

### Rural Canterbury PHO Board - Bullet Point Update

#### Bullet Points from the Board meeting

24 February 2009

#### Excerpts from CEO's Report

Allan Marriott was admitted to hospital on 24 January 2009 with an extremely high temperature. He was admitted to ICU where he was diagnosed with Streptococcus A and during the first week he had four trips to theatre and time in the hypobaric chamber. Following a slight setback, and another scan which showed no re-infection, he was given a blood transfusion. He was moved from ICU early in February but was restricted to only family visiting.

Allan was discharged to home on Monday 16 February where he is recuperating and trying to put back on the 7 kgs he lost. He is in for a long recuperation but is keen to be kept informed although he does realise that it will be only at a pace that he can cope with as he physically regains strength.

Allan asked that Board members and staff be thanked for their cards and gifts and advised that he hoped to be back chairing the Board for its April meeting.

The Board agreed that Gavin Marshall (Deputy Chair) would continue in the role of Acting Chair for the March meeting. Board members also agreed to provide assistance and support to the CEO as and when necessary and appropriate during Allan's absence.

- ▶ Maori Health Manager (Kaiwhakarite) - the short term goals for this role were endorsed by the Board: To link General Practice to those Maori and other services providers who are currently contracted to deliver community health services; To ensure GP services have access to a community directory to assist them in identifying local health providers and their services; Update service providers on the Rural Canterbury PHO's role and activity; To inform the CDHB Maori Health Director Hector Mathews regularly on RCPHO progress in matters Maori; and to meet Maori health providers and GP practices and gain an understanding of needs/ concerns and how these may be addressed. A "7 minute provider presentation" meeting is being organised for 20 March 2009 and invitations will be sent out the first week of March.
- ▶ Before School Checks (B4sc) - 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—No response as yet.
- ▶ Mental Health funding to RCPHO - discussions are being held with CDHB regarding ongoing funding.
- ▶ Locum Service model - the first meeting has been held and work is progressing on designing a model for a Canterbury wide locum service.
- ▶ Telephone Triage - the Board was advised that this is working very well and the practices that have joined it recently are happy with the service provided.
- ▶ Health Emergency Plan - work has commenced on the development of this plan, in conjunction with SISSAL.
- ▶ Funding for RCPHO's Education Plan (CME/CNE) 2009-2010 - General Practice Owners will be surveyed for their vote on which of two possible options they would support.

- CarePlus 885 places remaining. Uptake at 74%.
- Women's Wellness - 148 checks completed to 11 February.
- Men's Wellness Checks - 1073 checks have been completed.
- Cervical Screening, Ashburton - 58 screens completed from an allocation of 400.
- Discretionary Funding - discussions to be held with CDHB regarding funding.
- Chronic Care Management / Maori Chronic Care Management - Packages of Care - discussions to be held with CDHB regarding funding.
- Child Health Liaison - 4 referrals for early February 09.
- Respiratory Nurse Specialist - new referrals this month 8 and 50 patient follow ups.
- Mental Health Extended Consultations - unused volumes were re-allocated by Manager
- BIC referrals for January 09: Waimakariri 16; Ashburton 23; and Banks Peninsula 5.
- Youth BIC, Waimakariri—referrals totaled 3 in January.
- 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts for January 09 totaled 36.
- Maori Health Manager - three week orientation completed, visits with all 22 practices and majority of the Maori health providers working in rural Canterbury.
- Nutrition and Physical Activity, Akaroa—20 referrals to date.

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Enrolled Population for  
Rural Canterbury PHO, as at  
1 January 2009 **67683**