

MS Strategic Plan

Our Strategic Recommendations were the outcome of the Strategic Review undertaken by Bruce Howat in the months after the merger of our two societies in early 2008. As the financial downturn tightened and for some other reasons the progress of the Recommendations faltered. The ACTION column has been updated with the current status of each recommendation to enable the Committee and General Manger to re-apply focus in this area.

Client Services

	RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
1	The Committee appoints a sub committee to explore the range of options for facilities for respite care and office accommodation and report back.	<p>Our original advice was that no action was required pending the outcome of our application to the ASB. We had applied for a full refurbishment of the offices and/or a new automatic disability-friendly door. The ASB provided \$15,500 for the door but no funds for the refurbishment.</p> <p>A sub-committee hasn't been convened</p>
2	The Committee asks the General Manager to explore the range of options for a counsellor or appropriate counselling service and report back.	Gary will prepare a report for presentation at the September Meeting of the Committee
3	The Committee asks the General Manager to organize a plan for the development of a "dummies guide to MS" and report back.	The first Issue of the Directory of Services has been published and circulated to all members. There are no further plans to develop this initiative further. Gary to prepare a discussion document for the October meeting of the Committee
4	The Committee asks the General Manager to facilitate a meeting for those interested in an "employment collective". The meeting is to occur and once set up staff leave the collective to self manage.	A sub-committee was established with Nelson as Chair. AN initial meeting of the sub-committee was scheduled but unfortunately Nelson's ill-health intervened and no further meetings have been scheduled to date
5	The Committee asks the General Manager to include in reports to the committee on the face to face visits, telephone visits etc of Field Workers. This report should not be about a single Field Worker but the collective figure so the committee has confidence that face to face visits are happening for all clients.	COMPLETED ✓
6	The Committee asks the General Manager to explore the possibility of Field Workers being accredited to assess for DHB and report on this possibility.	Kathryn Johns suggested that Acess-able should be approached with a view to investigating this on behalf of the Society. Neil and Gary to action. No action has been taken to date. Gary will contact Access-able and report back to the Committee in September
7	The Committee asks the General Manager for an exercise schedule plan for the next twelve months. The plan to include exploration of new exercise classes and area	Gary to present a report at the October Committee meeting

Operations

	RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
8	The Committee asks the General Manager to report back on the range of options and cost effectiveness of those options for a more integrated data base system.	Since this Recommendation was published, National Office has circulated a paper called Moving Forward in which it is suggested that a centralized Client database system should be adopted by all of the regions. In the case of MS Auckland it only gives us the same functionality that we have already. A Paper has been presented to the August Meeting of our Committee for consideration
9	The Committee asks the General Manager for a plan on raising the profile of MS and MS Auckland Region. This plan to be presented to the committee.	There are no funds available within the current Budget to allow us to consider a plan in this regard. Suggest that the General Manager be asked to provide a proposal within the Budget proposals for 2010
10	The Committee asks the General Manager to present a business case for a Public Relations employee.	At the time of our discussions re this recommendation it was agreed that Nelson take this item to the next National Board meeting. Rosie Gallagher has some of these functions within her current role

Finance

	RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
11	The Committee set up a separate finance sub-committee to look at fundraising, a separate research fund and a policy on "reserves". This committee should have the power to second others with appropriate expertise and present a report at every committee meeting.	A sub-committee is in place (Neil Woodhams, John Watts, Gary McMahan) and has met, but the issues still have to be addressed

Governance

	RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
12	The Committee changes to a Board of Trustees.	It was agreed at the time to defer
13	The Committee set up a regional committee structure with defined guidelines.	It was agreed at the time to defer
14	The Committee set up a social and training programme for themselves.	The Committee organised a Staff/Committee get together at the Woodhams home which had a very good attendance. Gary has recently circulated to the Committee a training opportunity to refresh governance skills (see attached paper)
15	The Committee publishes this report on the web site and markets it through the newsletter.	COMPLETED ✓
16	The Committee makes the commitment that six monthly progress reports are given to clients on the outcome of the strategic review.	Adopted. Precis reports will be provided via the Newsletter with Full report on the website. A summary of the minutes or perhaps an update on one key item that has been worked on can be inserted into the newsletter