

## Board Meeting Summary

### **Welcome to Jensen Webber, new Acting CEO and James Allison, new COO**

- The Board welcomed Jensen Webber to his first Mahitahi Hauora (MH) Board meeting in his role as Acting CEO for Mahitahi Hauora, and James Allison in his role as Chief Operating Officer
- Jensen began working with Mahitahi Hauora full-time from 5 April 2021 and is on a fixed-term contract until 30 June 2021

### **And Welcome to Boyd Broughton, new Board Trustee Member**

- Last month we also welcomed Boyd Broughton (Ngā Puhī) to our Board as our Te Kahu o Taonui representative
- Boyd is currently General Manager of Iwi Healthcare provider Te Hā Oranga
- Boyd has replaced Antony Thompson (Ngāti Whātua) as our Te Kahu o Taonui representative
- We acknowledged Antony for the significant and important role he has played in the development of Mahitahi Hauora

### **Health and Disability System Review**

- The Board discussed the next steps in relation to the Health and Disability System Review
- An announcement on changes to the high-level structure of New Zealand's health care system is expected post a Cabinet meeting on 21 April
- The Board noted post that announcement there will be a period of design, building relationships and defining accountabilities

### **Finding a way forward – mediation with three GP practices**

- Following a legal request to resign from the PHE from three GP practices in Northland, several members of the Board and the new Acting CEO met with those practices and a mediator to try and find a way forward together
- The practices and Mahitahi Hauora have agreed they want find solutions to the issues that have been raised and to identify areas that we'll work on together
- Two meetings have been held between the practices and members of the Board
- A progress report along with recommendations will be brought back to the Board to consider in a fortnight

### **COVID-19 Immunisation roll-out**

- The Board discussed the COVID-19 immunisation roll-out, and noted it was a key challenge and concern
- They discussed the important role General Practice plays in all types of vaccines and the need to clarify the role of GPs in this COVID roll-out
- The roll-out will be included as a risk area for Board to consider at each meeting as part of MH Health measures



**Joint NDHB/MH Governance Group – Primary Health Care and Māori Health Provider focus**

- In acknowledgement of the significant medical workforce shortage that Northland is currently facing, Northland District Health Board and Mahitahi Hauora have agreed to create a joint governance group to focus on the problem and align initiatives currently in development in both organisations
- Last month the Board approved \$0.5M to support Mahitahi Hauora's GP workforce plan which includes initiatives such as supporting and encouraging medical students to choose Northland for their Community Based Attachment and for GP registrars to choose Northland to train
- That will bring that funding and initiative together with NDHB's \$5M commitment to supporting our GP workforce pipeline in Te Tai Tokerau
- The Board noted and supported this important initiative

**Performance highlights and challenges**

- The following MH performance highlights and challenges were discussed with the Board:
  - *Highlights:*
    - All locum requests for the month were placed
    - Excellent training turnout by primary health care for regular resuscitation program
    - Start of primary health care COVID vaccination roll-out
    - Good collaboration with Northland DHB around diabetes
    - Strong number of applications for the Kai Ora fund
    - Patient mapping journey in the mid-North continues for Oral Health
    - Good progress with Musculoskeletal Wellbeing programme and Arthritis NZ funding
    - Approval to move forward with funding to support GP workforce planning
  - *Challenges:*
    - Capacity issues with nurses (within MH and primary health care) being (rightly) prioritised for COVID vaccinations
    - Youth mental health challenges, obesity, eating disorders
    - Locality planning and geographical resources especially in rural areas