

Rural Canterbury PHO Board - Bullet Point Update

Bullet Points from the Board meeting

- ▶ Maori Health Manager (Kaiwhakarite) - Hector Matthews (CDHB Maori Health Manager) led the formal welcome for the Maori Health Manager. Allan Marriott (Chair) welcomed Wayne Smith on behalf of the Board and staff prior to the Board meeting. Wayne will be introduced to practices during his orientation programme over the next few weeks.
- ▶ Involvement of RCPHO in Before School Checks (B4sc) - still not finalized; the RCPHO / CPHO Clinical Governance Group's Chair, Dr Angus Chambers, has written to the CDHB's Clinical Governance Board seeking their view on the screening tools to be used for this check.
- ▶ A reconciliation of Mental Health funding to PHO's is being undertaken by the CDHB.
- ▶ **MSD/Primary Care Service** - now underway with a current contract for one year. Glenda Prendergast has been appointed as MSD Primary Care Service Coordinator and Emma Ogden as the BIC. This service had dealt with four referrals in December 08.
- ▶ The updated website is now up and running and the promotional DVD has been attached although some teething problems are still being worked through - www.rcpho.org.nz
- ▶ An extension to the Additional Respiratory Services Agreement has been received from the CDHB.
- ▶ The CDHB has requested that RCPHO undertake the development of a Locum Service model - details are being clarified around the area to be covered for this model and the two separate services ie after hours cover and locum service.
- ▶ Agreement has been reached with Ashburton Rural Hospital for Medical Officers to pick up the workload for after hours, from 11 pm to 7 am each day. The CDHB was thanked for their assistance in achieving this excellent result.
- ▶ The Acute Demand Nursing contract was received 24 December and will be executed this month, to commence immediately. Healthcare NZ will provide this service.
- ▶ One general practice had a major loss of data due to problems with backup on 1 January 2009. Practices will be reminded in the next newsletter to ensure they have adequate and appropriate systems in place to backup their practice management system.
- ▶ HPV vaccination - the CDHB had made the decision that this vaccination programme would go through general practice rather than the Public Health Nurse. The Ministry of Health will evaluate this in December 2009, therefore vaccinations will have to commence in the first six months of this year, in order for the data to be available in December.
- ▶ The CDHB has requested that the Chronic Disease Management Packages of Care funding be re-allocated and have sought suggestions - a costed proposal will be put to the CDHB.

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Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus 905 places remaining. 20 Practices participating. Uptake 71%.
- Women's Wellness - 279 checks have been allocated - 128 checks completed up to 12 January.
- Men's Wellness Checks— 1032 checks have been completed - 2 practices yet to participate.
- Cervical Screening, Ashburton - 5 out of 7 practices participating - 35 screens completed.
- Discretionary Funding—In the last month \$3140 has been allocated to patients.
- Chronic Care Management / Maori Chronic Care Management - Packages of Care now total 414 (36 for Maori).
- Child Health Liaison—total referrals 34.
- Respiratory Nurse Specialist - new referrals this month 6 and 26 patient visits.
- Mental Health Extended Consultations - unused volumes will be re-allocated by Manager and advised to practices.
- BIC referrals for Nov/Dec: Waimakariri 49; Ashburton 41; and Banks Peninsula 5.
- 0-3% GP Liaison (Susan Kovacs) for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton, contacts for Nov/Dec 2008 totaled 103.