

Whānau Ora Update for District Health Boards

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Spotlight on information technology requirements

The Ministry of Health has begun holding a series of workshops to help Whānau Ora collectives with their Information Systems Strategic Plans (ISSP).

An ISSP describes the information technology requirements to support a Whānau Ora collective's whānau-centred service approach.

Developing an ISSP is part of the transformation process for collectives. The plan is crucial to informing collectives and the three agencies – Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Development – about common information technology infrastructure and data requirements to support implementation of the whānau-centred approach.

Workshops began in Rotorua on 18 June and were scheduled through to 29 June in Hastings, Christchurch, Whangarei, Dunedin, Invercargill, Te Kuiti, Gisborne and Masterton. Four of the workshops were targeted specifically at the new developing collectives.

Te Kete Hauora Deputy Director-General Teresa Wall said the Ministry of Health was confirmed as the ISSP lead agency by the Whānau Ora Governance Group in May.

'Since that time we've been working towards giving collectives as much support as they need to develop, refine and submit their ISSPs.

'At the moment, we're helping 12 collectives refine their ISSP. We're also supporting three collectives working through the ISSP template to develop their plan,' said Teresa.

Teresa said the aim was to have at least five ISSPs assessed by the full interagency panel in time for the July Governance Group meeting.

The ISSP assessment process is similar to those used for Programmes of Action and Business Cases: each plan is reviewed by separate agency panels before being considered by an interagency assessment panel.

Teresa said DHB representatives will continue to be invited to work with Ministry of Health staff to give a comprehensive health sector assessment of the ISSPs.

DHBs will be kept informed of any further ISSP workshops around the country.

Two more collectives get the nod

Two more developing collectives from eight regions identified in last year's Budget as priorities for Whānau Ora have been given Whānau Ora Governance Group approval.

They are Te Tihi o Ruahine and Hauraki Whānau Ora collectives.

Governance Group approval means the collectives can begin developing their Programme of Action.

Other developing collectives have been established in Kaipara, South Waikato, Taupō/Turangi, Wairarapa, Levin/Kapiti Coast and Murihiku.

Eight new integrated contracts

Eight Whānau Ora providers have finalised new integrated contracts starting 1 July.

They are: Ngāti Hine Health Trust, Huakina Development Trust, Manukau Urban Māori Authority Incorporated, Waahi Whaanui Trust, Raukura Waikato Social Services, Te Hauora o Ngāti Haua Trust, Whakatohea Māori Trust Board and Pacific Trust Canterbury.

Funding agencies involved in these contracts include: the Ministry of Health; district health

boards; Child, Youth and Family; Te Puni Kōkiri; the Ministry of Youth Development; the Ministry of Justice and the Department of Corrections.

This brings the total number of integrated contracts signed so far by Whānau Ora providers to 23.

The Ministry of Social Development, which is leading the national integrated contracts programme, has started planning for the next wave of contracts talks. These are due to begin in July.

At a glance

Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Collective has eight non-governmental organisations:

- two iwi health and social service providers – Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Incorporated through its subsidiary Best Care (Whakapai Hauora) Charitable Trust; and Rangitaane o Tamaki Nui a Rua Incorporated Society through its business arm Te Kete Hauora
- two Māori health and social service providers – He Puna Hauora and Te Wakahuia Manawatū Trust
- two iwi representative bodies – Ngā Kaitiaki o Ngāti Kauwhata and Te Roopu Hokowhitu Charitable Trust (as a conduit to Ngā Iwi o Te Reu Reu)
- two branches of long-serving national Māori organisations – Rangitaane Māori Wardens and the Ngāti Kauwhata branch of the Māori Women's Welfare League.

The collective presents a mature group of Māori service providers, which together have more than 100 years' combined service in their communities.

They deliver a broad range of health and social services in an area that reaches across the Manawatū, Rangitikei and Tararua districts. Together, collective members employ more than 70 people.

Hauraki Whānau Ora Collective has five providers:

- Hauraki Māori Trust Board
- Te Korowai Hauora O Hauraki
- Te Kupenga o Ngāti Hako
- Te Ahi Kaa Social Services
- Te Whāriki Mana Wahine O Hauraki.

These providers deliver social and health services across the Hauraki rohe, covering Coromandel Peninsula through to Paeroa.

The Hauraki rohe stretches from Matakana, near Tauranga in the south to Matakana near Leigh in the north. Rural isolation is a significant feature affecting Hauraki whānau.

Together, collective members have 119 full-time staff, 12 volunteers and 29 trustees.

