

Rural Canterbury PHO Board - Bullet Point Update

Bullet Points from the Board meeting

28 April 2009

Allan Marriott returned for this Board meeting. He thanked Board members and staff for their support during his illness and also for attending meetings etc on his behalf.

Jim Primrose and Danny Wu (Intelligence Directorate, Ministry of Health, Wellington) met with the Chair, CEO and staff on 20 April. They had earlier met with the Canterbury PHO Managers/CEO's.

It was noted by Jim Primrose that the Ministry of Health saw Rural Canterbury PHO as a high performing PHO.

- ▶ Additional Services Contracts with the CDHB - meetings were convened by the CDHB regarding ongoing funding of these services. Advice has been received from the CDHB that the following contract lines will no longer be funded:
 - ▶ Maori Chronic Care Management
 - ▶ Discretionary Funding
 - ▶ Education Coordination
 - ▶ Child Health Liaison

Advice is awaited on the level of funding for Mental Health services. General Practice is being kept fully informed of these changes to service provision.

- ▶ B4 School Check - the Board agreed to participate in this national programme following advice received from the CDHB Clinical Board. Training is being organised for practice nurses to attend, for those practices undertaking the checks.
- ▶ Acute Demand contract for Waimakariri - Healthcare Aotearoa advised that they did not have the capacity to undertake this contract and this was advised to the CDHB. The CDHB have withdrawn the contract and will undertake a review of the Acute Nursing service.
- Ashburton Youth Health Centre Trust - processes have been put in place to ensure the continuation of the Trust - Gavin Marshall has been appointed temporary Chairman for six months. Bill Eschenbach or Jill Robinson will attend monthly meetings in support of the Chair's role, for six months. Debbie Braemar has been invited onto the Trust to represent the previous Working Party Committee. The Youth Worker role has been advertised and short listing completed.
- A response was made to the Expression of Interest put out by Hurunui Kaikoura PHO. RCPHO put forward a proposal to provide the management services for HKPHO and a presentation was made to that Board on 28 April. Discussions are now ongoing regarding setting up this contractual arrangement. Hurunui Kaikoura PHO need to gain the approval of the CDHB to remain a separate entity, with RCPHO only contracting to provide management services.
- Pandemic Planning Exercise, 2 May - due to the Yellow Alert status for Swine Flu in Canterbury this exercise was cancelled.

Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus Uptake at 76%. Now targeting the 6 Maori and PI (deprived) and 26 Maori and PI (non deprived) women.
- Women's Wellness - 173 and Men's Wellness Checks - 1130 completed.
- Cervical Screening, Ashburton - 95 screens completed.
- Respiratory Nurse Specialist - new referrals this month 12 and 37 patient follow ups. 7 spirometry's performed.
- BIC referrals for March 09: Waimakariri 28; Ashburton 23; and Banks Peninsula 3.
- Youth BIC, Waimakariri—referrals totaled 5 in February.
- 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts for March 09 totaled 60.
- A training (education sessions) day for practice nurses and administration staff is being organised for Saturday, 20 June 2009—venue yet to be arranged.
- Pegasus Health have been contracted to provide MedTech training to GP Teams—only 2 practices have shown an interest at this time.
- Tuahiwi Marae monthly healthy tip - regularly has 20 participants.
- Tai Chi Akaroa—18 participants (including 2 males).
- Governance training to be organised for Board members.

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