

# 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

- ◆ A Clinical Governance Group formed by Rural Canterbury PHO and Hurunui Kaikoura PHO, met via teleconference for the first time on Monday, 1 March 2010.
- ◆ The CGG recommended that the age criteria for RCPHO funded Men's Wellness checks for Maori and Pacific Island men be reduced from 45 years to 35 years. The RCPHO Board agreed and the age range will now be from 35 years for Maori and Pacific Island men for the Men's Wellness Check.
- ◆ The Board was advised by the CDHB that Discretionary Funding would cease 30 June 2010. All applications approved prior to that date will be funded until their completion.
- Canterbury Clinical Network Business Plan and Making Rural Health Services Better - forwarded to the Ministry of Health in late March. Discussions have been held in Wellington with representatives of the CCN - the business plan is embargoed until April 2010.
- As part of the merger process for the two PHOs, RCPHO Board offered Hurunui Kaikoura PHO Board: one Maori rep, one health provider rep and one community rep on the RCPHO Board, and the co-option / secondment for twelve months of an additional representative. This was to be discussed at the HKPHO Special Board meeting on 7 April.  
*This was accepted by the HKPHO Board and it was agreed that a public meeting be held at 10.00 am on 18 May 2010, in Hanmer Springs (venue to be advised) to advise of the Board's decision to merge with Rural Canterbury PHO; and to accept nominations for the above positions on the Rural Canterbury PHO Board.*
- The role of Practice Nurse representative on the Board completes a three year term following the May Board meeting. Louise Davis, the incumbent, advised that she will stand down, and nominations are now being sought from practice nurses employed within Rural Canterbury PHO. The closing date for nominations is 30 April 2010.
- The Board agreed to sign a PHO Alliance Memorandum of Understanding between the Canterbury PHOs for collaboration and information sharing, and alliance contracting.
- Draft Prescription for capitation payment for enrolled persons receiving certain services from the PHOs from 1 July 2010 was received from the PHO Alliance. This will be distributed to all general practices once the final Prescription is received from the CDHB.

30 March 2010

#### Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus Uptake at 84%.
- Primary Mental Health referrals for February 2010:
  - ◆ BIC - Waimakariri 40; Ashburton 15 and Banks Peninsula 5.
  - ◆ Youth BIC - Waimakariri: 12 referrals.
  - ◆ Youth BIC - Ashburton: commenced 8 March.
  - ◆ Clinical Psychologist, new referrals 3 and 62 sessions.
  - ◆ 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts 64.
- Women's Wellness - 333 completed.
- Men's Wellness Checks - 275, from 1 July 2009.
- Respiratory Nurse contacts for February 2010: 17 referrals, 26 follow-up visits and 8 phone checks; 14 Spirometry tests performed. Attended the South island Respiratory Educators Forum.
- Baby Feeding Support Service - runs booked clinics for a maximum of 12 patients per week.
- HPV - RCPHO and HKPHO achieved the highest recorded vaccination / decline / rescheduled level to the end of December 2009.

Enrolled Population for  
Rural Canterbury PHO,  
as at 1 April 2010 **69962**

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