

### Rural Canterbury PHO Board - Bullet Point Update

#### Bullet Points from the Board meeting

26 May 2009

##### ◆ **Pandemic / Swine Flu - from 25 April**

Bill Eschenbach was requested by the Canterbury Primary Pandemic Group, to be the rural health liaison to cover both RCPHO and HKPHO areas. This has involved a considerable amount of the CEO's and RCPHO staff's time and mileage in attending meetings from Ashburton through to Kaikoura.

Possible Community Based Assessment Centre's (CBAC) and screening units have been set up for Akaroa (including Little River), Ashburton (including Methven and Rakaia), Oxford, Kaiapoi (including Woodend), Rangiora, Hurunui and Kaikoura in consultation with the community and Civil Defence. These areas are now in a state of readiness should things escalate.

- ◆ Additional Services Contracts with the CDHB - the following contract lines will no longer be funded, after 30 June 2009:
  - ▶ Maori Chronic Care Management and Chronic Care Management
  - ▶ Education Coordination
  - ▶ Child Health Liaison
- ◆ A contract has been offered for Mental Health services and negotiations will commence, for a two year contract, with the CDHB.
- ◆ All five Canterbury PHOs have put a submission to the CDHB for continued funding for the Discretionary initiative.
- ◆ With the loss of the contract lines Chronic Disease and Maori Chronic Disease, RCPHO is looking at options to fund this from reserves.
- ◆ Health Emergency Plan - the Swine Flu issue has assisted in the writing of this plan and the final draft will be put to the June meeting with a sample of the resource to be made available.
- ◆ B4 School Check - the Board agreed to participate in this national programme and practices were surveyed as to whether they would undertake these checks. Nine practices have advised they will provide the checks and staff have commenced their training. A proposal was discussed to contract a nurse to support the provision of a fixed number of B4 School Checks for practices without the resources to provide the checks.
- ◆ Ashburton Youth Health Centre Trust - Gavin Marshall has been appointed temporary Chairman for six months. The Youth Worker role has been accepted by Donna-Marie Andrianakis who commenced on Monday, 18 May.
- ◆ A contract is to be negotiated for the provision of administration and management services to Hurunui Kaikoura PHO, effective 1 July 2009.
- ◆ Allocation of PPP funds approved: 50% practice owner; 10% administration; 23% coordinator role and targeted activities; 17% education - to be reviewed in November 2009.

##### Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus Uptake at 77%. Now targeting the 6 Maori and PI (deprived) and 26 Maori and PI (non deprived) women.
- Women's Wellness - 190 and Men's Wellness Checks - 1165 completed.
- Cervical Screening, Ashburton - 115 screens completed, 40% of which were for Maori / PI.
- Respiratory Nurse Specialist - new referrals this month 11 and 38 patient follow ups. 4 spirometry's performed.
- BIC referrals for April 09: Waimakariri 23; Ashburton 22; and Banks Peninsula 4.
- Youth BIC, Waimakariri—on annual leave this month.
- 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts for April 09 totaled 54.
- An Education Day for practice nurses and administration staff has been organised for Saturday, 20 June 2009 from 9 am to 4 pm - at the Russley Golf Club, 428 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch.
- Tuahiwi Marae monthly healthy tip - regularly has 20 to 30 participants, with an average of 7 completing the weigh-in.
- Dietitian Clinic, Akaroa— 1 new referral with 4 follow up visits. Total: 25 referrals.
- MTA vouchers—\$300 has been provided to practices in Kaiapoi and Rangiora to assist volunteers with transport costs for health related services appointments in Christchurch.

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Rural Canterbury PHO,  
as at 1 April 2009 **68197**