



Community Representatives to Committees

SUBMITTED TO:

Board Meeting

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RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION:

That the Board confirms that the Community Members of the Committees are:

- a) representatives of the community and therefore as part of their role are expected to obtain feedback from and provide feedback to their communities.

Or

- b) expert representatives and therefore are not required to provide feedback to the community.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Newspaper advertisement for Community Representatives
- Letter of appointment for Community Representatives

BACKGROUND:

The DSAC/CPHAC agenda for 25 September contained a report that included a suggested format for community representatives to report back to their communities.

A debate of this report ensued during which the community representatives stated that they were not there as representatives of the community but as experts in their fields. If the DHB wanted them to report back to their communities it would need to identify this community for them and reimburse the costs of the feedback.

The G M Governance and Compliance informed the Committee that both the advertisement for members and the letters of appointment clearly stated that the members were appointed to the Committee as community representatives and therefore it was implicit as part of their appointment that they seek input from and feedback to their communities.

Given the differing views it is necessary for the Board to clarify for the Committees whether the roles of community members or one of community representative or expert.