

## NEW ZEALAND BLOOD SERVICE

### Minutes – NZBS Board video conference

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Minutes of the NZBS Board

Video conference held at: New Zealand Blood Service  
71 Great South Road, Epsom, Auckland

In attendance by phone: Mr David Chamberlain (Chairman)  
Dr Jackie Blue (Deputy Chair)  
Dr Bart Baker  
Ms Edie Moke  
Dr Paula Martin  
Mr Ray Lind

Apologies: Ms Fiona Pimm  
Mr John Harrison (CFO)

Management: Ms Sam Cliffe (CEO)  
Dr Sarah Morley (CMO)

Board Secretariat: Vanessa Siddins (Board Secretary)

Date: Friday, 9 October 2020

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The video conference commenced at 9.00am.

F Pimm was an apology and had already given her feedback to D Chamberlain.

#### **Organ Donation submission to Ministry/Minister**

S Cliffe took the papers as read and noted that we were on a tight timeframe. The paper has been kept high level and a general approval/acceptability of what we are proposing from the Ministry is required. S Cliffe put her thanks on record to P Martin for her work on the document, it reads well and tells the story. There are some gaps that need to be discussed with the biggest challenge around funding. We need to be clear what we believe is the right thing for the organ/transplantation sector. By the end of today's session, S Cliffe would like to send this off and is asking the Board for feedback, rather than approval.

P Martin noted she had concerns that we hadn't made as much progress as she'd hoped in understanding and defining roles and functions. A sense of urgency is needed around this and funding is critical at this point. She emphasised that this paper is intended to go to the Ministry but that a different paper should go to the Minister with more of a flavour about what we will aim to achieve and the difference we will make to outcomes. Communications should be kept open with the Ministry so it is clear we want to work with them on a budget and we will need a response from them on an indicative pathway as soon as possible. Ideally this paper will be finalised today, then once we have feedback from the Ministry we can write to the Minister in light of that feedback.

B Baker was supportive of paper and covers some of the things that had been talked about previously. He had slight concerns around partnership with Māori and equity, it needs to be more prominent.

D Chamberlain added that F Pimm's feedback was that the paper didn't deal with Māori equity and the Treaty of Waitangi. E Moke added that in terms of questions regarding treaty partnership, how does ODNZ currently discharge these duties and how do NZBS? If we are doing that well now, it's a matter of continuing that. This is an area we need to do more work on and longer term S Cliffe felt that NZBS need to do a specific piece of work around equity. S Cliffe would appreciate

some assistance with wording for the current paper, it needs to be up front and more prominent and she doesn't think that NZBS has a model that is applicable. We need to make it clear it's our intention and a priority. P Martin noted that we could include a statement about equity upfront in the section on "issues we have considered". However, we need to be careful we are not over promising what this agency can do in addressing equity issues on Māori health outcomes given our role has largely been restricted to increasing organ donation, rather than access to transplantation.

There was discussion on how the paper would be shepherded through the Ministry and what happens next? We need to make it clear in the cover letter we are seeking their feedback which will be included in our briefing for the incoming Minister (BIM).

D Chamberlain asked that any feedback be given to S Cliffe by 11.00am then she will mark up the changes and circulate back to D Chamberlain, P Martin and E Moke. The paper will then be sent to the Director General of Health with a cover letter. The next step is for this paper to be summarised in a BIM for the new Minister, noting that the BIM will come back to the Board. Finally, a paper will go to the Minister including some idea on costs which can be worked on in the background.

D Chamberlain thanked everyone for their input in particular P Martin for all her hard work

The next Board meeting will be on 29 October 2020 at National Office, 71 Great South Road, Epsom

**Close of Meeting:** The meeting closed at 10.00am

**Certified as a true and correct record:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Chamberlain', written in a cursive style.

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**David Chamberlain** – Board Chairman