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Localities update

The CEO provided Board members with an update on the localities work:

- Koutui Hauora will lead and orientate our focus, and Mahitahi Hauora will reorient services to meet that focus.
- Koutui Hauora and Mahitahi Hauora confirmed their commitment to each other and both participated in a presentation to the Transition Unit, which was well received.

Contract negotiations

The CEO advised Board members that all outstanding issues were expected to be resolved within the next two meetings with Northland DHB.

GP initiatives update

- Funding totalling \$200,000 has been made available to General Practice and Pharmacy from the Māori Health Provider Collective (Tai Timu Tai Pari) to reflect and acknowledge the work done to date to improve Māori vaccination rates for COVID-19 and encourage a continuation of this work.
- General practices with an enrolled Māori population of 30% or more (19 practices) were eligible.
- We agreed to support eight general practices with a mixture of ideas. In total this equates to \$169,000 with more forthcoming.
- \$150,000 made available to Pharmacy.

COVID cost recovery

The COO provided the Board with a submission given to Northland DHB seeking full recovery of the costs associated with providing the COVID-19 Clinical Hub.

Restructure update

The CEO provided Board members with an update as to progress with the Restructure Proposal from January to the end of February 2022.

- Mahitahi Hauora currently has 63 FTE staff members, with multiple roles being advertised as part of the transitioning plan.
- Staff are maintaining core services but are holding back on implementing other services until revenue is secured.



- General practice will always be a key stakeholder in primary care. Mahitahi Hauora aims to involve other NGOs and broaden network connectivity.

CEO report

- Mahitahi Hauora staff are being encouraged to return to work onsite.
- Care has been taken with rotation and return to work approach. Only two staff members have contracted COVID to date.

Financial report

- Net deficit Jan YTD is \$1.6m.
- This is driven by lower than anticipated revenue, unforeseen COVID costs, unbudgeted IT, and legal costs. Higher deficit was prevented by savings in salaries and wages, and costs associated with number of FTEs.
- Deficit mitigation options include:
 - negotiation with NDHB on recovery of additional COVID expenditure
 - Appointment for new FTE positions only when absolutely required
 - Introduction of service payback model to practices.

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