

— PHO Newsletter —

Rural Canterbury and Hurunui Kaikoura PHOs

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RURAL CANTERBURY PHO

AND HURUNUI KAIKOURA PHOs

Over the past few months both Rural Canterbury PHO and Hurunui Kaikoura PHO Board's have been discussing the future of the PHOs. As part of this discussion it was agreed, in principle, at the February HKPHO Board meeting that the HKPHO merge with RCPHO.

At the March RCPHO Board meeting the offer was made to HKPHO of positions on the Board as follows:

- ✦ one Maori rep,
- ✦ one health provider rep
- ✦ and one community rep

The RCPHO Board also agreed to the co-option / secondment for twelve months of an additional representative nominated by the HKPHO Board.

This offer was accepted by the HKPHO Board at its 7 April meeting.

The HKPHO Board's decision to merge with Rural Canterbury PHO and to accept nominations for the three positions on the RCPHO Board will be dealt with at a public meeting to be held in Hanmer Springs on 18 May 2010 at 10.00 am.

This public meeting is being advertised in the local newspapers. The flyer is also being displayed in all HKPHO general practices (see opposite).



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Hurunui Kaikoura *PHO*
and
Rural Canterbury PHO

At a special HKPHO Board Meeting held on 7 April the following resolution was agreed:

'That the HKPHO General Practices merge with RCPHO, as at 30 September or earlier if possible.'

► PUBLIC MEETING

10.00 am, Tuesday, 18 May 2010

Emergency Hall, Fire Station, Hanmer Springs

- Nominations to be sought from those present at the public meeting, for the following positions on the Rural Canterbury PHO Board:

- ❖ a community representative,
 - ❖ a health provider representative,
 - ❖ a Maori representative,
- on behalf of the Hurunui Kaikoura area.

One further representative will be co-opted, for 12 months, to the RCPHO Board by the HKPHO Board.

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Rural Canterbury PHO Board - Practice Nurse representative

Nominations are being sought for Practice Nurse representation on the Rural Canterbury PHO Board from practice nurses employed within Rural Canterbury PHO.

A fax nomination form has been provided to each practice in the weekly mailout.

Nominations will close at 12 noon on Friday, 30 April 2010 with Dianne Walker, 03 357 4372 / 0800 800 743.

A few words from Mental Health GP Liaison, Susan Kovacs RPN

I have now been in this role for over two years and with the knowledge that the CDHB has confirmed funding to 2011 am pleased that this service will not come to an abrupt end. I cover a very broad geographical area which has always included Hurunui Kaikoura.

I am certain of the benefits to the clients referred by their general practice teams to both myself and our BIC service; measured outcomes, we are encouraged by verbal reports and the growing number of clients referred by Specialist Mental Health Services to this tier of health care.

What I would like to express here is my appreciation of the positive feedback I increasingly receive from General Practitioners and their teams. I have noticed that the

number and duration of phone contacts have increased and at times include updates about clients with whom my contact has already terminated, which is appreciated.

I am at times the practitioner that the GP or PN can talk things through with as they formulate their next clinical step or off load the feelings of frustration. We all experience frustrations at times, when we can't fix or change the things we would like to - imagine the brilliant outcomes if we always could.

Thank you for the support of this and all our mental health roles which I take as a sign of your growing confidence in our ability to provide inclusive mental health care to your communities.



PHO PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME
 Hurunui Health Centre (Waikari Clinic) and Kaikoura Medical Centre celebrating their success in achieving the total number of points from the current goals of PHO Performance Programme for the year ended 30 June 2009.



**Cornerstone
 General Practice Accreditation programme**

In early February a reminder was sent to practices re the Cornerstone General Practice Accreditation programme. At that time there was some urgency to becoming registered for the programme for those intending to gain accreditation. It seems that many practices are interested in doing Cornerstone, but have not yet registered with the programme. The process is to fill in the registration form – another form is available from Alison Wilkie at the PHO office if you cannot trace it – and then return it to the Cornerstone Programme, Waveney Grennell the RNZCGP is the Manager of this programme. You **MUST** be registered. If your practice is not registered then you will not be involved in the process. An assessment visit needs to be scheduled well ahead, even a year ahead, so there is plenty of time to get all details sorted within the practice before that assessment visit occurs. Although there is a waiting list, there are practices ‘dropping out’ fairly regularly, so places do become available, but only if you are on the waiting list.

- REMINDER:**
- ✦ Discretionary Fund available until 30 June 2010;
 - ✦ Packages of Care (Chronic) funding available

TestSafe South is coming
 TestSafe South is a secure electronic database for shared health information. It stores lab results that can be accessed by authorized Healthcare providers such as General Practices and the CDHB Hospital Staff - for more information see the website www.testsafe.co.nz

**The next service utilisation report is to cover the period
 1 January 2010 – 31st March 2010**
 The actual submission has been delayed until next month due to an upgrade requested by DHBNZ. We will send out a reminder email with the confirmed submission due date. This email is in addition to a notice that DHBNZ have sent out to all PHOs and DHBs concerning this.

Rakaia Medical Centre - Locum Required
 2-3 days a week from 17 May to 2 July while one of our GP's is away. Days of the week negotiable but probably Thursday and Friday anyway. If another day, maybe Tuesday. Working 9am to 5pm. Accommodation available. Please ring Sally on 03 303 5002.

PHO PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME
 In the recently released Official Information Act request to Radio NZ, it is a real thrill to see both RCPHO and HKPHO have achieved places amongst the top 5 PHOs in the country for four of the 18 performance indicators. Mornington (a single practice PHO in central Dunedin) is the only South Island PHO that exceeded our achievements (6/18), which, by this measure, placed them as the top performing PHO in the country. Nationally there were 2 PHOs amongst the top 5 in 5 PIs, one other achieved 4.

Icelandic volcanic eruption and possibility of short term delays in influenza vaccine supplies from France
 Over 750,000 doses of influenza vaccine have been distributed in the 2010 season so far– this is around 100,000 more than at the same time last year and is good news. It is also more than the entire 2008 influenza season. Our main stock of seasonal influenza vaccine comes weekly from Sanofi and is manufactured in France. The Icelandic volcanic eruption is disrupting flights to and from Europe which may impact vaccine supplies in New Zealand from next week. There may be some short term delays in influenza vaccine supplies and the Ministry of Health recommends that practices reconsider the scheduling of new vaccination clinics from next week unless you have sufficient vaccine supplies on hand. We will continue to keep everyone informed as the situation changes. If you have any queries about anything in this update, please email immunisation@moh.govt.nz or 0800IMMUNE@auckland.ac.nz or phone 0800 466 863 (0800 IMMUNE)
 David Wansbrough, Manager,
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	HKPHO	RCPHO
NZ European	12024	56410
Maori	1179	3763
Pacific Islander	78	796
Other	243	8993
Total Enrolled Population as at 1 April 2010	13524	69962