

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

- Sharron Bonnafox, representative from Hurunui Kaikoura to the Rural Canterbury PHO Board was welcomed to her first Board meeting on 31 August 2010.
- The advertisement and appointment process for Chair of RCPHO has been put on hold to allow the Board to discuss this further. The decision to advertise the role was rescinded at this Board meeting to allow for more time to discuss the issue. It was also resolved that the present role continue until February 2011, to allow for the process to be agreed for the Chair's role. The incumbent will undertake a performance review over the next two months.
- The Rakaia Health Trust has declined an offer to have the Minister of Health and the Mayor of Ashburton District Council officially open the rebuilt Rakaia Medical Centre, as they have already had an opening ceremony.
- The RCPHO Board holds the governance responsibility to ensure practices adhere to the Ministry of Health's PHO/patient enrolment rules and therefore will be setting in place a review process to audit practices to ensure this is being done.
- The next Board meeting will be abbreviated and deal with only urgent matters to allow for the Board to have a strategic planning session, on 21 September.
- Amuri Community Health Centre - the successful tenderer has been informed and will commence building work next week to be ready in April 2011.
- MoH Feasibility Study Funding - this funding is available from for the development of 'clusters' (IFHC) and is not retrospective. Information to be provided to practices.
- Mental Health - The Board noted that there is a push to move mental health issues from secondary care to primary care which is impacting on PHO staff, as well as general practice. General practice do not have the capacity to handle more.
- Contracts - no contracts have been received from the DHB as yet for Youth Sexual Health, End of Life, Diabetes Annual Review and District Nursing - these services are continuing to be provided from practices. Advice regarding Health Promotion and SIA contracts must be received from the DHB by 30 September in order to give three month's notice to sub contractors.

31 August 2010

Excerpts from CEO's Report

- CarePlus Uptake at 83%.
- Primary Mental Health referrals for July 2010:
 - ◆ BIC - Waimakariri 31; Ashburton 25 and Banks Peninsula 1.
 - ◆ Youth BIC - Waimakariri: 12 referrals; Ashburton: 2 referrals.
 - ◆ Clinical Psychologist, new referrals 4 and 56 sessions.
 - ◆ 0-3% GP Liaison for rural Canterbury (Kaikoura to Ashburton), contacts 65.
- Women's Wellness - 417 completed, from 1 June 2008.
- Men's Wellness Checks - 462, from 1 July 2009.
- B4 School Checks - Akaroa Health Centre and Dr Fairhall's practice achieved 100% for their entire cohort to year ended 30 June 10.
- Cornerstone: Oxford Community Health Centre and Sealy St Medical Practice have recently undertaken re-assessment.
- Senior Chef course in Akaroa to commence October 10.
- Diabetes Testing Day planned for Sa, 6 November 10 at a primary school in Ashburton.
- The first marae-based clinic was successfully held at Tuahiwi marae in late August.

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Enrolled Population for Rural Canterbury PHO (including Hurunui Kaikoura practices) as at 1 July 2010 = **83903**