



Annual General Meeting of the Private HealthCare Forum

Held at:

Discovery Offices, 16 Fredman Drive, Sandton

Multipurpose Room, Ground Floor

24 May 2007 from 14h30 to 17h30

Present:

PHF members

Fazel Randera, Jonathan Broomberg, Alison Vienings, Vicki Ehrich, Kurt Worrall-Clare, Wilma Erasmus, Ashley Pearce, Val Beaumont, Raseela Inderlall, Nkaki Matlala, Guni Goolab, Suzanne Bor n mann, Sybil Seoka, Tjaart Erasmus, Muhammad Bodhania, Mathabo Kona, Tanya Vogt, Penny Thlabi, Mandi Mzimba, George Prinsloo

Apologies

Aquina Thulare, Kgosi Letlape, Adam Pyle, Noel Guliwe, Koert Pretorius, Reg Engelbrecht, Maureen Kirkman, Albert Denoon, Alan Tomlinson, Kendrah da Silva, Monwabisi Gantscho, Nicola Brink,

Secretariat

Yasmin Moola

Facilitator

Patrick Deale

1. Opening and welcome

Fazel Randera welcomed PHF members to the Third Annual General Meeting of the AGM. He confirmed that notices of this meeting were sent out in due time and noted that there were several apologies. He thanked Discovery for hosting the PHF and thanked Patrick Deale who would be facilitating the PHF Elections.

There were no further issues to add to the agenda.

2. Minutes of PHF Annual General Meeting held on 24th May 2006 and matters arising

The minutes of the PHF main meeting held on 24th May 2006 were confirmed as representative of discussions that took place and accepted. There was one change to Page 4, the top paragraph, should read “That the charter is viewed as a partnership between all stakeholders and that acceptance of anti private sector language should be done so under protest. In this regard Kurt Worrall-Clare explained that the charter document as redrafted no longer used the language of blame. Opinions and even contrary opinions are recognised but not as statements of fact. Each sector is therefore entitled to reserve its opinion on matters where there is no agreement.”

3. Chairperson’s Address

Fazel reflected on the changes that took place in the last year. The PHF set itself certain aims and objectives, and part of that was to foster better relations within the Private HealthCare sector between the groupings making up the Private HealthCare sector but also more importantly to foster better relations with other social partners in our society, Government, Labour and Civil Society.

Over the last four years there was some uncertainty that Private HealthCare was going to be outlawed by Government. The Health Charter was on the agenda, and whether individually or collectively there appears to be a better relationship with Government. This has been reflected in a number of forums. The PHF was looked at very favourably in terms of the contribution it was making towards the Charter.

The first piece of legislation that the PHF have been directly involved in is the Medical Schemes Amendment Bill, where documentation was prepared by the PHF. This documentation was raised

and discussed at BUSA; BUSA accepted the PHF's contributions and the document was then submitted to Parliament.

The other major area is the National Strategic Plan on HIV/ Aids, and although the PHF has not directly contributed towards this, it is anticipated that there will be changes. These changes will be important for the PHF as it will need to play a role to continue emphasising the contribution that the Private HealthCare sector makes to Healthcare in South Africa.

Within the PHF there has been extensive discussion about the continued existence of PHF membership within BUSA. A presentation will be made to the AGM in a short while on the new financial model. For the next year or two the PHF wants to consolidate PHF's position and the recommendation is for the PHF to exit BUSA at least for the next year, perhaps longer.

A decision was made by the PHF'Exco to terminate the contract with Tokiso. A letter of termination has been sent to Tokiso and the official notice period is June 2007. Thank you to Yasmin Moola for being part of the PHF.

There has been a resignation from the PHF Membership, from a primary grouping, The South African Dental Association (SADA). There may be possibility that SAMA resign from the PHF, not because of financing but because of the role that they play in the professional grouping.

Its Election time this year again, and Fazel thanked the PHF for giving him the opportunity for leading this organisation for the last three years. He hoped that the organisation continued to grow especially in terms of the restructuring that is being proposed at this meeting.

4. New direction for the PHF

Wilma Erasmus (The PHF Treasurer) reported the following:

A new costing model and budget was presented. (See attached).

Some members indicated that they would need to revert to their respective Boards with the new budget and would come back with a mandate. There was no agreement on the percentages that members have to pay, but there was agreement on the overall model.

There was agreement on:

- Termination of Tokiso
- Termination of BUSA
- Agree that the fee structure may need to change to include the possibility that SAMA may resign
- Relook at percentages, different market shares
- That Members must inform the EXCO if they can't meet the new budget and the exco can then decide on how to meet that deficit.
- Members will send their company turnovers to Wilma urgently so that she can prepare a new costing model.

5. Report on the Health Charter

Kurt Worall-Clare reported on the Health Charter.

- Progressed to Draft 11, soon to publish Draft 12.
- There was strong argument from the Private Sector that the language of the original draft published by the Ministerial Task Team was unnecessarily negative to the Private Sector in particular. The language has been restructured.
- Several drafts later, letters were received from Nedlac requesting to see the task team. There were concerns that the document would be handed over to Nedlac for Nedlac to finalise. After several meetings at Nedlac the primary dispute was whether or not an agreement had been made that this would become a Nedlac Process and Business reserved it's right to take this back to it's constituencies. After lengthy meetings, it was agreed that the stakeholders groups

would complete their process. The matter was referred back to the stakeholders back to the original draft to complete that process.

- A process has been agreed to and is as follows:
- That the Drafting Team will meet once again, an attempt to resolve outstanding issues between stakeholders
- That the Drafting team will try as far as possible to come up with language that represents the different stakeholders
- That Draft 12 of the Charter be published
- That the charter be subject to one final plenary, if plenary does not come up with a “complete” draft then we would be right back to where we started. If the parties agree at the Stakeholders forum then it’s unlikely if not improbable that matters will be reopened at Nedlac. If matters are reopened, then stakeholders have the right to walk away from the process. If stakeholders walk away from the process then it is highly unlikely that the Charter will be accepted by the dti.

Members thanked Kurt for all his efforts on the Charter.

6. Finances

An audited PHF annual financial statement year ending Feb 2007 has been circulated to the broad forum. An excess amount of R 8 730.00 of income over expenditure for the period: 1 March 2007 to 30 April 2007 is reported.

7. Elections

Patrick Deale of Tokiso conducted the election process for the chairperson, and then handed over the election of the Executive Committee to the new Chairperson. The following people were elected:

As Chairperson:

Kurt Worall-Clare

As members of the Executive Committee:

Founding members:

HASA – Nkaki Matlala

BHF – Penny Thlabi

IMSA – Val Beaumont

PIASA – Vicki Ehrich

SAMA – Kgosi Letlape

SAMED – Tanya Vogt

NAPM – Muhammed Bodhania

Ordinary members:

HPA – Alan Tomlinson

PSSA – Sybil Seoka

SASP – Wilma Erasmus

Executive Committee members are requested to come to the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for the 20th June 2007, prepared with the names of their alternates and to elect a vice chair and treasurer.

8. Thanks and close of meeting

Kurt Worall-Clare thanked Fazel for his dedication and commitment to lead the PHF through a process of three years and it was unanimously agreed that he would remain as an Ex Officio of the PHF. He thanked Patrick Deale for facilitating the elections and to Yasmin Moola for her role as secretariat.

Patrick Deale thanked the PHF for providing Tokiso with the opportunity to offer the administration services to them.

The meeting closed at 16h30.