

Board Summary: 14 May 2021

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Getting fit for the future: health reforms update

- The Board reviewed, considered and discussed the latest overviews on the Health Reforms
- Mahitahi Hauora will focus on supporting primary health care to be ‘fit for the future’, key actions including:
 - Reorientation to ensure we’re delivering whānau centred care
 - Exploring a new renewed and reinvigorated approach for localities
 - Continual improvement on the core functions and delivery of the PHE:
 - The Board reviewed progress and noted the ongoing commitment in addressing recent feedback from General Practice in key areas including clarity around capacitation and funding, workforce shortages, communication and locality developments

Next steps – three practices leaving PHE

- Over recent months the Mahitahi Hauora Board, CEO and COO have been working closely with the leadership teams of Kensington Health, Bush Road Medical Centre and Central Family Health Care General Practices to try and find a way we can continue to work together in the future
- Following that remediation process those General Practices still wish to remove themselves from the PHE, and will do so by the end of June this year once they gain approval from Northland District Health Board (NDHB) on a new Primary Health Organisation (PHO) they will work with
- Mahitahi Hauora will now work with Northland DHB and those practices to prepare an exit strategy and transition plan for that change
- The Board noted the most important priority was ensuring whānau cared for by those practices aren’t affected or any way ‘penalised’ as a result of the move

COVID-19 update

- Dr Mataroria Lyndon, Mahitahi Hauora Equity Lead and member of the NDHB COVID-19 Primary Care Steering Group, presented the Board with an update on the COVID-19 roll-out in Tai Tokerau:



- As of 14 May 2021, 16,000 doses administered. 17% were Māori
- An updated roll-out strategy and plan is underway
- Kuia, Kaumatua and the elderly are the priority group being booked first and then those over the age of 50. Bookings can be made via a phone call and bookings are the priority.
- More detail is required before Northland GPs will start offering vaccinations
- The rollout has been led by the Ministry of Health and Northland DHB COVID-19 roll-out team
- The Board discussed the recent decision to expand the age group receiving COVID vaccinations, which impacted GP practices and their flu vaccination programmes:
 - Feedback from the Primary Care Steering Group within the programme's roll-out team has been given to the programme leads on the impacts and a request for more advance notice and discussion on decisions that affect primary care

Caring for each other and our whānau and community

- The CEO updated on a renewed focus within Mahitahi Hauora on supporting the wellbeing of Mahitahi Hauora staff.
- This renewed focus is led by the principle that wellbeing 'starts at home' – for us all to effectively serve and care for our whānau and communities, we must ensure we do the same in our own 'whare'
- Initiatives introduced include:
 - Open forums/suggestion box to encourage people to speak their minds
 - Celebrating demonstrable kindness/emphasis on optimism - employee of the month introduced

Performance highlights

- Annual refresh of funding agreements with NDHB and review of provider agreements underway
- Nurse Symposium developed by a Mahitahi Hauora Planning Group and led by Nurse Director, Josephine Davis.
- Continue to navigate the challenges of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on planned programmes of work and resources
- He Kakano Ahau – Youth Mental Health RFP contract closed, signed and announced by Minister of Health Andrew Little at Whangarei Youth Space
- Manawa Ora (supporting warm, dry homes) received 60 referrals last month
- 13 Continuing Medical Education sessions delivered
- What Matters to Whānau team supported Locality 2 (Whakapiki Ake Taitamariki) with gathering whānau feedback at a hui