

# Minutes — Heart Failure Working Group

MEETING DETAILS			
<b>Meeting title</b>	Heart Failure Working Group		
<b>Date and time</b>	23/06/2016		
<b>Venue</b>	CSANZ NZ Meeting Rotorua Events and Convention Centre		
<b>Chairperson</b>	Mayanna Lund, Julie Chirnside		
<b>Minutes</b>	Julie Chirnside		
<b>Present</b>	A quorum was present including: Mayanna Lund, Raewyn Fisher, Maria Matthews, Jo Scott, Janet Dunbar, Julie Chirnside, Helen McGrinder, June Poole, Brigette Lyndsay, Stephen Jennison, Wendy Bryson, Rob Doughty, Debbie Chappell, Catherine Callagher, Simona Inkrot, Renee McEwing, June Roseingrave		
<b>Apologies</b>			
ITEMS DISCUSSED			
No.	Item	Discussion/Action	Responsibility
1.	Minutes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed and accepted as correct by Helen McGrinder, seconded by Rob Doughty.</li> </ul>	
2.	Ratified Terms of Reference of the HFWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayanna updated the group on the Ratified TOR which were accepted at the CSANZ Board meeting in December 2015. The TOR were circulated by email to the NZHFWG members prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>	
3.	Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie reported that NZHFWG membership had increased by about 15 members, following email invitations to non-CSANZ members who were on the existing email list, and to those listed by CSANZ as being on the Heart Failure Council. Current NZHFWG members are 69, although 91 NZ members have indicated on their CSANZ membership that they have a heart failure interest (i.e. are on the Heart Failure Council (Australia and NZ) email list). To close this gap we will endeavour to increase NZHFWG membership by asking the CSANZ administrators to advise us if any new CSANZ NZ members indicate HF as an interest.</li> </ul>	Julie to email Kate Ward
4.	Eplerenone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayanna reported Eplerenone had been considered at PTAC in December 2015. From the February 2016 PTAC minutes, not all of the NZHFWG recommendations were upheld. They have agreed to fund it with low priority for patients who are intolerant to Spironolactone. Watch this space.</li> </ul>	
5.	HF Registry – ANZACS-QI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayanna reported that Consent portion was removed and that the HF Registry migrated to ANZACS-QI six months ago. Since then there has been an encouraging uptake of enrolments – the first five months of 2016 outnumbered the total for 2015. The vision is for every hospital with HF patients to enrol some (aiming for the first 10 admissions every month, and pro-rata for smaller hospitals).</li> <li>Mayanna asked that people who were involved in the old HF Registry, but who haven't taken part for a while, but have access to ANZACS-QI ring the 0800 number and request the HF sheet.</li> <li>Feedback from the group was that it takes about half an hour per patient to input the data. The hospital notes are needed and it can be time-consuming trying to track these down.</li> </ul>	Clinicians who have ANZACS-QI access
6.	Absolute essentials for a multi-disciplinary HF team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayanna would like the HFWG to write a statement recommending the basic requirements of a multi-disciplinary team in HF care. Anyone interested in being involved in writing the statement please contact <a href="mailto:Mayanna.lund@middlemore.co.nz">Mayanna.lund@middlemore.co.nz</a></li> </ul>	Interested people to contact Mayanna

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7.	Heart Foundation Staying Well With Heart Failure Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Julie updated the group that feedback had been sought earlier in the year from the Heart Foundation about the patient resource book. Their working group has processed this feedback and recommended some changes. A first draft should be available for the clinical community to review soon.</li> </ul>	Heart Foundation to make draft available for feedback
8.	ECHO Appropriate Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayanna reported that the NZHFWG had been asked to give advice on a work in progress called the ECHO Appropriate Guidelines.</li> <li>Rob Doughty added that it was very important to get this right and encouraged people to have their say at this Rotorua meeting, as it was thought the Guidelines group may try and get sign-off in the next couple of days. Rob reminded the group that GPs had been calling for open access ECHOs for decades. Early HF diagnosis does not need ECHO, neither does early HF treatment. Things like BNP levels need review before these Guidelines are signed off.</li> </ul>	
9.	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raewyn Fisher mentioned the National Cardiac Network's Minimum Standards which has been endorsed by every DHB in NZ except ADHB.</li> <li>The messages in the Minimum Standards need to be consistent with the ECHO Appropriate Guidelines.</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stephen Jennison recommended a recent paper by Keene et al., (NZMJ 27 May 2016, Vol 129 No 1435 ISSN 1175-8716) to encourage those looking for support for multi-disciplinary HF programmes. This paper refutes the "lack of funding" excuse.</li> </ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combined NZ and Australia HF Snapshot</li> <li>Helen McGrinder is co-chairing this Snapshot and teleconferences have been ongoing. The issues are how to fund a month long snapshot, and it was suggested that a research grant be applied for the 2017/2018 period. Richard Troughton had suggested a smaller NZ snapshot to prove feasibility for a bigger project. In New South Wales it cost (nurses were paid?) \$250 per patient, and they struggled to get rural patients. The question was posed to the group whether we could manage a week long NZ snapshot this September or October? About 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of those in the room thought they could potentially manage this. This prompted discussion on how to engage other NZ sites. Mayanna will write to members and is particularly interested in engaging the smaller rural hospitals. We would aim for about a month lead in.</li> <li>The Australia/NZ Snapshot data sheet is very lengthy. How much does the ANZACS-QI HF data sheet cover/miss? Would it be sufficient to use this as an alternative for the feasibility study?</li> <li>Snapshot week to be decided.</li> </ul>	<p>Mayanna to write to members.</p> <p>Julie to send the Australia- NZ Data sheet to the group.</p> <p>Members to consider the data sheets for the snapshot</p>
		<b>NEXT MEETING: CSANZ National meeting Hamilton 2017</b>	