

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

21 September 2010

This Board meeting was planned as a brief meeting (30 - 45 minutes) with Strategic Planning to follow and only urgent matters were to be discussed.

The CEO gave a verbal update rather than staff providing reports to the Board. As a consequence of recent events this brief verbal update covered the work undertaken by the PHO staff in support of general practices most affected by the quake.

Earthquake, 4 September 2010

- ◆ Support was provided to all practices in Kaiapoi, Akaroa Medical Centre and Diamond Harbour Medical. PHO staff were available immediately following the quake, on Saturday and Sunday, and during the first week staff members visited affected practices and provided bottled water. Visits continued in the second week.
- ◆ Once the Incident Team was set up, Rural Canterbury staff provided regular updates on services throughout its rural area.
- ◆ Primary Mental Health Team members were available in the Kaiapoi welfare centre from Wednesday to assist. Planning to ensure mental health services continue to be readily available in the coming weeks and months is underway and funding sources are being followed up. A number of government agencies have stepped in to provide mental health support services as well.
- ◆ Rangiora general practices have supported the Kaiapoi practices to continue operating.
- ◆ Offers of support have been received by the PHO from the Rural GP Network and other organisations, and a list of relief staff has been compiled to allow practice team members to take a break.
- ◆ The networks set up by staff with community groups and Civil Defence worked extremely well.
- ◆ This incident has shown rural primary care working at its best.
- ◆ The Kaiapoi community is determined to work together as a community to support those people affected.
- ◆ A de-brief has been scheduled for 30 September to look at what worked and didn't work for this incident.



The Board then met for a Strategic Planning session.

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

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