

RURAL CANTERBURY

Primary Health Organisation Te Roopu Hauora Matua O Waitaha Taiwhenua

Rural Canterbury PHO Board - Bullet Point Update

Bullet Points from the Board meeting

- ◆ Nicky Anderson was welcomed, co-opted rep from Hurunui Kaikoura region, for 12 months.
- ◆ Board members noted the passing of Maureen McKean (wife of Winston McKean, previous Chair of RCPHO) and Dr Pat Farry, well known as an advocate for rural general practice.
- ◆ **Ministry of Health's request for Expressions of Interest for the delivery of Better Sooner, More Convenient Primary Health Care** - the joint submission from Rural Canterbury and Hurunui Kaikoura PHO's was delivered to the Ministry of Health on Tuesday, 13 October. It is understood that there were 74 submissions made.
The writing of this EOI has been a team effort and involved a number of staff in collecting information and letters of support from community groups, networks, and general practice teams etc.
Notification from the Ministry of Health was received advising that all respondents will be advised of the result of their submission on 4 November 2009.
- ◆ Planning is underway to have two functions for RCPHO's general practitioners in the new year. Dates and venues yet to be confirmed but the Board agreed to hold one in Ashburton and a further one in Rangiora). This will be an opportunity for GP's to talk about health and the PHO environment.
- ◆ Dr Mick Tarry will facilitate a meeting of Rangiora general practitioners to discuss terms of reference and a decision making process regarding the provision of After Hours.

RCPHO AGM—20 October 2009

- ◆ This was held in the Ashburton Council Chambers and was attended by a number of staff of the RCPHO and other interested members of the public.
- ◆ The RCPHO's Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2009 were received and adopted.

| Enrolled patients as at 1 October 2009 by age groups in TLA area | Under 5 yrs | 5 - <15 yrs | 15 - <25 yrs | 25 - <45 yrs | 45 - <65 yrs | 65 yrs and over |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Ashburton | 7% | 14% | 13% | 25% | 26% | 16% |
| Banks Peninsula | 4% | 12% | 8% | 19% | 35% | 22% |
| Waimakariri | 8% | 15% | 12% | 23% | 27% | 16% |

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20 October 2009

Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus Uptake at 80%.
- BIC referrals for September 09: Waimakariri 36; Ashburton 33 and Banks Peninsula 1).
- Youth BIC, Waimakariri - 16 referrals.
- Clinical Psychologist, new referrals for September 3 and 49 sessions.
- 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts for September totalled 64.
- Women's Wellness - 248 completed.
- Men's Wellness Checks - 105, from 1 July 2009.
- Health Managers' Conference held in Christchurch from 15 - 18 October - RCPHO was a silver sponsor.
- Practice Education Survey being undertaken by Janetta Skiba, Education Coordinator.
- Maori Health Plan for HKPHO has been put out for consultation at Takahanga Marae, Kaikoura. Final work being done on the plan.

A public meeting was held following the AGM, at 6 pm and issues relevant to Ashburton were discussed:

- ◆ The fall off in maternity services and
- ◆ The possible cessation or reduction of the provision of 24 hour surgical services at Ashburton Hospital.

Enrolled Population for Rural Canterbury PHO, as at 1 October 2009 **69077**