

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

- ◆ The new Chair of HKPHO, Dr Chris Henry, was welcomed to his first meeting of the RCPHO Board, as a co-opted member.
- ◆ The resignation was regretfully received from Hilary Turnbull, community nurse representative on the Board.
- ◆ Letter of Offer Primary Mental Health services Agreement was accepted, which rolls the current contracts for Brief Intervention Coordinators, Youth BIC, Rural GP Liaison 0-3%, Clinical Psychologist into one contract and extended to 30 June 2011.
 - ◆ Youth BIC for Ashburton - funding received from the CDHB for a six month contract, 1 January to 30 June 2010 which will be topped up by RCPHO so that this YBIC Ashburton role can be advertised as a one year contract.
- ◆ Congratulations were expressed to the team for "Youth BIC Waimak" achieving 'Highly Commended' in the Canterbury DHB's Quality and Innovation Awards in December 2009.
- ◆ Locum Service Model and After Hours report to CDHB, written by Dr Rochelle Phipps under contract from RCPHO is currently being reviewed by the CDHB. The CDHB has already advised that HML is the preferred provider for a telephone triage service Canterbury - wide. Depending on what funding is made available other recommendations in this report may be implemented in 2010.
- ◆ The process being undertaken by a contracted provider to the CDHB for reviewing home help for the elderly, was discussed. It was noted that this is causing distress amongst the elderly in Waimakariri. Discussions are being held to ensure that no withdrawal of home help services decisions are made without consultation with the general practitioner or practice nurse.
- ◆ A Clinical Governance Group is being formed by Rural Canterbury PHO and Hurunui Kaikoura PHO, in the very near future following the withdrawal of Christchurch PHO CGG members who have set up their own group.
- ◆ Utilisation of Surplus Funds - initiatives put forward by Board members on behalf of the groups they represent will be reviewed at the February Board meeting.

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Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus Uptake at 81%.
- Primary Mental Health referrals for November and December 09:
 - ◆ BIC - Waimakariri 27/15; Ashburton 24/26 and Banks Peninsula 10/3.
 - ◆ Youth BIC - Waimakariri - 6 / 7 referrals.
 - ◆ Clinical Psychologist, new referrals 2 / 1 and 37 sessions.
 - ◆ 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts 72 and 59.
- Women's Wellness - 292 completed.
- Men's Wellness Checks - 213, from 1 July 2009.
- Baby Feeding Support Service, 1 October —31 December 09 have dealt with 131 referrals of which 48 were self-referred to clinics. Clinics will be by appointment only in 2010.
- Respiratory Nurse contacts for November / December 09: 20 referrals, 30 follow-up visits and 30 phone checks; 16 Spirometry tests performed.

Enrolled Population for
Rural Canterbury PHO,
as at 1 January 2010 **69512**

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