

action minutes

CARING FOR THE COAST – EVERY PATIENT EVERY TIME



Health
Central Coast
Local Health District

CCLHD COVID USCC

Date/Time: Thursday 16th September 2021 / 1100hrs to 1200hrs

Venue: Via Skype only

1. Attendance / Apologies / Acknowledgment to Country

Attendees:	
Present:	
Lynne Bickerstaff (Chair) - CCLHD	Jonathan Morris - CCLHD
Sandra Creaner - CCLHD	Kate Lyons - CCLHD
Fiona Wilkinson – CCLHD	Gillian Isaac – CCLHD
Frank Bazik – CCLHD	Christopher Bone – CCLHD
Kim Paull – CCLHD	Steevie Chan – CCLHD
Nadine Bridgett - Wyong DON	Colleen Vandy - Gosford DON
Melissa Pickering - CC&CC DON	Steve McCarney – NSW Plumbers Assoc
Nicole Mason – NSWNMA	Matthew Ramsay – HSU
Greg O'Donohue – HSU	Melissa Pickering – CCLHD / NSWNMA Rep
Debbie Haig – CCLHD / HSU Rep	Michelle Cashman – CCLHD / NSWNMA Rep
Kelly Clark – CCLHD / NSWNMA Rep	Nicole Richardson – CCLHD / NSWNMA Rep
Christie Happ – CCLHD / HSU Rep	Deidre Guthrie – CCLHD / NSWNMA Rep
Tiffany Tran – ASMOF	Sue McGuire – CCLHD / HSU Rep
Graeme Miller – CCLHD / NSWNMA Rep	Kelly Falconer – CCLHD / NSWNMA Rep
Apologies:	
Jacqueline Edgley	

Acknowledgement to Country

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional custodians of the land and paid respect to Aboriginal Elders past, present and emerging. The District is committed to closing the gap in Aboriginal Health.

Agenda No. / Item	Discussion/Decision/Recommendation	Action Officer / Due Date
2	Confirmation of previous minutes	nil
3.	Business Arising	As per Action Summary
3.1		<i>nil</i>
4.	Agenda Items	
4.1	CCLHD update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lynne Bickerstaff from CCLHD provided the update of the District's response to the COVID pandemic.<ul style="list-style-type: none">The CCLHD moved to red alert level on 27 June 2021 along with NSW Health services in

		<p>Greater Sydney including Wollongong and Shellharbour, and the Blue Mountains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the past 7 days our case numbers have increased significantly which has impacted the community and health system. ○ Our staff who are in isolation have wellbeing and welfare checks every day via our Emergency Planning and Response Unit. ○ The District has commissioned both Special Health Accommodation (SHA) and Community Supported Accommodation for COVID positive patients and close contact patients who are not able to self-isolate at home. ○ We have also commissioned our Community Support Team which operates 7 days a week from 0800hrs to 2000hrs to ensure the family / individual are supported in the home ○ It was noted that our high level response regarding the service / model of care changes are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temporary pause of elective surgery CAT B non-urgent and C with remaining Cat B to pause as of 20th September. ▪ Oral Health – will operate on an emergency services only ▪ Breastscreen services have been temporarily paused across the state. ▪ ED has moved to a red and green zone in Wyong and a red and blue zone in Gosford. ▪ Our ICU at Gosford has moved to a red and green zone in Gosford with 2 pods of 14 beds. ▪ COVID wards have been implemented in both Wyong and Gosford. ○ The CCLHD Surge Workforce is based on the redeployment of staff in a number of areas based on the community transmission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Health Accommodation ▪ Community Supported Accommodation ▪ CCLHD Public Health Unit ▪ Community Support Team ▪ Acute and Post-acute care team ▪ Public Health Emergency Operation Centre contact tracing and case management ▪ As part of the state response we have had staff deployed to Wilcannia (FWLHD) 	
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CCLHD is regularly providing staff updates from the CE via email. Daily updates are being provided regarding latest COVID 19 case s and exposure sites, along with consultation with unions via USCC / JCC. <p><i>The HSU key matters for discussion:</i></p> <p>The HSU noted concern regarding the lack of consultation regarding the redeployment of staff along with the ramifications of unvaccinated staff in relation to the Public Health Order.</p> <p>The HSU are seeking a streamlining of communication flow so as to be in a position to inform our members.</p> <p><i>The NSWNMA key matters of discussion:</i></p> <p>The Nurses and Midwives Association concur with the HSU.</p> <p><i>The CCLHD in response:</i></p> <p>The Central Coast Local Health District is currently responding to the Public Health emergency, The District appreciates the lack of consultation regarding the redeployment of staff however we are dealing with a fast moving situation. District is obligated to implement the Public Health Order. .</p> <p>Vaccination decision are personal decisions and the District respects the fact that individuals may make different choice regarding vaccination.</p> <p>Action: Both NSWNMA and HSU are seeking clarification on the number of unvaccinated staff as of 30 September.</p>	
4.2	NSWNMA update:	<p>The NSWNMA key matters of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that communication with the NSWNMA needs to be timely to avoid hearing from members prior to hearing from the District. ● It was noted that the NSWNMA are keen to know what the Mental Health fit testing plans are and what the WHS obligations are. <p>Action: HM to provide NSWNMA with Kim Paull, WHS District Managers contact details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The NSWNMA sought clarification on the PPE for the Community Nurses. <p>The CCLHD key matters of discussion:</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CCLHD confirmed that Community Nurses are all wearing surgical masks and have PPE provided. Fit Testing is currently occurring. 	
4.3	HSU update	No further update	
4.4	ASMOF update	Action: Tiffany requested an update on the change to ward base team.	
5.	General Business		
5.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Any further questions to be sent to the secretariat. 	
6.	Business Without Notice	nil	

Meeting Close: 1230hrs

Next Meeting: Thursday 30th September 2021

Please forward apologies to:

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action summary

No.	Title	Action	Officer/ Due date
3.1	Unvaccinated Staff	Both NSWNMA and HSU are seeking clarification on the number of unvaccinated staff as of 30 September	CCLHD
3.2	ASMOF update	ASMOF requested an update on the change to ward base team.	JM
3.3	General Business	Any further questions to be forwarded through to the secretariat to collate and distribute	HM