



Infectious Diseases & AMR expert panel meeting minutes

Monday 19 April 2021

Meeting opened: 10:05 am

Panel members present: Juliet Gerrard (co-Chair), Matire Harwood (co-Chair), Mark Thomas, Nigel French, Anneka Anderson, Kristen Dyet, Sharon Gardiner, David Murdoch, Jack Heinemann

OPMCSA staff present: Justin O'Sullivan, George Slim, Rachel Chiaroni-Clarke, Ellen Rykers

Apologies: Dianne Sika-Paotonu, Siouxsie Wiles

Note: all decisions made during this meeting are subject to discussion with absent panel members before being finalised.

Introductory remarks from the Chairs and introductions from panel members

Panel members introduced themselves, outlined their backgrounds and expressed their motivations for getting involved. Chairs introduced the project, highlighting that this offers an opportunity to raise the profile of AMR and infectious diseases in Aotearoa New Zealand. JG gave overview of PMCSA role and the open working process of the panel.

Wider reference group

This group is comprised of all who were nominated or volunteered and we welcome further nominations. We will solicit feedback from the reference group on drafted material.

High-level discussion of priorities/Bees in bonnets

Panel members outlined initial priorities and questions. These included:

- Equity and access to antimicrobials,
- Confirming that viruses are in-scope,
- Intergenerational ethics,
- Capability-building in the infectious diseases space,
- Need for national antimicrobial guidance and commitment to action plan,
- Engaging with youth,
- Taking a comprehensive approach that emphasises disproportionate effects on Māori and Pasifika,
- Recombining human and animal health efforts that have previously been siloed,
- Getting the 'bread and butter' simple stuff right,
- Opportunity to shine a light on AMR/AMS in diverse communities,
- More focus and expertise needed on infection prevention and control (IPC).

Terms of Reference

The panel agreed to the terms of reference.

Draft project scope

The panel went through the detailed project scope and discussed content, changes to framing, and structural alterations, in addition to general thoughts and ideas. The project will focus on three issues in infectious diseases in Aotearoa New Zealand: antimicrobial resistance (big focus, with discussion of key organisms/illnesses, including gonorrhoea), with two further 'spotlights' on rheumatic fever, and campylobacter. *See draft scope document.*

Workshop planning

To ensure we engage with the breadth and depth of expertise not represented on the panel, we will engage with members of the wider reference group via four 'workshop' sessions. The workshops will be on the following topics:

- Infection prevention and control.
- Youth (possible South Auckland site visit to see rangatahi on their own turf).
- Urban environment (housing).
- Animal/plant/environment.

External communications

Panel members are encouraged to be open about this project and to engage with media to raise the profile of this issue. The panel should operate under a 'no surprises' policy, letting the other members know if you're writing a public-facing piece, or doing an interview and with whom. Draft recommendations will be kept confidential.

Internal communications

We will set up a Dropbox with reading material, a meeting log and other resources. Please email RCC directly if you have things to share.

Vision

We will craft two alternate visions for the future – in one scenario, we have taken positive action to reduce infectious diseases and AMR. The other will imagine the consequences of not taking action.

Project title and hashtag

The panel landed on a working title of 'Kotahitanga: Uniting Aotearoa against drug-resistant infections'. A hashtag for the project could be #ResistResistanceNZ.

Actions arising

Action item	Responsibility
Update project scope	Rachel
Dropbox link shared with panel	Rachel
Panel to provide short bios for website	Panel – email to Rachel
Share 'Reframing Resistance' report with panel	Rachel
Panel to provide further feedback on scope and title	Panel – email to Rachel

Meeting closed: 2:50pm