

Whānau Ora Update for District Health Boards



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The next steps for Whānau Ora

The Minister for Whānau Ora, Hon Tarianna Turia, announced several key changes to the Whānau Ora programme last month which are intended to shift the focus of Whānau Ora more directly towards strengthening the capability of families to manage their own dreams and aspirations.

Commissioning for results

To help enable this, Whānau Ora will move towards a '*Commissioning for results*' model. Three NGO commissioning agencies are being established (one for the North Island, one for the South Island, and one with a Pacific focus). These agencies will be responsible for commissioning local-level whānau-centred initiatives and services and ensuring these are available to all New Zealand families.

Te Puni Kokiri will lead this process, with support from other government agencies. Further information regarding the expected RFP process is expected later this month. The current indications are that the RFP decisions are expected to be confirmed by November this year, with the Commissioning Agencies operational by July 2014.

Note that the funding for the Commissioning Agencies will be coming from the Whānau Ora appropriations, rather than Vote Health or any other Vote. DHBs that have ongoing contracts with service providers out of their own funding appropriations should continue

to fulfill these agreements as ongoing business-as-usual arrangements.

Other changes

The Minister also signaled a change to the governance arrangements for Whānau Ora. The current Whānau Ora governance group will end its work at the end of the 2013 calendar year, with its last tasks being the selection of NGO commissioning agencies. The Governance Group will be replaced by a Partnership Group that will be made up of relevant Ministers, Iwi leaders and Whānau Ora advisors and will oversee work from the start of 2014.

The establishment of the NGO

Commissioning Agency model also signals a winding down of the Regional Leadership Groups (at the end of December 2013) .

The Minister's press release included specific note of thanks for each of these groups and their contribution to establishing Whānau Ora so effectively from its initial conception.

Whānau Ora has progressed remarkably since its formal beginning in 2010. These changes reflect that and acknowledge we can now build on this success by focusing more directly on building the capability of families and whānau to increasingly self-manage their lives, goals and aspirations.

Ultimately Whānau Ora is about supporting families and whānau to carry their own responsibilities and obligations as they work to realise their own dreams and aspiration. Our role is to support this.

We will keep you informed with further developments and information as these changes are progressively implemented. In

the meantime, further information about the changes to the Whānau Ora programme are available through the Te Puni Kōkiri website: www.tpk.govt.nz.

The Minister's initial announcement is available on the parliament website (<http://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/Tariana-Turia>).

ISPP Request for Proposal now live

The Information System Procurement Project (ISPP) initiated its Request for Proposals (RFP) process at the beginning of this month.

The decision to procure a national solution or solutions was endorsed by the Whānau Ora Governance Group. A user requirements document was then developed based on a series of workshops that were held with collectives during March and April and this has formed the requirements outlined in the RFP documentation.

An evaluation panel featuring cross-agency, District Health Board, and Whānau Ora collective representatives has been established to evaluate the proposals received through the RFP process.

The RFP documents are currently available through the GETS website (www.gets.govt.nz). The deadline for responses is 1pm 12 September 2013.

We will keep you informed as this work progresses.