

Rural Canterbury PHO Board - Bullet Point Update

Bullet Points from the Board meeting

31 March 2009

Gavin Marshall (Acting Chair) has continued in the role of Acting Chair for the March meeting. It is anticipated that Allan Marriott will be able to take up the role of Chair for the April Board meeting.

Dr Graham McGeoch, in a letter to the Acting Chair, advised his resignation from the RCPHO Board as the 'rural' GP representative, as of 25 March 2009.

A nomination process will now be undertaken for a representative from the 'rural' practices: Methven, Rakaia, Akaroa, Banks Peninsula and Oxford. This representative does not necessarily have to be a general practitioner therefore nominations will be accepted from community trust members and general practice team members.

- ▶ Canterbury Meat Packers "Healthy Wealthy and Wise Day" held last month was very successful, with a number of staff on hand to assist and give out information on the services available via the PHO general practices. Several non-enrolled workers were identified and also some workers were referred for other services.
- ▶ Two applications have been made to the Ministry of Health's Rural Innovation Fund - Maraë based clinics and Youth BIC worker for Ashburton and Districts.
- ▶ Maori Health Manager (Kaiwhakarite) - an extremely successful hui of Maori health providers was held on 20 March 2009. A directory of services is being prepared which will be provided to all practices as a resource.
- ▶ Breastfeeding—orientation for the two Lactation Consultants has been ongoing with urgent referrals being seen during this time. It is anticipated that a full service will be available after Easter.
- ▶ Respiratory Nurse Specialist - the role is increasing rapidly and there is a need to put structures in place to ensure the workload is not over-taxing.
- ▶ Work is continuing on the preparation of a strategy for the development of a Canterbury wide model for the provision of after hours and locum service. A small group representing the CDHB and other PHOs has met twice and will update the CDHB on progress.
- ▶ Health Emergency Plan - work is continuing on the development of this plan, in conjunction with John Coleman, SISSAL.
- ▶ RCPHO's Education Plan (CME/CNE) 2009-2010 - the Board agreed that the funding for this education will be from the PHO Performance programme.
- ▶ Before School Checks (B4sc) - Following advice from the CDHB's Clinical Board, the RCPHO Board agreed to participate in this national programme for B4 School Checks.
- ▶ Additional Services Contracts with the CDHB - two meetings were convened by the CDHB regarding ongoing funding of these services. Advice is awaited from the CDHB regarding the continuation of these contracts. Providers will be informed.

Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus Uptake at 76%. Now targeting the 'Hard to Reach', Maori and PI women.
- Women's Wellness - 167 and Men's Wellness Checks - 1110 completed.
- Cervical Screening, Ashburton - 59 screens completed.
- Child Health Liaison - 6 referrals.
- Respiratory Nurse Specialist - new referrals this month 11 and 40 patient follow ups. 8 spirometry's performed.
- Mental Health Extended Consultations - unused volumes continue to be re-allocated.
- BIC referrals for February 09: Waimakariri 24; Ashburton 22; and Banks Peninsula 4.
- Youth BIC, Waimakariri—referrals totaled 5 in February.
- 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts for February 09 totaled 37.
- \$10 petrol vouchers provided via general practice to volunteer drivers for transporting their enrolled patients to specialist services in Christchurch. (This is being trialed for a three month period in Waimakariri, funded from RCPHO Equity.)
- A training (education sessions) day for practice nurses and administration staff is being organized for Saturday, 20 June 2009.

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Enrolled Population for
Rural Canterbury PHO,
as at 1 April 2009 **68197**