Janette and that it should contain a list of activity and achievements for the last year.</p>
<b>Work plan</b>	<p>It was proposed by Tina to make sure we allowed a longer time for the discussion on the work plan at the next meeting. Meantime some ideas for inclusion on the action plan are:</p> <p>Youth Strategy/engaging with young leaders</p> <p>How can we get families signed up to the insulation programme?</p> <p>Council have a rates rebate programme for elderly – what stats do we have about take up in Pacific Communities?</p> <p>Move forward with the Pacific Fale.</p> <p>Comments on work programme:</p> <p>Maria- Are the numbers of Pacific People on the electoral roll improving?</p>
<b>Community Reports</b>	<p>Anthony – has been working with the community on Emergency planning.</p> <p>Martha- is helping to organise the Expo Day as part of the Tokelau Easter Tournament which will see Tokelau NZ wide and Overseas in Porirua for this weekend long festival.</p> <p>Any other reports to be sent to Janette for circulation.</p>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p><b>11 April 2012, 6pm</b></p> <p><b>Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street</b></p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tina McNicholas closed the meeting and Sainimili Pouvalu gave the closing prayer
<b>Action Points:</b>	<p><b>PAG Members:</b> distribute Pacific Forum Newsletter;</p> <p>Janette: Blank invoices to be sent to both Anthony and Maria; Enquire about Pacific electoral enrolment; follow up prospective PAG Members.</p> <p>Draft annual report to be produced and circulated.</p>